SURVEY – TO SOLUTION OF CORONA CRISIS IN SLOVAKIA
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THE SOLUTION TO THE CORONA CRISIS IS SELECTIVE ISOLATION AND MANAGED RESTRICTIONS

The best solution to the corona crisis in Slovakia is mandating a strict isolation of the most at-risk groups of the population, estimating the financial impact based on different scenarios, and managing restrictions on the economically productive population with a goal to balance the health and financial impacts of the crisis.

The survey was conducted on April 3rd 2020 and April 4th 2020, in which participated 23 investment professionals from the financial industry in Slovakia. The survey contained 4 different solutions to the corona crisis in Slovakia. The respondents could evaluate each of the solutions as “Very good”, “More likely good than bad”, “More likely bad than good”, “Very bad”, or “Don’t know”. At the same time, respondents could present their own solution.

“Selective Isolation, Managed Restrictions”

- Maximum isolation of the most at-risk group of the population (elderly, seriously ill patients – illnesses other than COVID-19), mandatory quarantine or even a ban on going out. The government takes care of basic needs delivered to their doors.
- Maximizing testing and quick isolation of the ill (COVID-19)
- Transparency to the public of pessimistic, realistic, and optimistic forecast of development of the illness for all four scenarios is the policy of the Institute of Public Health (IZP) of Slovakia
- A cost estimate and expected budget impact of stimulation packages for pessimistic, realistic, and optimistic scenarios of IZP
- Relaxing restrictions on less at-risk groups to increase the economic output of the country
- Managed restrictions with the goal of balancing out health and financial aspects of the crisis based on already mentioned estimates

Risks: Incorrect results due to modeling risk and its impacts on restrictions (significantly higher number of infected people than forecasted, versus more unfavorable impact on economic activity), and/or risk of ineffectively managing the process.
“Black Out”
- Maximum isolation of almost the whole population for a short time period (approx. 1 month) with a goal of virus extinction
- Maximum restriction on free movement
- Minimum level of economic output and economic activity

**Risks:** Economic destabilization, possibility of the country’s vital dysfunction, risk of loss of Slovakia’s position in the supply chain, failure of reopening the economy after the shutdown, and risk of the virus’ return from abroad.

“Collective Immunity”
- Relaxing current strict restrictions
- Maximum effort to increase economic output of the country
- Maximizing hospital capacities, and secure temporary hospital capacities immediately

**Risks:** Failure of the health care system due to the sharp increase of ill, and/or significant number of people dying without proper health care.
“Status Quo”

- Maintaining of the current controls: Emergency status for hospitals, closing of most of the non-essential retail shops, quarantine for residents coming from abroad, closing the borders, restriction of most non-essential transportation, and a ban on all public events

- Keeping the current recommendations and directives: Mobility restriction, keeping the minimum distance, wearing face masks in public places

**Risk:** Long period in the current state might lead to a negative economic impact (extremely high unemployment, enormous number of bankruptcies, banking sector crisis, and/or generation-indebtedness for the country).