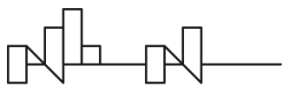


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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2017 can be described as the most important year in terms of implementing the EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism in programming period 2009-2014. Within all the implemented programmes, the processes of completion and finalisation of the supported projects as well as programmes were ongoing.

Within two programmes – SK04 Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion and SK06 EEA Scholarship Fund was the substantial implementation closed in 2016. Both programmes brought significant results in their areas of focus.

This Strategic Report covers the progress in the implementation of both financial mechanisms in the Slovak Republic in 2017. The report consists of six chapters. The second chapter covers the development of selected indicators relevant to individual programmes. The third chapter presents a brief summary on the current status of a particular programme as well as a summary of crucial results. Based on the available data, the most expected outcomes and outputs were successfully achieved. The only exception is the programme SK09 Domestic and Gender-based Violence where due to the fact that the number of contracted projects was lower than expected it was not objectively possible to accomplish all outcomes due to overestimation of certain indicators.

On the basis of valid data from the end of 2017 provided by the Certifying Authority – Ministry of Finance of the SR, total amount paid under EEA FM was 99.41% and under NFM was 89.45%, under both mechanisms in total 93.64%. At the same time, the drawing of the funds based on IFRs is 76.97%. During the 2018 the process of approval of the FPR under programmes will continue. Final financial figures of drawing of funds (including also technical assistance and BFNL) will be known at the end of 2018. However, it is currently possible to confirm that programmes were very successful in financial, as well as substantial issues.

The programmes implemented by the Government Office of the SR as well as the SAIA, non-profit organisation, brought almost 200 implemented projects, more than 100 bilateral activities under bilateral funds and 15 preparatory visits and meetings under Scholarship Programme. For instance – under programme Adaptation to Climate Change 17 “green” and “blue” measures in Bratislava and Zvolen were established, 61 primary and secondary schools under Blue Schools component were supported or 5 flood prevention and healthy city projects were implemented. Within the programme Green Industry Innovation 4 logistic centres for producing bioenergy were established, 11 producers who increased agricultural biomass production were supported and 13 new environmental technologies (e.g. biofilm reactor and laboratory bioreactor) were successfully developed. Within the programme Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage it is possible to mention 20 restored monuments, 210 monuments inspected and minimum 24 partnerships established with entities from the Donor States. Other interesting examples are results from Cross-border Cooperation programme with Ukraine where almost 180 cross-border partnerships were established, more than 5000m² area along the border were modernized and renovated and more than 30 000 people participated on cross-border events. Not least important are the achieved results under the Domestic Violence programme. At least 80 family places were created, more than 5300 consultations with victims were carried out and almost 700 individuals were educated. Last and not least important was the programme Local and regional initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion where 1 study program of innovation education was accredited, 45 teaching staff of the study programme graduated and totally 17 primary and secondary schools with own educational activities were supported. Significant results were recorded also under EEA Scholarship Programme where 55 joint conferences, seminars and workshops were carried out, 63 new teaching tools and methods were developed and 824 participants participated in academic exchanges.

The fourth chapter covers the most important information on audits, irregularities, monitoring and changes of framework documents at national level in 2017. The fifth and final chapter includes a brief overview of summaries and future recommendations, mainly for the programming period 2014-2021 as well as a separate part dealing with public procurement. The Report also includes all obligatory appendices.

Within reporting period also implementation of bilateral funds at programme level was closing. At the same time, Announcement for submission of Grant Applications under Bilateral Fund at National Level was closed by 30 October 2017.

The significant pillars in the area of communication and publicity were undoubtedly closing conferences of the programmes held in Košice, Uzhgorod and Bratislava in June 2017. Many closing events were carried out at project level during the first half of 2017. It is possible to say that the communication objectives set in the Communication Strategy for the 2009-2014 have been largely achieved even exceeded. NFP strives to maintain a smooth, open communication process at all levels of management in order to compact and efficiently distribute different kind of information to target audiences as well as the general public. Publicity and communicating of grants, as well as presenting the tasks and roles of Donor states in implementation are an integral part of the entire communication process.

It is a very important fact that Slovakia was the second beneficiary country who signed the Memoranda of Understanding already in November 2016. The Programming period 2014-2021 is third period of FMs in Slovakia. Thus, the foundation for implementation of 2014-2021 programming period was factually laid.

The 2017 was focused on preparation of new programmes and many meetings, stakeholder's consultations and coordination meetings were carried out. The process of preparation of Concept Notes was launched. Currently, the process of programme development is not finished. After its finalisation, the process of development of the Programme Agreements will be launched. New programming period will be implemented fully in line with slogan "Working together for a green, competitive and inclusive Europe".

Based on the mentioned information a, the 2017 will possibly mark the most significant year under implementation of programming period 2009-2017 with significant amount of drawing the funds and successful completion of projects (from the financial as well as the substantive point of view). Total assessment of implementation 2009-2014 will be provided within Final Strategic Report in June 2018.

2 ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECT OF THE GRANTS

2.1 Cohesion

Cohesion is one of the two primary goals of the EEA and Norway Grants that facilitate the removal of economic and social disparities in the EEA. The result-based management requires the measurement of objectively verifiable indicators. The continuous evaluation of these indicators will allow us to observe whether Slovakia reaches the EEA average values. Certain indicators are not observed on the multinational level; however, the analysis of the national data allows us to determine whether the situation in Slovakia is improving. Cross-sectorial criteria are a special category as, apart from a few exceptions, it is rather complicated to quantify the benefits of these grants. In this as well as in the following chapters, qualitative changes that took place in 2017 in some of the parameters will be described.

The Report aims at analysing societal changes and trends in the programme areas, therefore the Report defines the indicators monitored in the course of the whole programming period. The NFP provides only indicators relevant to individual programmes. Indicators which cannot be statistically verified are not being observed either. The objective of this part of the Strategic Report, however, is not to measure how specific programmes contribute to achieving these indicators. The contribution cannot be quantified in terms of the allocation and impacts of EEA Grants. At the same time, it can reasonably be assumed that EEA Grants have contributed to bringing about positive changes.

Throughout the implementation period, indicators for the following areas will be monitored:

Table 1:

	Priority sector	Relevant programmes	Indicators
EHP	Climate change and renewable energy	Adaptation to Climate Change – Flood and Drought Prevention	Damage caused by floods
	Civil society	NGO Funds	Sustainability index for civil society organisations
	Human and social development	Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion	Persons at risk of poverty and social exclusion in the EEA following social transfers (benefits)
	Conservation and revitalisation of cultural heritage	Conservation and revitalisation of cultural heritage	Current conditions of national cultural heritage
NFM	Green Industry Innovation	Green Industry Innovation	Renewable energy resource proportion in the final energy consumption in the EEA Rate of unemployment in the EEA
	Human and social development	Domestic and gender-based violence	Number of female victims of the criminal offense of domestic violence
		Cross-border cooperation with Ukraine	Number of visas issued by representative bodies of the Slovak Republic for the citizens of Ukraine

2.1.1 Climate changes

The annual global temperature analysis of the 2017 found this year to be the third-warmest year since record keeping began in 1880, slightly less hot than 2016 and 2015. El Niño phenomenon influenced the global temperatures in 2015 and 2016 to the extent of being at the top of the ranking.

These facts also resonated at the most important events of the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the UN COP23 that took place on 6th - 17th November 2017 in Bonn. This event under the UN Framework

Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) aimed to 'prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system' - meaning to halt global warming. The aim of the conference was to put into practice the implementation processes of the Paris Agreement launched at COP22 in Marrakech 2016 (the Paris Agreement has an ambitious plan to limit the global warming to less than two degrees Celsius, while also proposing a five-year cycle of assessing compliance with emissions greenhouse gas reduction target). Particular attention was paid to the implementation of the Paris Agreement after the announcement of the US President Donald Trump to withdraw. The US withdrawal from the Paris Agreement may have a very negative impact on international climate policy, as the US is the world's largest polluter and producer of greenhouse gases. At the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention, a more significant progress in the negotiations was recorded in the area of climate finance (when the governments adopted the new agreement in late 2015, some of the multilateral climate funds were anchored into the new agreement, including the Green Climate Fund or the Least Developed Countries Fund).

In 2017, the revision work was launched on the EU Strategy for Adaptation to the Adverse Climate Impacts. This strategy at European level was approved in 2013 with three main objectives and 8 activities. Completion of the current EU evaluation process The Adaptation Strategy for the Adverse Climate Impacts will be completed in 2018. It is expected, that after the accomplished evaluation, the work will proceed with the aim to draft the updated RU Strategy, reflecting the new developments and policies in the field of climate change.

The revision work of the National Adaptation Strategy to the Adverse Effects of the Slovak Republic (2014) started in 2017 as well. The revised and updated National Adaptation Strategy is actually under the process of the SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment).

At the national level, different relevant calls for projects were published in the frame of the operational programs under the Structural Funds. The synergy effect with the SK02 program "Climate Change Adaptation - Flood and Drought Prevention" is expected in the Operational Program "Quality of the Environment", where the area of climate change adaptation is directly eligible under Priority Axis 1: Priority Axis 2: Investing in Climate Change Adaptation. The call for projects has been announced especially for projects for flood control measures on water and off-shore waterways. In the autumn of 2017, in cooperation with the Green Infrastructure working group, the call for rainwater sustainable management in urbanised areas (under the same Operational Program "Quality of the Environment) was formulated. The announcement of this call is expected in early spring of 2018.

Statistics

Data for 2017 are not officially processed at the time of writing this report. Only partial messages are available, e.g. from Slovak Hydro meteorological Institute.

The last mentioned document focused, for example, on the flood situation in the East of Slovakia in May 2017, caused by storms and heavy rain. Intensive and heavy precipitation in the form of storms and rains has been the cause of floods that occurred on most flows of eastern Slovakia except the Bodva river basin this month of 2017.

2.1.2 NGO Fund

In 2017, based on the FMO call for submissions of bids for Fund Operators, the Consortium of three foundations - Ekopolis Foundation, Open Society Foundation and Carpathian Foundation, became the Fund Operator of the Active Citizens Fund in Slovakia, supported by the EEA Grants in 2014 – 2021 in the amount 9 mil. EUR.

The rise of extremism and radicalization of political life has by now become omnipresent in the public and media discourse. In the new EU member states it is manifested by the following elements:

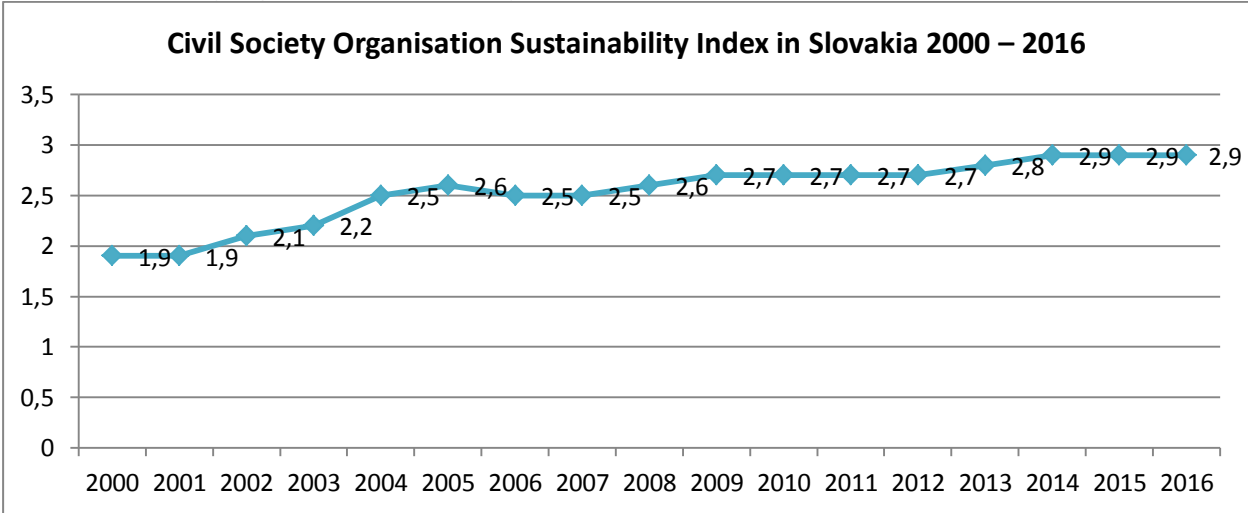
mainstreaming of hate speech, efforts to undermine the fundamentals of civil society and liberal democracy, repeated attacks by politicians and far-right activists on public advocacy and watchdog CSOs as causes and instigators of current crises, growing mistrust in the public institutions, rising numbers of the EU-exit voters. These unfortunate trends calling for 'bringing the system down' have had profound implications for a civil society which is organically rooted in the principles of liberal democracy. Civil society structures and actors now stand face-to-face with those of an 'uncivil' society who want the democratic principles of freedom of expression applied generally, including hate and racism, but the principles of human rights only selectively with clear advantages for majorities and indigenous people. In their view, NGOs and their 'liberal agenda' are a part of the problem, not a solution for the current situation, and as such should be sorted out accordingly along with corrupt politicians.

