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SLOVAKIA RING OWNERSHIP REVEALED:
THE ESET EMPLOYEE HRUBÝ ENTERED IT

Aktuality.sk reports today that yesterday's arrest of the feared lawyer Zoroslav Kollár is related to his efforts to influence judges in protecting his investment in Slovakia Ring Agency, the company that owns Slovakia's largest car circuit in Orechová Potôň. <https://www.aktuality.sk/.../akcia-vichrica-zoroslava.../>

Today Kollár, according to his own words, no longer owns the circuit. So who is the owner of the company to which the state has sent almost two million euros in subsidies and contracts over the last ten years? We have been trying to verify this for more than two years.

Kollár's official track in the company (where he was for seven years together with Norbert Bödör, currently being prosecuted for corruption) ends in the summer of 2017. Coincidentally, that is when the law began requiring companies with state business to prove their ownership structure. Slovakia Ring cheekily sent names from Cyprus and the Philippines to the state register of the so-called end-users, who were supposed to manage the Slovak company through one British and one Caribbean shell company (see chart below).

At Transparency, we have taken the company to court on suspicion of concealing the true owners. Slovakia Ring would have to submit detailed documents to the court and show what its ownership looks like. This did not happen in the end, because the company withdrew its registration a year ago in September. It thus lost the opportunity to receive state money in larger volumes, but it did not even have to prove its property structure.

We still have not given up. 🤔 We have filed a motion against the intermediate unit owned by the circuit, namely the Slovak liability limited company - the Driver Training Facility. This had the same untrustworthy Caribbean-Cypriot structure as the company Slovakia Ring. In July, it received one of the highest rent subsidies from the state under the corona-aid scheme - EUR 105,000.

At the end of the summer, we also filed a motion with the court to investigate the actual ownership of this company. The court immediately informed us that it was initiating proceedings against the training facility.

As of mid-October, a brand new company listing appeared in the anti-shell register. The end users are no longer anyone from Cyprus or the Philippines, but a purely Slovak line-up! Although ownership of the company is still chained through a British firm to an artificially created foundation in the tax haven on the Caribbean island of Anguilla, for the first time people with rights to the profits of the Slovak owner of Slovakia Ring are being acknowledged. Alongside long-time executive directors L. Csóka and P. Čulík, one of the richest Slovaks, Rudolf Hrubý, is now the official co-owner of the circuit.

<https://rpvs.gov.sk/rpvs/Partner/Partner/Detail/22637>

Hrubý is a co-owner of the successful software company ESET (which is a long-term advertising partner of the racing circuit), the Denník N daily, the Carlton Hotel in Bratislava and recently has also become the owner of the hockey team Slovan Bratislava.

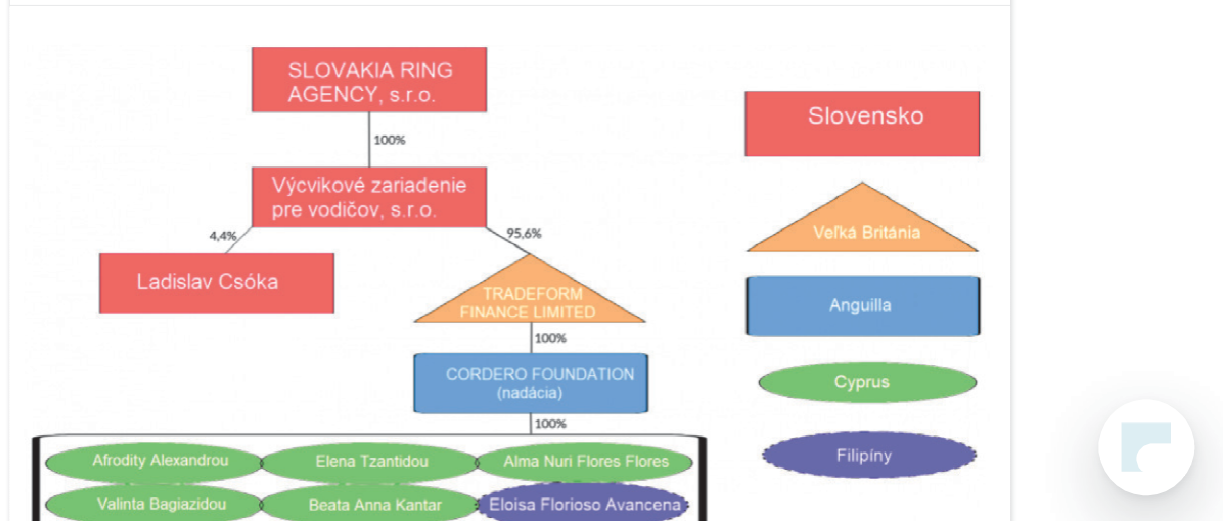
In a recent interview for the SME daily, Zoroslav Kollár mentioned Hrubý as an acquaintance who was a fan of the circuit (Hrubý's son is a racer). However, he did not mention the change of ownership of Slovakia Ring. <https://domov.sme.sk/.../zoroslav-kollar-rozhovory...>

In any case, we are glad that there is one less dubious registration of ownership in the anti-shell register! 🍌🍌🍌

P.S. Companies with such a creative ownership structure should be first on the list for the taxman to check... A month ago, the European Commission put the island of Anguilla on its blacklist of tax havens.

<https://www.reuters.com/.../eu-adds-barbados-anguilla-to...>

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**Fero Mucka**

"According to his own words, Hrubý has no relations with Zoroslav Kollár. "I met him in the past at the Slovakia Ring during a race in the VIP area, where we were socially introduced to each other, but it was nothing important," Hrubý explained."

[https://www.aktuality.sk/.../hruby-z-esetu-sa-stretol.../...](https://www.aktuality.sk/.../hruby-z-esetu-sa-stretol.../)

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**Irma Rebrova**

Transparency International Slovakia ...

Excellent. The knots are untangling nicely with your help. That this has long been possible only with political cover is quite clear. Unbelievable!!! Thank you for your meticulous work.



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**Ľudovít Péter**

Excellent work.



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Amazing job

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**Rasto Šaling**

And supporters of the Stop Corruption Foundation....but they are probably sponsoring the revealing of corruption schemes other than their own ones...

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**Róbert Hefner**

Does Mr Hrubý really need this? I thought the men from ESET are at a higher moral level...

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Bur DG Dag

Too bad it is not just a dream....

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Sahara Ruza

Only whether they will write about it in the Denník
N daily



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