

SARIO & SBA — Slovakia's SME Internationalization Support Programme

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2017, Slovakia's SARIO and SBA have helped 1,100+ SMEs with export and internationalization services, but an independent government evaluation found only modest, delayed financial gains among participants.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-14

[SARIO \(Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency\) & Slovak Business Agency \(SBA\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-14

[SARIO – 20 Years of Successful Stories](#) — accessed 2026-09-14

[Ministry of Economy independent evaluation \(PDF\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-14

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