The non-profit sector in Slovakia is in an economically precarious situation. While the service-providing segment of the sector has developed its capacities based on relatively functional financial mechanisms (including tax assignment, access to public subsidies, corporate sponsorship etc.) the segment of the sector which is active in fields of advocacy, human rights and social innovation continuously suffers from a lack of funding.

According to the USAID Report for 2016¹ (at the moment of preparation of this report, data for 2017 were not yet available), the overall sustainability index of civil society remained at 2.9, as in the previous year. At the beginning of the year, the public discourse in Slovakia was influenced by the Parliamentary elections, in which the extreme right-wing political party asserted itself in response to the migration crisis (representation in the Parliament 9.3 %). In the second half of the year, the Slovak Republic held the presidency of the Council of the EU for the first time, which consumed a significant media attention. CSOs were also able to attract strong media attention for several other issues, including political corruption, immigration, educational reforms, and expansion of the far-right movement.

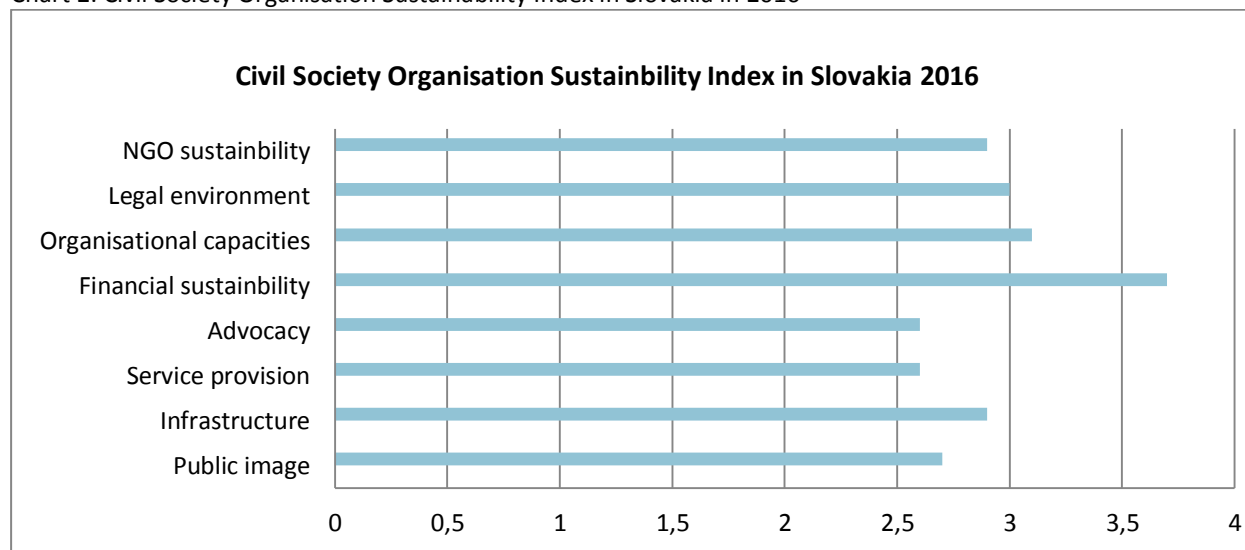
The number of civil society organisations rose significantly in 2016 from 45,172 in 2015 to 48,079 (45,310 of these are civic associations).

Chart 1: Civil Society Organisation Sustainability Index in Slovakia 2000 – 2016



¹ Source: https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/CSOSI_Report_7-28-17.pdf

Chart 2: Civil Society Organisation Sustainability Index in Slovakia in 2016



All partial indicators remained the same as in 2015, except public image that deteriorated significantly (from 2.5 to 2.7). The rise of hate speech in the country was met with an increase in negative coverage of the activities and financing of CSOs.

2.1.3 Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion

In 2017, in the Slovak Republic, in the area of social inclusion and reduction of regional disparities, we have seen implementation of several systemic measures and have continued to implement national projects aimed at increasing civic cohesion at local and regional level. Unemployment rate has also begun to decline significantly in the least developed counties.

Systemic measures

Regarding systemic measures in 2017, the government approved on March 1, 2017 *Act no. 330/1991 on land adjustments, arrangement of land ownership, land offices, land fund and land communities*, which will allow, among other things, to organize the ownership relations to the grounds under the dwellings in the Roma settlements. The law will primarily help to fully implement a national project aimed at settling land under Roma houses in 150 municipalities selected on the basis of a simplified index of division level.

Another significant systemic measure is the approval of the amendment to *Act no. 597/2003 Coll. on the financing of schools and school facilities* in June 2017, which will greatly support pupils from a socially disadvantaged environment. The aim of the amendment was to return about 50% of pupils from poor families to the system of education support. In practice, this means that children whose parents are from a socially disadvantaged environment will be supported automatically without the centres of psychological counselling assessing their financial situation. In relation to the compulsory pre-school education agenda, a measure to support children in kindergarten has been introduced into the law. It aims to ensure that pupils from a socially disadvantaged environment receive a nursery placement contribution from the age of three.

In October 2017, an inter-ministerial consultation on the draft of a new *law on social economy and social enterprises* under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family of the Slovak Republic was completed. The legal framework intends to bring conceptual order and regulation into the realm of, social businesses' and to remove the obstacles that hinder the development of the social economy. At the same time, it should create a favourable business environment for social

economy in Slovakia. We define three types of social businesses: integrational, energy and aimed for housing. Their goal cannot be to generate profits, but to achieve a positive social impact. For example, long-term unemployed or people with disabilities will work there. If a social enterprise generates a profit, it will need to invest more than half of it to meet a pre-defined goal. Businesses interested in state assistance will have to register. They will be able to apply for grants or loans. However, the non-repayable grant will be conditioned by the favourable interest-bearing repayable loan. Therefore, the social enterprises will have to submit a sustainable business plan upon registration. Social enterprises will also receive indirect aid, for example in the form of a lower value added tax on the goods and services they will provide. They will also benefit from the public procurement process under the so-called social aspect in public procurement.

The last major systemic change is the adoption of the amending Legislative Draft of *the Social Services Act (No. 448/2008)* concerning the qualification requirements for field social workers and community workers adopted in November 2017. The change means in practice that the work of the field social worker or the guarantor of the community centre could be from January 2018 also carried out by a person who has not yet graduated from college, but is familiar with the community and already has had experience with social work. Simpler terms were put into effect in the form of a derogation that will apply until 2023. This exemption also includes the fact that a social worker will have to enrol in college by September 2019. The next step is to change the setting of the projects. The Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities is hoping that these steps will facilitate the opening of community centres that have until now not been able to obtain guarantors and specialists from among the members of Roma communities. The involvement of community members themselves in these processes is perceived as the basic condition of integration.

The process of implementing national projects from the ESIF

In 2017, the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak republic focused mainly on the implementation of investment projects supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). These were challenges in the areas of: support for waste management, access to drinking water, construction/reconstruction of kindergartens, community centres, and for self-help housing support. Through the Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities, five national projects in the field of field social work, community centres, land plots assistance, pre-school education and monitoring and evaluation are implemented. Field Social Work and Community Centres were approved in February 2017. In September 2017, the Ministry of the Interior approved an application for an irrecoverable financial contribution for the national project Promoting Land Settlement in Marginalized Roma Communities to the Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Community for Roma Communities. One of the key projects co-funded by the European Social Fund under Priority Axis 5 of the Operational Program is the National Health Project, where applications are currently being evaluated. It will cover the provision of health care and education mainly in the poor excluded Roma communities.

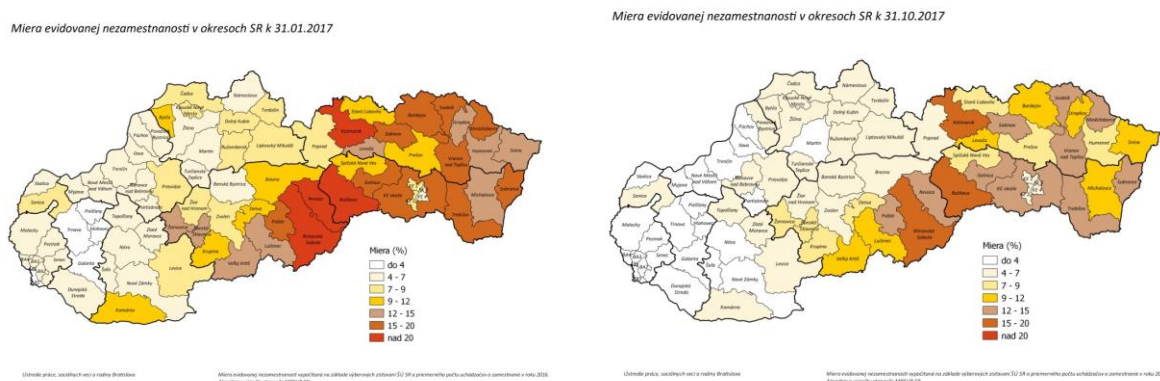
Progress is also important in the context of demand-driven employment projects – local civic patrols. 148 municipalities are required to establish Local Civic Order Services worth more than 19 million EUR. Within the framework of 148 approved Applications for non-refundable financial contributions, 830 patrol members will gain jobs. Members of the local patrol service will provide their services in several areas. These include, for example, protecting children and young people from negative influences, protecting public order and property, protecting the environment and preventing conflict between the minority and the majority. In carrying out their activities, they will cooperate with members of the Integrated Rescue System and with police officers.

Development of registered unemployment

Generally speaking, 2017 showed very favourable trends of declining unemployment. At the end of January, four districts (Rimavská Sobota, Rožňava, Revúca and Kežmarok) showed registered unemployment rate higher than 20% and nine counties (Sabinov, Bardejov, Medzilaborce, Svidnik,

Vranov nad Topľou, Gelnica, Košice-surroundings, Trebišov and Sobrance) were somewhere between 15%-20% unemployment rate. At the end of October 2017, there are no counties with more than 20% unemployment rate and only three counties (Rimavská Sobota, Rožňava and Kežmarok) remained in the 15%-20% band. These trends are mainly due to the global economic upsurge, which is manifested primarily by demand for workers linked to the automotive industry.

Picture 2: Comparison of the registered unemployment rate at the end of January and October 2017



Source: Centre of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family of the Slovak Republic

2.1.4 Conservation and revitalisation of cultural heritage

The program 'Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage and Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage' met the current demand in society for the protection and conservation of cultural heritage, while also complying with the „'Conception of Cultural Heritage Protection', a key government document for the protection of cultural heritage.

