

## SPRI GROUP INTRODUCES BASQUE CYBERSECURITY ECOSYSTEM IN SLOVAKIA

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The [Basque Internationalisation Agency](#) and the Basque Cybersecurity Centre, both belonging to [SPRI Group](#), have made a presentation of the Basque cybersecurity ecosystem in Slovakia. The presentation was part of a virtual workshop held at the Basque office for the Czech Republic and Slovakia in Prague, with the support of the Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency (SARIO), which has been cooperating with Basque agencies for several years now.

The Slovak IT and cybersecurity market is quite mature, local companies like ESET being big players at the international level and the **ICT sector accounting for 50,000 jobs**. Slovakia is among the countries with the largest share of the industrial sector in GDP, the highest rate of car production per capita and the highest number of industrial robots per 10,000 workers. Moreover, it has its own system integrators for product lines and international robots operating in many countries.

High sector concentration makes it an interesting market for Basque suppliers of cybersecurity and industry 4.0 technology.

**Given Slovakia's interest in initiatives like Bind 4.0 or the Basque Digital Innovation Hub (BDIH)**, as well as in Basque cybersecurity firms operating in international markets, work will be done to strengthen bilateral cooperation and design specific actions for Q4 2020.

Speakers at the videoconference included Javier Diéguez, Director of the Basque Cybersecurity Centre; Gabriel Fedorko, Secretary of the IT Association of Slovakia; David Dvořák, IT Advisory BU Manager at Soitron; Stanislava Plascencia, Senior Consultant of Investment Projects at SARIO; and Martin Uhnak, Executive Director at the Slovak Alliance for Innovation Economy.

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