

FLAG OF SLOVAKIA - A BRIEF HISTORY



Where In The World



Trivia

Slovakia's flag shares elements with the coat of arms of Hungary. Each has a double-cross upon the middle of three hills.

Technical Specification

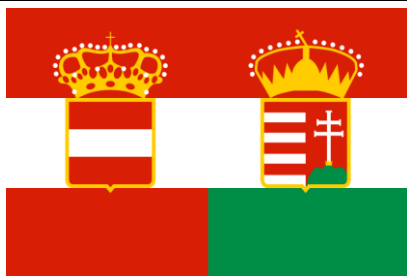
Adopted:	1992
Proportion:	2:3
Design:	A tricolour bearing equal horizontal stripes of white, blue and red, from top to bottom. A shield depicting a double-cross upon the second of three hills is displayed just left of the centre.
Colours:	PMS - Red: 186 C, Blue: 286 C CMYK - Red: 15% Cyan, 100% Magenta, 84% Yellow, 5% Black; Blue: 100% Cyan, 84% Magenta, 12% Yellow, 4% Black

Brief History

The lands constituting Slovakia today were territories of Hungary and came under the Flag of Austria-Hungary.

It remained this way until the end of World War I and the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. US President Woodrow Wilson's post-war demands saw the independence of Austro-Hungarian states.

Consequently, the state of Czechoslovakia was born. They created a new flag, which is still used by the Czech Republic today.



The Flag of Austria-Hungary



The Flag of Czechoslovakia

Following the Munich Agreement in 1938 Nazi Germany annexed the Sudetenland and dismantled Czechoslovakia. The country was divided into two states: the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, and the Slovak Republic.

After the war, the state of Czechoslovakia was reestablished along with its old flag. However, it fell into Soviet orbit and would not reclaim democratic independence until the Velvet Revolution.

In the 1990s problems between the Czechs and the Slovaks were resolved with independence for the new state of Slovakia.

In 1992 the current Coat of Arms was added to the flag because without it the flag is identical to the modern Russian flag.



The Flag of the Slovak Republic



The Flag of Slovakia

Using the Slovakia Flag Vertically

The Slovakian national flag, which bears a coat of arms, cannot simply be moved into a vertical orientation. A specifically designed vertical flag is used instead.