Even during 2017², the trend of previous years continued, and the number of new designated sites over the number of sites excluded from the List (approximately 150 new records of movable and immovable monuments on 10 excluded sites) prevailed. The most frequent reason for new additions in monuments was the fact that new categories have been identified (e.g. industrial heritage, heritage of the late 20th century, archaeological sites) and a more detailed review of the monument fund have been conducted. Additionally, initiatives from public (citizens' initiatives) have increased. The most common reason for cancelling a statement was the physical destruction or the almost complete and irreversible damage of its monumental value (radical rebuilt or radical modernization). Among the various types of objects, cancellation of the declaration due to physical extinction was primarily related to folk architecture and manor houses.

The continuous assessment of the building and their technical condition has not recorded any significant differences from previous periods. There have been slight changes in each category, however, the overall status is stagnating or slightly deteriorating, and the number of sites in the restoration procedure is decreasing. The reason for this trend is primary the insufficient national funding for the restoration of monuments through the state grant program 'Let us renew our house', which can be found in a number of strategic materials.³ For the first time, the new sub-programme 1.6 'Modernization and comprehensive reconstruction of national cultural monuments with conservation and restoration priority' has opened, focusing on the most important monuments and it allows a three-year financing

²The statistical data of the Central List of the Monument Fund from the Monument Office will be processed only in January 2018.

³ E.g. The concept of conservation of the monument fund, updated by the new Strategic Material "Strategy of the Monument Fund 2017-2022", approved by the Slovak Government in December 2017.

also in connection with their use for tourism or regional development needs.⁴ Although the funds with which the state subsidizes the renovations of the monuments are still insufficient, this sub-programme is focusing on the most significant monuments. In Slovakia, the funding of monuments through the structural funds, notably through the Regional Operational Program, was neither secured in this program period. This money crunch is noticeable and the status of the sights has been moderately deteriorating. Program SK05 was the only significant source of monument renovation funds (except for cross-border cooperation that does not constitute a system financial instrument). Despite the high quality of monument conservation through this programme, their number is limited in relation to the total number of monuments in Slovakia and does not have any remarkable impact on the overall technical state statistics. However, successful restoration of the sites from this programme can be noticed in specifically supported categories, e.g. in the Jewish cultural heritage, where we can observe the synergic effect of the renewal of several synagogues in Slovakia at the same time and their use for cultural purposes.⁵

A similar group of monuments with a synergic effect and a large number of restored monuments in Slovakia are castle ruins. Regarding the geographic distribution of the restored monuments, there is a significant concentration in some of the sites (Žilina, Košice, Bratislava) implemented in SK05 'Preservation and revitalization of cultural and natural heritage and Promotion of diversity in culture and art within the European cultural heritage' cultural use of landmarks by the public. Remote, economically less developed regions are more likely to provide funding for the restoration of cultural heritage, but often they are unable to provide sufficient sustainability. Even the implementation of the Pro Monumenta project did not have a significant impact on the overall statistics of the technical state of immovable monuments, about 80 interventions carried out a year partially improved their condition, but the damage can require a subsequent financial scheme, which would allow the owners of the monuments to take the necessary measures. The positive impact of the Pro Monumenta project is clear in the correct assessment, whereby money is invested in the most critical parts of the building and used in the right way. In field inspections, inspectors from this project often found unsuitable techniques that were financially demanding but actually degraded the buildings (in particular, renovation projects for humidity problems, draining and strengthening the foundations). Another positive impact are the immediate interviews with owners and practical demonstrations of interventions that are often more effective than official administrative communication of regional monuments boards (KPÚ).

The use of monuments was successfully reflected on in the continuous growth of tourism in Slovakia in the form of cultural tourism, which is a complementary form of classical tourism oriented to Slovakia more on mountain tourism and visiting of natural sites.

Table 1: Brief overview of the comparison of the construction and technical condition of the immovable cultural heritage in 2004-2016

TECHNICAL STATE OF THE IMMOVABLE MONUMENTS IN SLOVAKIA	2004		2016		Difference	
	[objects]	[%]	[objects]	[%]	[objects]	[%]
Good, sound	8 660	66,3	11 063	69,2	+2 403	+2,9
Damaged, dilapidated	3 301	25,5	4 212	26,3	+911	+0,8
Under renovation, others...	763	5,8	717	4,5	-46	-1,3

The percentage of monuments in each stage of the technical state is kept at approximately the same level. The percentage share of different categories of the technical state remains almost at the same level. The share of the monuments 'damaged' is kept at a relatively high level of about 20%, the share of

⁴ Total funding for sub-program 1.6 in 2017 was EUR 3 433 778. Source: web site of the Ministry of Culture

⁵ Proof of the high quality level of the monument renovation implemented through subsidy sub-program 1.6 were several awards, The "Fénix" Prize of the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic to the Central Union of Jewish Religious Communities in Slovakia for the Complex Building Restoration and Restoration of the Old Synagogue Building in Bardejov and the "Cézar" 2016 Prize of the Slovak Chamber of Architects for this monument restoration in the category Renovation and Reconstruction.

monuments in the 'dilapidated' is still about 5%.⁶

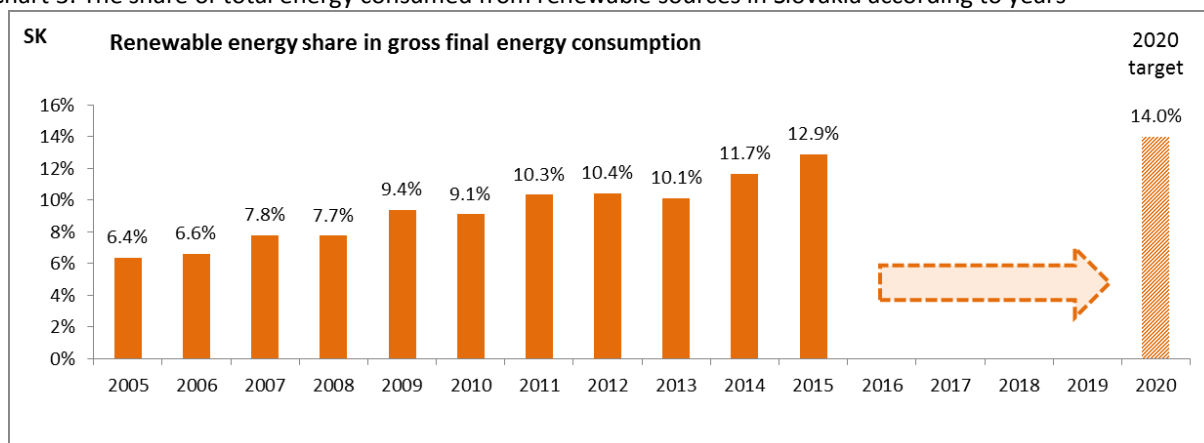
2.1.5 Green Industry Innovation

Use of RES in Europe and in the EU for the production of electricity and heat in 2017

From the point of view of the use of renewable energy sources (RES), eleven EU Member States in 2017 have already achieved their 2020 targets. The Nordic Countries of Europe are permanent leaders, and Slovakia is behind the EU average. In 2017, the share of energy obtained from RES in net final energy consumption stagnated at around 16.7% in Europe-wide terms. Compared with 2004, the first data on RES use is available at 8.5%; this is more than double the increase. The share of RES in the energy mix has been growing steadily since 2004. The share of RES in final energy consumption is one of the main indicators in The Europe 2020 strategy. The document, among other things, counts on a 20% overall RES share, but each country has its own goals and a 20% target for Europe as a whole. The Slovak Republic is committed to achieving a share of RES of 14% by 2020, but the most ambitious Norway and Iceland targets up to 67.5%, respectively 64% share. Within the EU countries, Sweden has the most ambitious plan: 49%. A positive medium term view is that Europe is counting on further support for the use of RES beyond 2020, and it is already setting targets for 2030. Member States have provisionally agreed that by 2030 Europe as a whole will reach up to 27% of green energy on its final total consumption.

The commitment of the SR to increase the share of renewable energy sources to gross final energy consumption to 14% by 2020 remains unchanged. In 2017, the most up-to-date interim data was published at 12.9%, which means that the Slovak Republic still lacks 1.1% to reach the target by 2020. That objective was therefore realistically stipulated in accordance with Directive No. 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources. The Green Innovation Program in Industry can also contribute to meeting the objectives of Directive No. 2004/8/EC on the promotion of cogeneration based on heat demand in the internal energy market and amending Directive No. 92/62/EEC on Combined Electricity and Heat (CHP Directive).

Chart 3: The share of total energy consumed from renewable sources in Slovakia according to years



Source: Eurostat – SHARES (2017)

Renewable energy policy continues to be dependent on the global market situation for energy commodities, in particular the natural gas market. At present, gas prices, as the world most important and trend-setting energy commodity, are at their historical minimums, and are again rising slightly. Even though the European Energy Exchange (EEX) that is perceived as the most important indicator on the European energy exchange, has data available only from 2012, there was a clear decline in July 2012, when the gas price was € 29.00 MWh⁻¹, up to the closing price of 2015 just below € 17.00 MWh⁻¹. In the course of 2017, this price rose again slightly, to a maximum of € 19.00 MWh⁻¹ in December, which we

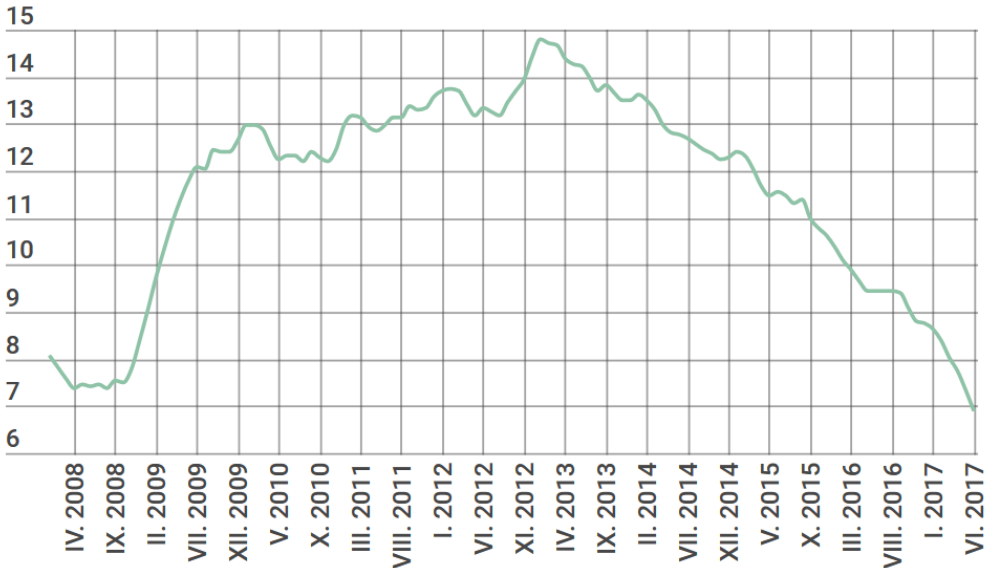
⁶ Source: "Strategy of the Monument Fund 2017-2022", December 2017.

still consider to be a non-significant seasonally-influenced increase. This development is directly related to the energy price for legal entities, which is based on gas prices on the stock exchange. Therefore, relatively low energy prices have also been reflected at the end-of-year price. However, the difference in price varied according to the type of collection point, the amount of consumption, but especially the date on which the contract was signed or an amendment to the contract was signed. From the perspective of world markets, we are still at the present price level of the 1990s, but it is unlikely that we will get to the 1996 prices. Gas prices also directly affect oil prices, which in 2017 only copied seasonal fluctuations. BRENT oil was cheaper only in 2009 and did not exceed \$ 65.00 per barrel in 2017.

