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# Slovak Higher Education System

# Act on Higher Education 2002



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- Structural changes in system of education
  - three levels, ECTS, system of fields of study and study programs, QA based on accreditation of study programs
- Economical transformation of HEI
  - public institutions, which own the property, multi-source funding, high level of independence in economical issues, new funding system
- Introduction the system of positions (assistant, docent, professor)

# Subsequent main changes



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- Introduction of tuition fees for some kinds of programs also at public and state institutions
- Legal framework for academic mobility and joint study programs
- Increased impact on existence and functionality of internal system of QA
- Implementation several central information systems (registry of HE institutions, study programs, students, teachers and researchers, publications , final thesis)

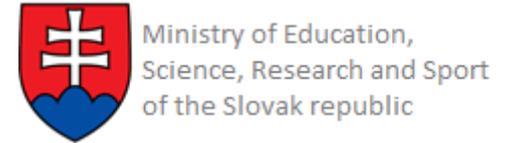
# Structure of Institutions



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- Public HEIs
  - funded mostly from public sources,
  - high level of autonomy
    - economical issues
    - internal structure and internal regulation
    - number of students
    - number and structure of employees
  - 20 institutions, 82,3 % students

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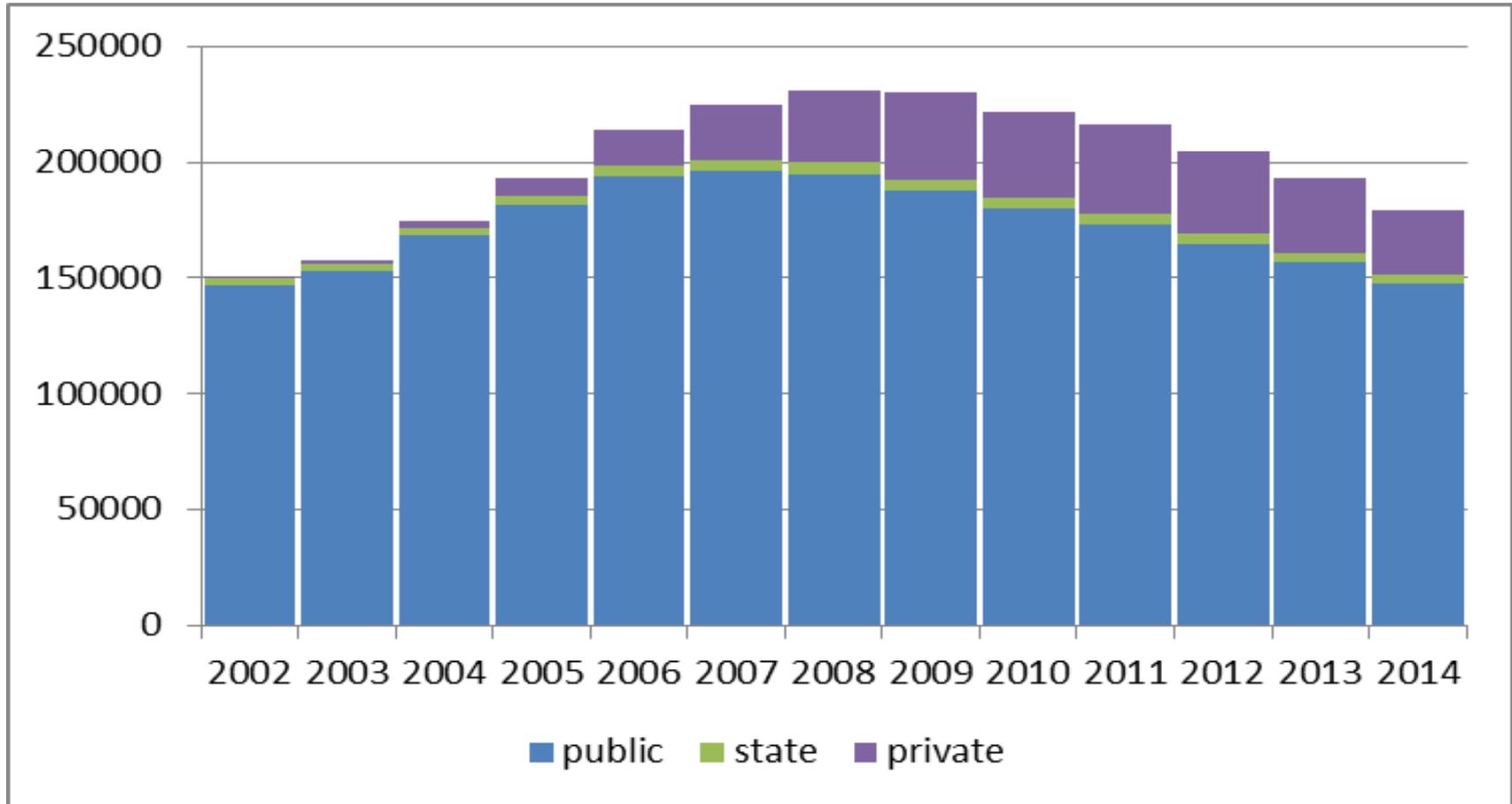


- State HEIs – funded by other ministries, state organizations,  
3 institutions, 2 % students
- Private – established by private entity, usually not funded from public sources,  
12 institutions, 16 % students
- Foreign – seat abroad, providing education according to the law of the state of its seat

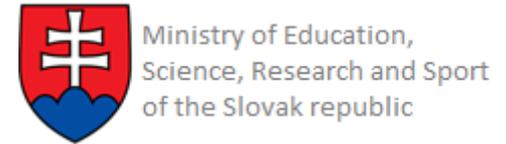
# Student population



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# Challenges



- Governance of public institutions – more autonomy and public interest
- QA system – less bureaucracy, better implementation of the ESG
- Funding mechanism – decrease negative motivation (quantity), support positive and relevant activities for future development, stability, support diversity of system
- Internationalization
- Better preparation of teachers for all level of education

- BFUG meeting is planned on 8. - 9. December 2016 in Bratislava
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