Unemployment

In recent years, the Slovak Republic has had one of the highest unemployment rates within the European Union countries. At present, this trend is also changing rapidly, thanks to the implementation of several large investment projects. Unemployment dropped to the lowest level in November 2017 when it was at 5.95%. The problem is the acute shortage of skilled labour for several sectors of the Slovak economy. The Green Innovation Programme in Industry, however, helps to create jobs in the most of the affected regions of the country and in the problematic sectors of the national economy (e.g. agriculture and forestry). The programme includes, in particular, investments in new technologies in the energy commodity industry, investments in logistics centres for the transport, storage and processing of energy biomass, as well as investments in agriculture and forestry in the production of biomass used for energy purposes. For this reason, the programme is of a great benefit from the viewpoint of this evaluated indicator and its continuation in the updated form is therefore necessary.

Chart 4: Unemployment in Slovakia in % since 2008



Source: ÚPSVaR SR (2017)

In the European Economic Area, the average unemployment rate, e.g. the unemployment rate, calculated as the arithmetic average of the EEA unemployment rate in June 2017 was 9.3%, which represents a slight decrease compared to 2016.

The impact of the SK07 'Green Innovation in Industry' support programme focused on unemployment in the Slovak Republic in direct numerical terms is not significant in the period under review, which can be justified by its relatively low share compared to the total number of unemployed Slovak citizens and the overall unemployment situation in the Slovak Republic. The activities of approved projects are set in most cases to improve technical solutions, with the social impacts of project activities being set as supporting in the programme. However, it is necessary to note the very positive impact of the programme on employment in particular municipalities, micro regions and it is a significant assumption

that the implemented projects will subsequently serve as positive examples and impulses in the realization of similar intentions in other localities. A significant benefit of the programme at a later stage may also be the positive indirect impact on employment growth in supply, of subscribers in relation to the recipients of the aid. In this process, members of marginalized groups and Roma communities could also be considered as potential employees of co-operating companies, especially at the positions of workers of supplier companies providing delivery of agricultural biomass or dendromass to production processes.

2.1.6 Cross-border cooperation with Ukraine

The economy of Ukraine that is gradually getting out of the protracted crisis, in the year 2017 showed a steady growth amid inflation reduction. Ukraine's leading analysts say that strengthening the fight against corruption and attracting investment are the key factors for boosting the economy. Ukraine's economy in 2017 continued the trend of recovery after a positive turning point in 2016, which resulted in the growth of the gross domestic product of about 1.5%. The leading Ukrainian economists expected that in the year 2017, GDP growth may accelerate to 2.1%, industrial output would grow by 2.5%, while inflation would slow down from 12-13% in 2016 to 10%. This means that in the year 2017, Ukraine, which was in the process of reforming and refuting the external aggression, would show no explosive growth, but the pace of recovery would accelerate. And this inspired moderate optimism.

The key results of the year 2016, which laid the base and formed the major trends of 2017, were the achievement of macroeconomic stabilization and the beginning of a slow economic recovery. Throughout the year, the systemic risks for the Ukrainian financial sector have dropped, while macroeconomic environment, both external and internal was favourable enough. After a protracted economic downturn, Ukraine's economy showed signs of recovery in many areas: GDP growth renewed, inflation was under control and stayed within the boundaries of the target value of the National Bank, making bank deposits once again appealing to the public, while the losses of the banking and corporate sectors declined. Based on official data, in the third quarter of 2016 Ukraine's real GDP grew by more than expected - by 2% against the forecast of 1.6%, due to growth in investment, which was the key factor for the economic recovery. Production volumes in key industries ceased to fall, starting to recover, primarily due to industry, agriculture, and metallurgy. According to the statistical data, over the 10 months of 2016, the Ukrainian economy received \$3.1 billion in foreign direct investment, which is 41% more than in 2015, of which \$2.2 billion came as a result of recapitalization of banks by their shareholders. This trend can be observed also in 2017.

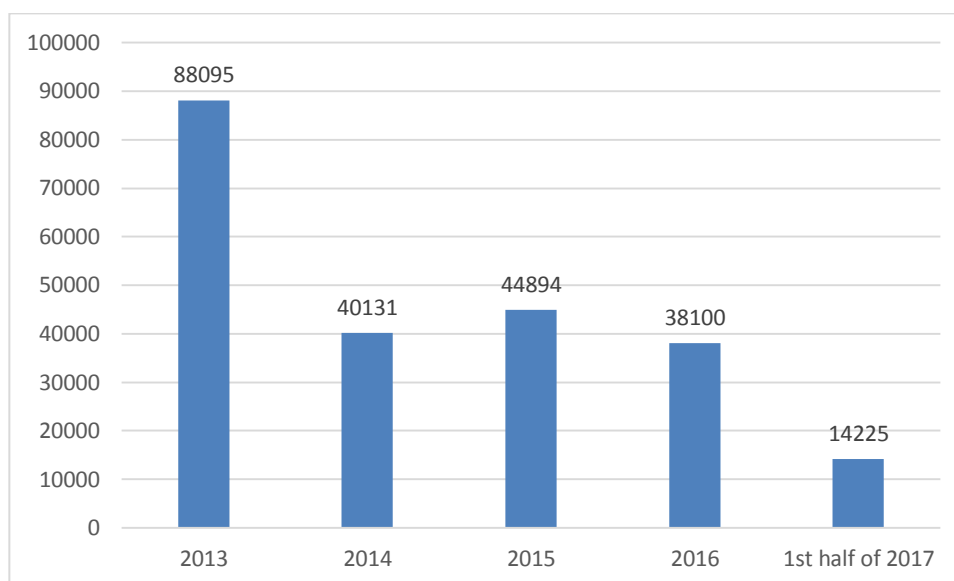
Most experts believe that the economic growth in 2017 is based on the improvement of the external environment and the low comparative base. Analysts unanimously refer to the possible growth as 'recovery growth', while for a real economic revival the country will need investments, and these are impossible without a judicial reform, successful privatization, and strengthening the protection of investors' rights. Thus, the prospects of Ukraine's economy for the year 2017 was continuing to be largely determined by political factors rather than by economic conditions⁷.

Visa and border crossing statistics

Within the first half of 2017 14 412 applications for visa were submitted and 14 225 have been issued. In comparison with the first half of 2016 (18 605 vs.17 986) there was a decrease approx. 20% following trends from previous years (see table).

⁷ Source: <https://economics.unian.info/1703117-ukraine-economy-in-2017-more-growth-less-inflation.html>

Chart 5: Number of Schengen visas issued to Ukraine's citizens



Source: http://www.minv.sk/swift_data/source/policia/hranicna_a_cudzinecka_policia/rocenky/rok_2017/2017-I.polrok-UHCP-SK.pdf

The opposite trend applies to resident permits for Ukrainians (to reside in Slovakia), where number (in comparison of first halves of 2016 and 2017) increased from 2 514 to 3 100. Furthermore, since 11th June 2017 EU visa waiver applies to Ukrainian citizens (travelling to EU for business, tourist or family reasons, and max. 90 days stay). This step was highly appreciated by the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the tool to interpersonal contacts development and to fastening economic, cultural and social links between Slovakia and Ukraine with emphasis on border region.

In view of abovementioned it can be assumed that growth of number of people and means of transport, which legally cross the border will continue (in first half of 2016 1 512 740 people and first half of 2017 1 699 851 people). It can be assumed that significant growth of number of people crossing the SK-UA border in the year 2016 and 1st half of 2017 reflects not only visa liberalization but also intensification of cross-border cooperation in the economic, administration, cultural and sport issues.

Projects financed by the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism have contributed to the abovementioned findings. Especially interesting in this respect could be the data for March/April 2017, when the final activities and events within SK-UA partner projects were implemented. Despite the difficult political situation in Ukraine majority of projects have met the expectations. Within the program SK08 (Cross-border cooperation) projects were at the end of 2016 and first half of 2017 (until the end of April) at the final stage and produced their outcomes and outputs. It was again confirmed, that Ukraine (particularly its western part), following the gradual removal of barriers for cooperation, can become a significant economic partner for Slovakia. On the other hand, bringing Ukraine closer to Europe should have a positive impact on prosperity of the western Ukraine.

2.1.7 Domestic and gender-based violence

The most significant development in 2017 is the improvement of the legal situation of victims of a crime. The *Act on Victims of Crime* has been adopted in October 2017 and will be effective from January 1st, 2018. The law represents the full transposition of *Directive 2012/29 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 laying down minimum standards on the rights, promotion and protection of victims of crime* into the legal order of the Slovak Republic. The law regulates the rights of victims of crime, compensation for victims of violent crime and a mechanism to support bodies providing assistance to victims of crime. In particular, the status of crime victims in criminal proceedings

is strengthened. The definition of domestic violence is included in the act as well. Victims of domestic violence belong according to the act to vulnerable groups which are entitled to a specific treatment and specialized professional assistance. The act furthermore established the competence of Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of SR as the ministry responsible for the area of domestic violence and violence against children. Additionally, the sex as a specific incentive of the crime has been included in the Criminal Code.

Despite the positive outcomes of the analysis among ministries which showed that the Slovak Republic fulfilled the obligations required by the *Council of Europe's Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence* (AKA Istanbul Convention), the lobbying of the conservatives group caused a problem with the ratification. Consequently, the activities of the conservative movement supported by the Slovak Catholic Church led to postponing of the ratification of the Istanbul convention after the evaluation of the public discussion with an unknown deadline, as agreed by the government on August 18th, 2017.

One of the major outcomes of the SK09 programme has been the establishment of the *Coordinating Methodical Centre Gender-Based and Domestic Violence* (CMC), as an independent part of the *Institute for Work and Family Research*. By 31st Dec 2016 the CMC employed a total of 62 NGO experts: 5 permanent workers, 50 external contractors and 7 professional consultants that operate the non-stop National Helpline for Women Experiencing Domestic Violence. In the context of international law, through the project, the Slovak Republic fulfilled requirements of the Istanbul Convention, the art. 10.

The long-term development in the field of criminal conviction of those acts related to violence against women in Slovakia showed a positive development. While there is a visible general decline in violent crimes in Slovakia in the long-term, reported crimes related to violence against women show a different pattern. The significantly increasing trend of reported cases is in the area of intimate partner's violence and sexual violence, which can be explained as a higher confidence of victims in the system and thus the higher number of reported crimes. Particularly the increase of reporting of abuse and stalking by an intimate partner has shown a significant increase. The overall number of cases prosecuted or evaluated by the police in 2016 present 3 323 incidents of violence against women.

Supporting services are a vital part of the protection of victims if working professionally and effectively. Having said that, as the most valuable outcome of the programme SK 09 can be considered the significant contribution to quantitative as well as a qualitative increase of supporting services around Slovakia. Thanks to the programme, the number of counselling services doubled and a number of available family places tripled.

There are about 23 counselling centres around Slovakia which provide a specialised support to victims of domestic violence, most of them are focusing in particular on female victims. The overall number of existing services which are able to support women (but not specialised only on women) is much higher; CMC identified 51 social services, public or private, offering such a support. Furthermore, there are about 180 family places (1 woman + 1, 5 child) in shelters around Slovakia which provide comprehensive specialised assistance for women experiencing violence and their children in residential form until the solution of the woman's problems.

The results of the survey by the EU *Agency for Fundamental Rights* on violence against women showed that the Slovak Republic is close to the EU average for the prevalence of violence against women. 23% of respondents from Slovakia stated that as an adult they had experienced physical or sexual violence from a partner (EU average 22%) and 34% from another man (EU average 33%). Violence within the last year from a partner was reported by 6% of women and from another man by 10% of women (data for 2012). The newest data available from the current CMC report on domestic violence showed a decrease in the prevalence of domestic violence against women to 4%.

In 2017, the *European Institute for Gender Equality* launched the report *Gender Equality Index 2017 Violence against women: the most brutal manifestation of gender inequality* (further referred as EIGE Report). The composite indicator includes three aspects: prevalence, severity and disclosure of violence against women. On a scale of 1 to 100, 1 represents a situation where violence is non-existent and 100 represents a situation where violence against women is extremely common, highly severe and not disclosed. The best-performing country is, therefore, the one with the lowest score. The scores for the composite indicator on violence against women range from 44.2 in Bulgaria to 22.1 in Poland. Slovakia is on the scale on the 21st place.

However, according to the report, the position of Slovakia is particularly positive in cases for intimate partners killing with the lowest level of all the EU countries with data available.

2.1.8 Horizontal issues

EEA and Norway Grants include the following horizontal priorities:

1. Democracy and good governance
2. Human rights, minorities, vulnerable groups, combating poverty and social exclusion
3. Combating discrimination, racism, xenophobia
4. Gender equality
5. Combating hate speech

Democracy and good governance

The National Focal Point pays due attention to good governance principles across all programmes. The principles of transparency, responsibility, efficiency and effectiveness are included in the wording of individual programme agreements. The programmes are implemented in cooperation not only with relevant ministries, but also with civil society representatives and donor programme partner officials, thus reinforcing the principle of participative democracy.

The NFP publishes all contracts concluded between government and public institutions as well as third parties in the publicly accessible Central Register of Contracts, which is a condition for the effectiveness of contracts. The NFP extended this obligation also to project applicants and their partners, which means that the publishing obligation also applies to contracts concluded with contractors selected through public procurement carried out under individual projects.

The good governance principles are included in the project evaluation and selection processes. The programmes are implemented transparently and openly, exercising zero tolerance in regards to corruption.

Suspected corruption can be anonymously reported through the free-of-charge anti-corruption line. The official website of financial mechanisms also provides a form through which suspected corruption or the misuse of these mechanisms can be reported anonymously.

In 2017 two instances of suspected corruption were reported. One of them concerned breach of the principles of public procurement. Based on the results of the investigation of the PO, the contract was not financed by the EEA and Norway Grants. The other suspicion was of general nature and was not confirmed in the context of EEA and Norway Grants. The list of complaints received in 2017 is listed within Appendix No. 12 of this Strategic Report.

Human rights, minorities, vulnerable groups, combating poverty and social exclusion

The NFP is running the SK04 'Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion' and SK09 'Domestic and Gender-based Violence' programmes.

The priority of SK04 was to provide human and expert resources for quality intercultural educational programmes in the Roma language to a larger extent as well as support for primary and high schools interested in inclusive education through intercultural education. All programme activities are designed to enhance social inclusion through intercultural education, the Roma language as well as culture and cooperation between schools and families.

The SK09 programme was focused on combating violence against women and domestic violence and it directly supports the human rights of women as well as the human rights of other potential victims. The main objectives in this programme area are enhancing capacities pertaining to services for women at risk or experiencing violence as well as other victims of domestic violence (Safe Women Shelters, counselling centres); the introduction of a systematic approach and coordination of activities that address the victims of violence in all regions of Slovakia as well as education for workers in relevant fields, and last but not least, the creation of preventive strategies in cooperation media, schools and the public.

The promotion of human rights, minorities and vulnerable groups was also supported by SK03 'Democracy and Human Rights'⁸, which focused on the development of cooperation between civil society, public, and private sectors through partnerships. The cross-sectional priority of the programme was to develop the capacities of NGOs and improve their reputation in the society. The SK10 'Active Citizenship and Inclusion' programme also focused on supporting NGOs in the area of participative democracy, the removal of social disparities, poverty and exclusion, support for children and youth, environment protection and social services.

Combating discrimination, racism, xenophobia

The programme that has the biggest impact on actual development in the area is SK09 'Domestic and Gender-based Violence', whose objective was to promote zero tolerance of violence against women. Several study trips were organised under this programme in order to gain experience in the area of addressing domestic violence, whose victims are most frequently women, but also violence against the most vulnerable and socially excluded groups, and of course, men. Implementing the know-how into the activity of Slovak institutions can greatly help combat discrimination and racism.

SK05 'Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage' also helps to combat discrimination, racism and xenophobia. It has allocated 5% of its funding to the monuments historically related to interculturalism or to those planning activities related to promoting non-discrimination and tolerance or cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue, combating anti-Semitism and promoting the cultural identity of minorities. It resulted in the support of 3 projects focused on Jewish culture promotion. It regards the synagogue in Žilina, the Jewish quarter in Bardejov (listed by UNESCO) and the Jewish cemetery in Topoľa. Rosenfeld's Palace in Žilina and Pistory Palace in Bratislava can also be mentioned in the context of Jewish history in Slovakia.

Gender equality

SK03 'Democracy and Human Rights', SK04 'Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion', SK08 'Cross-Border Cooperation' and SK10 'Active Citizenship and Inclusion Programmes' cover several support areas through which they can promote gender equality principles.

As for the 'gender equality' horizontal priority, the SK09 'Domestic and Gender-based Violence' programme is the most beneficial one. Although the programme is not directly focused on gender equality, it significantly contributes to it as the programme operator encourages the beneficiaries to implement the principles of gender equality. The objectives of the programme was to create a

⁸ The SK03 "Democracy and Human Rights" and SK10 "Active Citizenship and Inclusion" programmes are not a subject of this Report.

coordinated, systematic and sustainable strategy for the effective support for women experiencing violence and other victims of domestic violence; improve the quality of help provided; increase the regional and financial accessibility of effective, free and gender-sensitive service for female violence victims and victims of domestic violence; and improve the education of experts in the area.

Combating hate speech

In 2014, an online campaign was launched in order to inform, remove prejudice and myths, and promote correct information. Search for suitable tools and attract as many young people as possible, as they are apparently the group most affected.⁹

The NFP cooperated with the Council of Europe in order to promote tolerance and basic rights. Combating hate speech is funded by NGO Funds under EEA Grants. The SK10 'Active Citizenship and Inclusion' programme aims to support projects with a broader social impact by attenuating oral and written hate speech, extremism, racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia.

2.2 Bilateral relations

The bilateral context of the EEA and Norway Grants implementation is one of the main areas, supported as much as possible at every level of management of grants in the Slovak Republic. Systematic support for the strengthening of bilateral relations is an integral part of the implementation. The year 2017 was a key year for projects closure. Generally speaking, the project partnerships as well as the implemented bilateral activities are a sustainable link that will undoubtedly be followed in the 2014-2021 programming period as well.

All the programmes implemented in the Slovak Republic except for the SK05 'Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage' programme are run in cooperation with donor programme partners. The donor programme partners are mainly Norwegian institutions, but the SK06 'EEA Scholarship Programme Slovakia' also includes institutions from Iceland and Lichtenstein. The donor partner of the SK09 'Domestic and Gender-based Violence' and SK04 'Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion' programmes is the Council of Europe.

In order to achieve effective systematic support for the strengthening of bilateral relations, special financial tools – the Bilateral Funds to support the strengthening of bilateral relations between the Slovak Republic and Donor States are used, both at national and at programme level. The Bilateral Fund at national level is described in detail in Section 3.3 below.

Implementation Measures A of the Bilateral Funds pertaining to the programmes were completed in 2015. Thanks to these measures, 26 bilateral activities have been carried out. In July 2015, Measure B of the Bilateral Funds for the programmes SK02, SK05, SK07, SK08 and SK09 was opened. The Fund remained open until 30th June 2017, creating space for further small-scale bilateral activities and initiatives. All activities ended their implementation as of 30th August 2017, and subsequently the billing processes were performed. The total number of bilateral activities supported under the aforementioned programmes represents 53 different bilateral activities / initiatives in a total volume of € 525551.

2.2.1 Student mobility as an important pillar of bilateral relationships

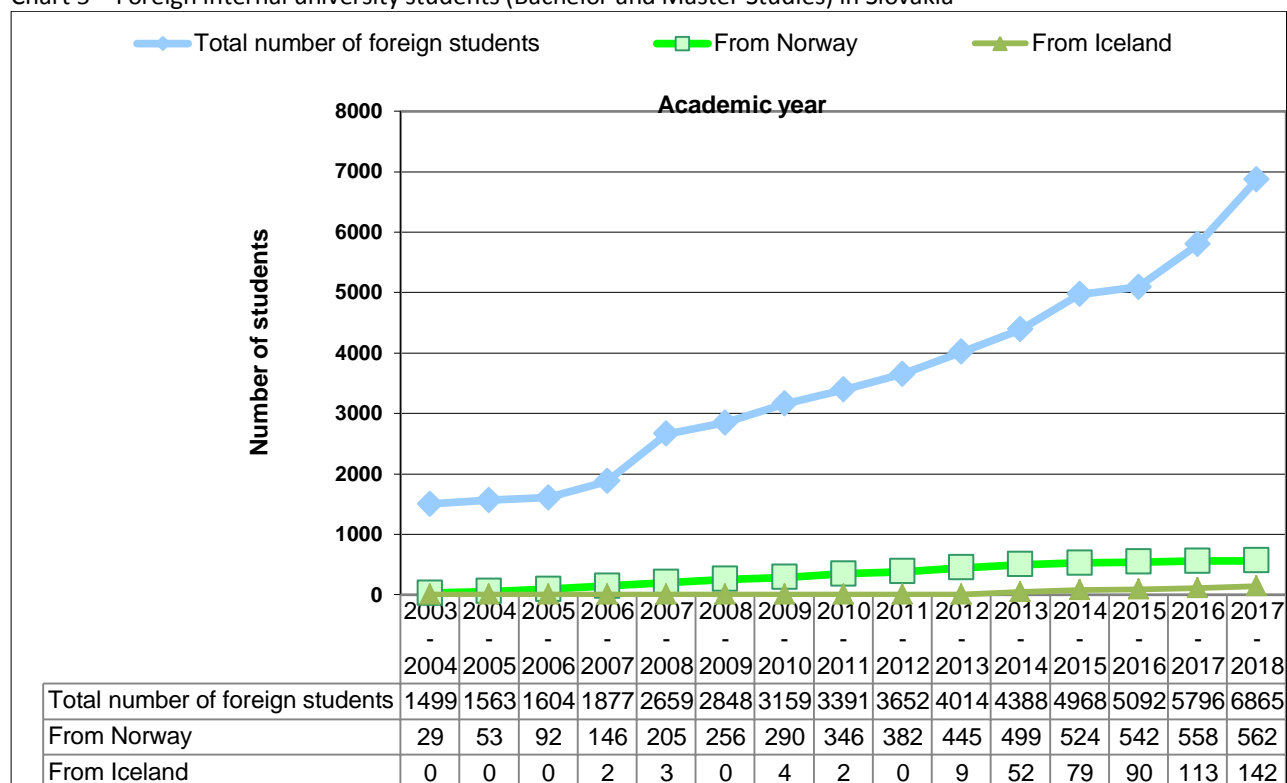
The overall quality of bilateral relationships is characterised by various direct and indirect indicators, for example, student mobility. The EEA Grants have been used to fund student mobility both in the previous and current programming period. Norwegian and Icelandic students are especially interested in studying medicine in Martin and veterinary medicine in Košice.

⁹ <http://beznenavisti.sk/o-kampani/>

As part of the continuation of the successful long-term preparation of Norwegian students to study general medicine in Slovakia, presentation was presented to students of secondary schools from Norway and Iceland concerning the opportunities to study in Slovakia at the end of February, at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Oslo. The event was organized by the Norwegian agency Interstudium in cooperation with the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Oslo. In particular, the opportunities to study at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin of the Comenius University in Bratislava and the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice were presented. Participants were also provided with presentation materials about Slovakia and EEA and Norway Grants. Another important meeting was historically the first meeting with Norwegian graduates of Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin in February 2017 at the representative premises of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Oslo. More than dozens of doctors from all over Norway who completed general medicine degree in Slovakia received an invitation to this meeting. At the same time, Norwegian first year students also participated. Ambassador František Kašický described the Norwegian graduates of the Slovak University as the best distributors of Slovak reputation in Norway, informed them about the current Slovak-Norwegian bilateral relations as well as a long-term and successful project of Norwegian students. At the same time, participants of the meeting saw part of the “Fotoroma” exhibition project, which was realized by the Norwegian organization Kulturbyrået Mesén with the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava and the citizens' association Rúbanka. The series of information meetings continued throughout the year 2017.

Another example of successful cooperation in the academic environment is Icelandic students at the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice.

Chart 5 – Foreign internal university students (Bachelor and Master Studies) in Slovakia



In terms of statistics it can be stated that since the academic year 2003 - 2004, the number of foreign students studying in the Slovak Republic recorded a 4-fold increase. The total number of Slovak students studying abroad is not statistically evaluated according to our information. According to the figure from 31st October 2017, 562 Norwegian students, 142 Icelandic students and no student from Liechtenstein are currently studying at Slovak universities. It is significant that after Ukrainian students (1.822),

Norwegian students constitute the second largest group of foreign students enrolled at Bachelor and Master Degree programmes at Slovak universities. Icelandic students are the 12th biggest group of students. Interestingly, the proportion of Norwegian and Icelandic students amount for 10.2% of the total number of foreign students.

2.2.2 Cooperation with donor programme partners (hereinafter referred to as DPP)

In general, in the context of the implementation of EEA and Norwegian grants, partnerships with the DPP have provided a wide range of advice and practical experience, including the strategic perspective of partner institutions within the framework of defined programs DPP significantly contributed to programme implementation. They attend the Cooperation Committees on a regular basis and participated in the implementation of the programmes. As a DPP, the Council of Europe participated in two programmes (SK04 and SK09).

DPP significantly contributed to seeking and finding potential partner entities and facilitating the conclusion of project partnerships, ensuring the participation of potential partner institutions in matchmaking seminars, and creating lists of potential partner institutions that were published along with calls for project applications. DPP cooperated in the process of evaluating submitted applications for contributions under the published call on opening the Measure B Bilateral Funds.

In 2017, DPP actively participated in a majority of events organised under individual programmes, such as closing conferences or Cooperation Committees. Under SK02 programme, the meeting of the Cooperation Committee took place in early May 2017 in Košice. The meeting of the Cooperation Committee also included a visit to projects in Eastern and Central Slovakia as well as projects in Upper Nitra. Another example of very good cooperation at the level of the Programme Operator and the donor programme partner was a communication workshop organized by Innovation Norway and the FMO in Longyearbyen at the Norwegian Spitsbergen in February 2017.

The NFP assesses the cooperation between Programme Operators (PO) and individual donor partners as very active and mutually rewarding. All events organised in 2016 also concentrated on the presentation of bilateral dimensions in the implementation of EEA Grants. Such activities contribute to creating positive effects and reflect successful forms of cooperation between the Slovak entities and the donors responsible for and participating on the implementation of the programmes.

2.2.3 A broader context of bilateral relations in 2017¹⁰

Support of bilateral relationships at the highest level

The bilateral relations between Slovakia and Norway can also be evaluated from the point of view of the number of events and meetings held at the highest level and the various types of bilateral meetings.

Early in the year, the current Slovak Ambassador to Norway, František Kašický, met with the President of the Norwegian Parliament, Olemic Thommessen, representatives of Storting and members of parliament. The topic of the diplomatic seminar was the Norwegian electoral and party system as well as the prospects for the parliamentary elections in the Kingdom of Norway in 2017. Another example of a meaningful encounter in terms of strengthening co-operation was the working meeting of Ambassador Kašický with the Mayor of Oslo Marianne Borgen in August 2017, where cooperation of the Slovak Republic with the city of Oslo was discussed in the area of presentation of Slovakia in Norwegian metropolis, cultural and sports projects. The Ambassador thanked for the possibility of implementation of the exhibition project 'How Central Europe Helps the World' in the City Hall premises in the past period, also for the events organized by the City Hall for the diplomatic corps as well as for possible

¹⁰ Sources: www.mzv.sk, www.norway.sk, national and local media, internal monitoring

cooperation in the next period. The Mayor presented the project of the European Green Capital city, which will be the city of Oslo in 2019.

The Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments, which took place on 23rd – 24th April 2017 in Bratislava, was also attended by the President of the Norwegian Parliament - Storting Olemic Thommessen, who accepted the invitation of the Speaker of the National Council of the SR, Andrej Danko. The conference, attended by 45 foreign delegations, was primarily focused on assessing the results of the Slovak Presidency in the EU Council and its parliamentary dimension. The current Maltese Presidency as well as current issues and the future of the European Union were also discussed.

In mid-June 2017, the Oslo Forum was held, a prestigious event with the participation of mediators, politicians, experts and internationally acclaimed personalities. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of the SR Miroslav Lajčák, invited by the Norwegian counterpart Børge Brende, presented at the conference in the South East Europe Security Panel.

In June 2017, a state visit to Iceland was held by the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic, Robert Fico, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of the SR, Miroslav Lajčák, and the Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic, Petr Kažimír. In Reykjavík, Prime Minister Robert Fico met with Iceland's Prime Minister Bjarnim Benediktsson, and at a joint working lunch, they discussed bilateral mutual cooperation, as well as topical issues of international politics. In the capital of Iceland, the Prime Minister visited the headquarters of the multinational company Marel, which also invested in Slovakia - in Nitra. The company supplies modern equipment, systems and services to the fish processing industry, meat and poultry.

Another example of a major meeting was a working meeting at the level of state secretaries in Oslo at the end of June 2017. The Slovak delegation headed by Norbert Kurilla, State Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment, during a working visit to the Kingdom of Norway, discussed in Oslo with the Norwegian State Secretary for Climate Affairs and the Environment, Lars Andreas Lunde. They spoke about Slovak-Norwegian cooperation in the field of environment, climate, waste management and the circular economy, as well as the issues of the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms. The Slovak delegation visited various Norwegian environmental organizations and institutions as part of the agenda.

Not less significant meeting at the level of state secretaries was the visit of the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of the SR Ivan Korčok to Norway in June 2017, where he met with the Minister for EU Affairs and the European Economic Area, Frank Bakke Jensen. During the meeting, the partners highlighted the excellent state of bilateral cooperation and the extremely intense political contacts between the two countries. In addition to EU and Norwegian relations, they also discussed current European issues such as Brexit or the future of the EU. In addition to meeting with counterpart, Secretary of State I. Korčok also visited Bjørknes College and took part in the EU Delegation in Norway with a speech on the future of the EU.

At the end of August, Ambassador Kašický met the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway, Elsbeth Trondstad. They spoke about bilateral cooperation as well as about the education of Norwegian students of general and veterinary medicine in Slovakia, including projects in the framework of grants for doctoral student exchanges, the publication of scientific books or the implementation of a joint study programme in aquaculture. Elisabeth Trondstad has visited Slovakia in the past, as well as the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice.

An important event in 2017 was also the change of ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway. After almost five years, Ambassador František Kašický was exchanged by new extraordinary and empowered Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, Denisa Frelichová, who, during the official ceremony at the Royal Palace on 19th September 2017, handed over her credentials to King Harald V. The new

ambassador confirmed the intention to maintain and continue to deepen the highest standard of bilateral relations. The cooperation of both countries is characterized by high quality political dialogue, intensive contacts and very good cooperation in economics, education and culture. One month later, during the official ceremony, on 17th October 2017, the new Ambassador handed over her credentials to the President of the Republic of Iceland, Guðni Th. Jóhannesson.

Excellent bilateral relationships include Iceland, which can be observed through the number and quality of events, e. g. abovementioned state visit of Prime Minister Robert Fico, as well as the organization of the first Czech-Slovak ball under the auspices of the Slovak and Czech compatriots' associations Slovákis á Íslandi (SKÍS) and Czech in Iceland (ČENI), or the teaching of the Slovak language for compatriots at the Slovak school.

Another important component of bilateral relationships is the relationship with Liechtenstein. Despite having started diplomatic relationships only seven years ago, the bilateral political and economic relationship is developing dynamically.

Common events and initiatives as a pillar of bilateral relationships

An important event held in February 2017 was the International Education Fair in Oslo. More than 130 educational institutions, agencies and organisations from Norway, the EU, North America and Australia attended the fair. Slovakia was represented by the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin of Comenius University in Bratislava and the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice, which is among the top 12 veterinary universities in Europe. Representatives of both universities presented the interested participants with information on the offered study programmes and educational projects implemented so far.

Another type of activity was the meeting of Ambassador František Kašický at the end of March 2017 with the executive director and the largest shareholder of the Norwegian air company Norwegian Air Shuttle Bjørn Kjos. The subject of the meeting was the further possible cooperation of Norwegian Airlines and Airport of M.R. Štefánik in Bratislava. At the end of March 2017, other business meetings of Ambassador Kašický with General Manager of Norsk Hydro, Svein R. Brandtzæg, where particularly Slovak-Norwegian trade and industry cooperation was discussed. Through its subsidiary, Norsk Hydro is a co-owner of Slovalco in Slovakia, Žiar nad Hronom, one of the major employers in the region. Ambassador informed about possibilities of cooperation in the framework of grants, business development and innovation, prepared Slovak-Norwegian bilateral activities and ongoing economic projects.

Particularly interesting common Slovak-Norwegian activity is the teaching of the Slovak language for children of compatriots in the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Iceland, which works thanks to the voluntary work of our countrywomen. The compatriots in Iceland were also successful in obtaining a grant from the Office for Slovaks Living Abroad to implement this teaching. The project in Norway is implemented by the Norsk Slovakisk Forum, the Slovak Children's Centre and the Slovak Republic's Embassy in the Kingdom of Norway.

Already traditional event of Slovak-Norwegian character is so called "Norwegian Day", which was held this year at the end of November in Žiar nad Hronom. It included an interesting cultural programme with Norwegian themes as well as a seminar on green innovations. Another example is the celebration of the Norwegian state holiday of the Constitution, which was spent by Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway in Slovakia, Inga Magistad, with about 250 students of medicine at the Museum of the Slovak Village in Martin. The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway also attended the closing events in the framework of projects implemented from EEA and Norway Grants very actively.

An important element in the support of mutual relations with Norway is the realization of the International Arts and Research Project "Norsk Musikk Meets Slovak / Slovak Music Meets Norsk",

which is funded by the Bilateral Fund at national level. The aim of the activities is mutual understanding of Norwegian and Slovak musical culture with an emphasis on composers of the 20th and 21st centuries. At the beginning of December 2017, a seven-member delegation of Norwegian top artists visited Bratislava, and in the second half of January 2018, a six-member Slovak delegation visited Bergen. The event involved master interpreting courses for 25 Norwegian students who have studied the works of Slovak authors, workshops and lectures on modern Slovak music as compared to Norwegian.

2.2.4 Evaluation of bilateral cooperation by four defined types of outcomes

In terms of **extent of cooperation**, institutions from the Donor States are involved to the maximum extent possible in the implementation of EEA Grants at the programme as well as project level. A number of projects have also been implemented in cooperation with donor institutions. At the project level, participation was enhanced by the support of matchmaking within the Bilateral Funds (Measure A). The Measure B of the Bilateral Fund was opened in order to support bilateral activities. Measure B represented an important pillar of cooperation between the donors and the beneficiaries as well as applicants interested in the implementation of individual projects. The Bilateral Fund at the national level, of course, played a significant role in enhancing bilateral relations. In this context, the NFP states that in comparison to the previous reporting period, the number of partnerships between Slovak beneficiaries and foreign donors increased extremely; however the quality still needs to improve. From the quantitative point of view, the NFP considers the number of partnerships satisfying. The upcoming period will require the more long-term planning of partnerships, the support of strategic partnership and increase the participation of the DPP.

In terms of **shared results**, it should be noted that the know-how transfers and sharing of experience and knowledge, strategies, ideas and good practices are an integral part of the implementation of the programmes. Further expansion and support to achieve results in these areas was ensured through Measures B under the Bilateral Funds as well as the National Bilateral Fund along with its individual components aimed at different sectors. The National Bilateral Fund was specifically designed to support a common result sharing by means of study travels, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences. It had a specific management system characterised by increased convenience and flexibility.

In terms of **improved knowledge and mutual understanding**, it should be noted that all publicity measures are closely linked with the presentation of Donor States and contributions they provide to Slovakia. The permanent publicity of donors' tasks and positions in the implementation of programmes, coupled with the general presentation of the bilateral dimension of the EEA and Norway Grants, contributes to raising public knowledge and awareness of this cooperation.

In terms of **wider bilateral effects**, the actual implementation of programmes and projects and the achievement of results in the three foregoing groups are expected to ensure that wider bilateral effects are achieved as well. A typical example of a broader bilateral effect is the implementation of a bilateral activity called "Norsk Musikk Meets Slovak / Slovak Music Meets Norsk" implemented by the Academy of Performing Arts and continuing the collaboration with the University of Bergen, the International Edward Grieg Society. Initial cooperation began in early 2015. The wider bilateral effects are resulting from the implementation of the strategic pre-defined activities under the Bilateral Fund at the national level.

3 REPORTING ON PROGRAMMES

3.1 Overview of Programme status

The year 2017 was aimed at finalisation of the implementation of the projects and closing of the programmes implemented within the programming period 2009-2014. No calls for proposals were published in this reporting period. The overview of supported projects and consumption of funds can be found in Table 5 below.

Table 5: The overview of contracted projects

Programme area	Call code	Available allocation	Status	The number of contracted projects	Contracted project grant
SK02 Adaptation to Climate Change – Flood and Drought Prevention	ACC01	EUR 6,900,000	closed	3	€6,899,814
	ACC02	EUR 4,000,000	closed	2	€3,821,120
	ACC03	€2,723,235	closed	61	€2,306,056
SK04 Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion	SI01	€461,177	closed	17	€665,583
SK05 Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage	CLT01	€2,948,943	closed	13	€6,223,705
	CLT02	€2,948,942	closed	9	€4,467,125
	CLT03	€1,405,074	closed	11	€1,405,074
SK06 Scholarship Fund	EEA/EHP-SK06-I-01	€15,228	closed	6	€14,556.40
	EEA/EHP-SK06-IV-V-01	€814,306	closed	9	€767,260.61
	EEA/EHP-SK06-II-01	€600,000	closed	4	€243,600.5
	EEA/EHP-SK06-I-02	€17,253.34	closed	9	€16,953.9
	EEA/EHP-SK06-IV-V-02	€946,314.88	closed	12	€945,375.92
SK07 Green Industry Innovation	GII01	€16,064,757	closed	5	€13,052,028
SK08 Cross-Border Cooperation	CBC01	€10,780,999	closed	22	€10,505,774
	CBC02 ¹¹	€2,752,370	closed	16	€1,807,878
	1 st call		closed	11	€1,263,974
	2 nd call SGS		closed	5	€288,976
SK09 Domestic and Gender-based Violence	DGBV01	€4,170,000	closed	9	€1,910,720
	DGV02	€2,430,965	closed	6	€1,385,200
	DGV03	€2,762,953	closed	9	€2,382,109
	1 st call		closed	12	€615,130
	2 nd call		closed	8	€500,606

¹¹ Small grant scheme call implemented by the Prešov Self-Governing Region

Forecast of likely payment applications ¹²

In respect of the Regulation on the implementation of the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 and based on the information received from the Programme Operators the Certifying Authority submitted to the FMO the forecasts of likely payment applications on 16th February 2017, 15th May 2017 and 18th September 2017. Based on the FMO guidance the Certifying Authority did not submit fulfilled forecast of likely payment applications to the FMO in December, as it is considered no longer relevant for the FMO.

Based on the forecast of likely payment submitted to the FMO in December 2016, the disbursement in amount of €5,414,850 for the year 2017 was planned. As of 31st December 2017 payments in total amount of €4,936,336 were disbursed to the Certifying Authority during this period, representing 91.16% fulfilment of forecasted payments.

Table 6: Forecasts of likely payment sent to the FMO in 2017

Date of submission via DoRIS	2017	2018
16 February 2017	€5,995,502	-
15 May 2017	€5,995,502	-
18 September 2017	€1,049,447	-

Drawing of funds

- SK01 Technical Assistance Fund & Bilateral Fund

In 2017 3 interim payments in the amount of 158 489 EUR were received from the FMO. These payments were proportionally disbursed to the partners on 21st April 2017, 5th September 2017 and 28th December 2017.

During the respective period the Certifying Authority approved and submitted to the FMO 3 IFRs for the programme with incurred expenditure in total amount of €246,996. Total approved and submitted incurred expenditures within the programme are in amount of €1,315,379 for the donors, representing 78.27% of programme allocation.

As a result of the FMO decision to retrospectively apply new contribution rate (FM EEA and NFM) on already disbursed payments within Fund for Bilateral Relations, the amounts provided in Annex 9 comply with the accounting system of the Certifying Authority and therefore do not correspond to DoRIS.

Table 7: Fund for Bilateral Relations disbursement overview

Fund for Bilateral Relations disbursement	FM EHP	NFM	Total
DoRIS	€191,750	€277,468	€469,218
Accounting of the CA	€202,396	€266,822	€469,218

- Programmes SK02 – SK09

In 2017 the Certifying Authority approved and submitted to the FMO 17 IFRs and received interim payments in total amount of € 1 076 282 for the programmes SK07 and SK08 which were disbursed to the Programme Operator in accordance with Regulations. Via these IFRs, the Certifying Authority also approved and submitted to the FMO the amounts of incurred expenditure within the programmes SK02-09 in total amount of €16,449,225 (this amount is reduced by irregularities and amounts returned from project promoter to Programme Operator in total amount of €1,245,784). Moreover, in January 2017

¹² Source: MF SR – CA

the Certifying Authority received €3,701,565 for the IFRs within the programmes SK08 and SK09 which were approved by the FMO in December 2016.

During this period the Certifying Authority also approved and submitted to the FMO 2 FPRs for the programmes SK04 and SK06. Both FPRs were submitted to the FMO in June 2017 and returned to the Programme Operator for corrections in August 2017. As of 31st December 2017 the corrected version of FPR for SK04 programme was submitted to the FMO.

Based on the Donors' decision of 27th April 2017 to apply a financial correction due to collusion in public procurement under SK02 programme, a debit note was issued by the FMO on 18th May 2017. The amount of €2,555 was returned from the Certifying Authority account to the FMO account on 6th July 2017 and was reflected in the IFR for the reporting period May – August 2017.

Detailed cumulative disbursement of FM EEA and NFM 2009-2014 as of 31st December 2017 is attached to the report (Annex 9).

3.2 Individual Programme summaries

3.2.1 SK02 Adaptation to Climate Change – Flood and Drought Prevention

Programme area	Adaptation to climate change
Programme Operator (PO)	The Government Office of the Slovak Republic as the National Focal Point
DPP	Norway's Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning Norwegian Water Resource and Energy Directorate
EEA FM allocation	€12,463,750
National co-funding	€2,199,485
Programme progress	Closing of projects and programmes

In the reporting period all projects implemented under the programme were completed in the material and financial terms; no new calls were open or agreements signed.

All 71 'Blue Schools' projects (ACC03) and project ACC01002 'Ondrava for life' completed their activities in April 2016. Both regional projects ACC01001 'Upper Nitra River Basin – measures against floods and drought' and ACC01003 'Zemplin - floods and droughts prevention – ZEMPASS' have completed their activities in April 2017. All measures within the 'Healthy Cities' component, projects 'Zvolen Healthy City' and 'Bratislava Healthy City' have been completed.

As for the programme outcomes, the PO states that the programme outcome pertaining to the 'Developed Strategies and Measures to Adapt to the Changing Climate' project was accomplished. Another expected programme outcome, 'Increased Capacity to Assess Vulnerability to Climate Change', was also accomplished. Due to the number of contracted projects, the indicator pertaining to the 'Number of concrete water-retaining measures, systems and constructions in the country' set to 50,000 was impossible to achieve, achieved value was 659 measures. The final outcome of the 'Increased Awareness of and Education in Climate Change Adaptation' was accomplished via outputs delivered by projects implemented under the 'Blue Schools' component. In all these projects the project promoters raised awareness and educated on the climate changes and also integrated the topic of climate change and adaptation to it into their curricula.

The closing conference of programme SK02 "Adaptation to Climate Change – Floods and Drought Prevention" was organized by the Programme Operator on 8 June 2017 in Bratislava, with participation of the Donor Programme Partners.

In the reporting period the cooperation with the DPPs continued at the Cooperation Committee meetings and during on-site visits. Addendum No. 4 to the Programme Agreement was concluded, concerning the transfers of funds between the allocations for programme outcomes and management costs, while the management costs have been increased.

In the area of bilateral relationships, the PO supported in the 2017 three grant applications under Measure B of the Bilateral Fund in a total amount of more than €15,000.

From the perspective of horizontal issues, the programme helps increase the sustainability of the environment, as well as protects it through the implementation of inevitable adaptation measures. Climate change mostly affects people who are socially, economically, culturally or institutionally marginalised and suffer from a lack of drinking water and sewage systems. The soft solutions represented by education and awareness raising can improve their situation.

3.2.2 SK03 and SK10 NGO Fund

Programme area	NGO Funds
Programme Operators (PO)	The Open Society Foundation Ekopolis Foundation and partners
EEA FM allocation	€7,400,000
Programme progress	Closing of projects and programmes

The objective of the programme is to strengthen the development of NGO's, promote social justice and sustainable development. The programme is designed to support the needs of minorities, judicial reform, environmental activities, etc. Since the Programme Operator is the Financial Mechanism Office in Brussels, this report does not include detailed information.

3.2.3 SK04 Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion

Programme area	Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote the Social Inclusion
Programme Operator (PO)	The Government Office of the Slovak Republic as the National Focal Point
DPP	The Council of Europe
EEA FM allocation	€1,000,000
National co-funding	€176,471
Programme progress	Closing of projects and programme

In the reporting period, the PO completed the implementation of the pre-defined project of the SNIE. The implementation of projects under the "Small grants to support Roma inclusion and intercultural projects at primary and secondary schools" component was completed in April 2016. The PO considers the outputs to be accomplished.

All implemented projects have contributed to the Outcome "Local and Regional Authorities program as well as private and civil society developing initiatives to strengthen anti-discrimination measures for groups at risk of social and economic exclusion". The programme was benefiting for projects and their surroundings, and has created a space for cooperation of schools with parents, practitioners, celebrities of artistic and public life.

The programme was completed by April 2017 and the Final Programme Report was submitted on 15th May 2017 via DoRIS system. Based on the comments of the FMO, the PO incorporated changes into the FPR and since December 2017 is waiting for the Donors decision.

There were no changes in the Programme Agreement or publicity measures taken in 2017.

3.2.4 SK05 Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage

Programme area:	Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage
Programme Operator (PO)	The Government Office of the Slovak Republic as the National Focal Point
DPP	-
EEA FM allocation	€11,922,500
National co-funding	€2,103,971
Program progress	Closing of projects and programme

In the reporting period all projects implemented under the Programme were completed in the material and financial terms; there were neither new calls for proposals opened, nor new project contracts concluded.

Together 11 CLT01 projects (Cultural heritage restored renovated and protected component) and 9 CLT02 projects (Cultural heritage made accessible to the public) were implemented and all of them completed their project activities till the end of April 2017. Also 11 projects implemented within Small Grant Scheme 'Promotion of diversity in culture and arts' and pre-defined project 'Pro Monumenta' completed their activities till the end of April 2017. All Final project reports were approved till the end of 2017.

The outputs specified in the Programme Agreement were accomplished. Based on the contracted and implemented projects, all outcomes pertaining to calls CLT01 and CLT02 were accomplished and in some cases even exceeded. The PO has not identified any deviations from the plan. The results defined for the Small Grant Scheme and their accomplishment cannot yet be evaluated.

The same applies for the programme outcomes. The outcomes to which contributed projects under CLT01, CLT02 and CLT03 calls were achieved and the PO stated the results in the Final Programme Report.

The closing conference of the programme SK05 was organized by the Programme Operator on 13th June 2017 in Košice and was connected visit of three project sites within the city that were supported by the EEA Grants.

In the area of bilateral relationships, the PO supported 5 grant applications under the Measure B of the Bilateral Fund in total amount of more than €19,000.

Addendum No. 4 to the Programme Agreement was concluded in 2017, concerning the transfers of funds between the allocations for Programme outcomes and management costs, while the management costs have been increased.

The programme contributes to the solution of horizontal issues through the presentation of the diversity of the nation cultural heritage and promotion of multicultural understanding, tolerance, cultural dialogue, minority rights and combating anti-Semitism.

3.2.5 SK06 EEA Scholarship Programme Slovakia

Programme area	Scholarships
Programme Operator (PO)	SAIA, n. o.
DPP	The Icelandic Centre for Research (Iceland) The National Agency for International Education Affairs (Liechtenstein) The National Centre for International Cooperation in Education (Norway)
EEA FM allocation	€1,917,500
National co-funding	€338,382
Program progress	Closing of projects and programme

All 25 projects implemented under the programme were completed in 2016, in the reporting period the PO completed the programme implementation in April 2017. The Final Programme report was submitted on 15th May 2017 via DoRIS and by the end on 2107 the PO was incorporating comments of the FMO.

The outcome “Increased and strengthened institutional cooperation on all levels of education (school education, university education, vocational education, and adult education) among EEA EFTA and beneficiary states” outcome was accomplished through the implementation of 21 projects with 18 partner institutions from the Donor States. The expected outcome indicators were achieved.

The outcome “Increased and strengthened institutional cooperation on all levels of education (school education, university education, vocational education, and adult education) among EEA EFTA” was accomplished through the implementation of 4 projects of Slovak universities with 4 Norwegian, 2 Icelandic and 1 Liechtensteiner partners. The expected outcome indicators were achieved.

The closing conference of programme SK06 was organized by the Programme Operator in January 2017 in Bratislava, with participation of 2 Donor Programme Partners.

In the reporting period, 1 meeting of the Cooperation Committee was held per rollam; there were no changes to the Programme Agreement. The PO published an electronic publication 'Cooperation of Slovak Secondary Schools and Universities with Partners in Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein'.

The PO considered the insufficient funding for programme management to be the biggest risk. The programme proved to be administratively too demanding; however, the PO could not hire further employees, which resulted in a mild delay in certain administrative activities and it was not possible to execute additional bilateral activities.

3.2.6 SK07 Green Industry Innovation

Programme area	Green Industry Innovation
Programme Operator (PO)	The Government Office of the Slovak Republic as the National Focal Point
DPP:	Innovation Norway
NFM allocation	€16,073,985
National co-funding	€2,836,586
Program progress	Closing of projects and programme

Out of 6 contracted projects 4 were fully completed. In case of these 2 projects GII01005 and GII01003 the Programme Operator terminated the projects and requested returning all funds paid to the projects. In both cases the Government Audit Office decided that the respective amounts must be reimbursed by the Project Promoters and initiated the execution proceedings. The case of GII01005 was forwarded to the respective criminal body and the criminal proceedings for fraud were initiated.

On the other hand, with respect to the information contained in the project contracts and project applications of 4 completed projects, all indicators were met by April 2017. All implemented projects demonstrated an effort at building logistics centres and at their connection with biomass production and its technological processing and uses for energy purposes.

Almost 4-year-long effort in the preparation and implementation of the pre-defined project GII01001 Intech s.r.o. has brought many invaluable experiences. The project was implemented in 4 underdeveloped counties of Central and Eastern Slovakia, contributed to the long-term reduction of environmental pollution by greenhouse gases (by more than 7 000 t CO₂/year) in 3 Slovak towns, to the heat loss savings of more than 11 000 GJ/year in Trebišov town, to increased regional energy self-sufficiency by number of processed biomass from 35 000t/year to more than 60 000t/year, but it also helped the local economy to earn each year almost 2 mil. EUR by creation of 25 green jobs.

The closing conference of programme SK07 was organized by the Programme Operator on 8th June 2017 in Bratislava, with participation of the Donor Programme Partners.

In the reporting period the cooperation with the DPPs continued at the Cooperation Committee meeting in March 2017 and during on-site visits.

In the area of bilateral relationships, the PO supported 3 grant applications under Measure B of the Bilateral Fund in total amount of more than € 43 000.

The Program Operator considered the sustainability and guaranteed income to be the greatest risk in implementing projects, as these are threatened by frequent changes in legislation. This risk is beyond the authority of the PO, but the projects whose implementation has been successfully completed are considered by the PO to be sustainable.

3.2.7 SK08 Cross-border Cooperation

Programme area	Cross-Border Cooperation
Programme Operator (PO)	The Government Office of the Slovak Republic as the National Focal Point
DPP	Barents Secretariat, Norway
NFM allocation	€13,368,547
National co-funding	€2,359,155
Program progress	Closing of projects and programme

In 2017 the implementation of the projects was continuing. In January 2017 the Selection Committee meeting per rollam for the reallocation of the additional funds for additional activities within the small grant scheme projects was held. Within the call, there were 8 applicants and the Selection Committee decided to support seven of them. Finally, within the programme (main call and the small grant scheme) fifteen projects implemented additional activities from February till April 2017.

By the end of April 2017 all the projects were completed. Based on the actual number of projects contracted, the PO states that not all programme outputs indicators were accomplished due to the insufficient number of applications. Regarding outputs 1 “New cross-border partnerships/networks established and existing partnerships/networks supported” and 4 “Cross-border information flow improved”, the PO states that the relevant indicators were achieved. Concerning output 2 “Exchange of know-how, best practices and experience with Norway enhanced” and 3 “Better conditions at the border-crossings created”, the output indicators have not been fully achieved.

Through the outcome focusing on removing the barriers in the cross-border cooperation programme, the programme contributed to the promotion of tolerance and multicultural understanding.

The closing conference of the programme SK08 was held on both sides of the cross-border region - on 14th June 2017 in Košice and on 15th June 2017 in Uzhgorod; in both conferences the Donor Programme Partners participated.

In the reporting period the cooperation with the DPPs continued at the Cooperation Committee meeting per rollam. Two addendums to the Programme Agreement were concluded, concerning the transfers of funds between the allocations for complementary actions and management costs, while the management costs have been increased.

In the area of bilateral relationships, the PO supported in 2017 two grant applications under the Measure B of the Bilateral Fund in a total amount of more than €14,000.

3.2.8 SK09 Domestic and Gender-based Violence

Programme area:	Domestic and gender-based violence
Programme Operator (PO)	The Government Office of the Slovak Republic as the National Focal Point
DPP	Norwegian Health Directorate The Council of Europe
NFM allocation	€8,440,000
National co-funding	€1,489,412
Program progress	Closing of projects and programme

In 2017 the implementation of the projects was continuing. The addendums to the project contracts to implement the additional activities based on the results of the 2nd call for additional funds reallocations were concluded. Finally seven projects implemented additional activities by the end of April 2017.

By the end of April 2017 all the projects were completed. Due to the fact that the Programme Operator had to publish two calls for the reallocation of additional funding, not all output indicators were accomplished. The reasons include mainly the insufficient number of contracted projects. Some of the indicators were overestimated; however in case of sufficient number of the project they could have been achieved.

The closing conference of the programme SK09 was held in June 2017 in Košice, connected with site visit at one of supported projects. The Donor Programme Partners participated at the conference.

In the reporting period the cooperation with the DPPs continued at the Cooperation Committee meeting per rollam. Two addendums to the Programme Agreement were concluded, concerning the transfers of funds between the allocations for programme outcomes and management costs, while the management costs have been increased and transfers of funds from the allocations for programme outcomes to the bilateral fund, in order to support pre-defined activities.

In the area of bilateral relationships, in 2017 the PO supported under the Measure B of the Bilateral Fund attendance of representative from Norway at the closing conference of the programme, and pre-defined activity in total amount more than € 100 000.

3.3 Bilateral Fund at the national level

An important element in strengthening bilateral relations was the prolongation of the opening of the Bilateral Fund at national level. At the end of November 2016, thematic components were abolished, creating a joint allocation for all thematic components, as well as the indicated savings were reallocated in the Fund. With this reallocation, the available funds have been increased from € 105 000 to € 121 000. As for the innovative elements in the management and setting of the Fund itself, the amount of the maximum contribution was increased, thus providing an opportunity to support more complex “mini projects” with special regard for achieving visible results in the support of bilateral relationships.

Extending the opening of the Bilateral Fund at national level has allowed the systematic promotion of the strengthening of bilateral relations. For the sake of comparison, we say that the Bilateral Fund at national level for 2016 was opened from 15th August 2016 to 31st October 2017, meaning that the Fund was open for a total of 15.5 months. In the past, the Fund has been open only for a period of six months, or until the funds have been used up.

On 19th September 2017, the donors confirmed the possibility of reallocating funds of € 32 798 (savings from pre-defined activities) to the allocation for the Announcement. This amendment increased the allocation for the Announcement up to € 153 798.

In total, 26 grant applications were submitted under the 2016 Announcement. A total of 17 grant applications were approved; funds in amount of € 148 897 were reserved. By the end of 2017, the implementation of 11 bilateral activities was completed. The total volume of cleared funds from the 2016 Announcement amounts to € 59,726. The reserved amount of funds as of 31st December 2017 is € 67 552.

Table 7: List of project applications submitted within the 2016 Announcement

Applicant	Component	Activity ¹³	Reserved/approved grant	State as of 31 December 2017
National Forest Centre – Institute for Forest Consulting and Education	ENV	11th European Forest Pedagogics Congress 2016 Bio-economy and Forest pedagogics – a great chance for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)	€3,178	Claimed amount: €2,718.48
SNIE	SOC	The Slovak and Czech Regional Academy	€20,000	Claimed amount: €19,148.61
MY MAMY	SOC	Working visit of MyMamy NGO for preparation of "Children" and "Post-Trauma" manuals	€8,600	Claimed amount: €4,758.76
PRERAG	CLT	Freedom in Cartoons	€15,350	Payment Claim amount: €10,095.80
Social Work Advisory Board	SOC	Integrated social-health care in Norway and Slovakia - comparative study trip	€9,052	Claimed amount: €8,984.16
Office for Public Procurement	ENV	Cross-border Cooperation and Good Governance in Public Procurement	€5,332	Claimed amount: €2,917.83
Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra	ENV	Slovak- Norway Environmental Partnership	€10,000	Completed, awaiting Payment Claim
Technical University of Kosice	ENV	International Conference - Water in the Environment	€5,608	Completed, awaiting Payment Claim
Slovak National Theatre	CLT	Theatre festival – performance of Icelandic National Theatre	€17,000	Claimed amount: €17,000

¹³ The official names of activities are listed in English only due to the fact that they are submitted in English

Elementary school with kindergarten of Maximilian Hell, Štiavnické Bane	ENV	Bird Life beyond the Polar Circle	€15,802	Completed, awaiting Payment Claim
Pavel Jozef Šafárik University in Košice	CLT	Memory in urban space: the possibilities and limits of comparative research	€2,468	On-going implementation
Academy of Performing Arts	CLT	Norsk Musikk Meets Slovak / Slovak Music Meets Norsk	€19,758	On-going implementation
Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava	ENV	Better Utilization of Green Energy through Better Modelling	€9,840	On-going implementation
Institute of circular economy	ENV	Implementation of principles of circular economy in Slovak Republic based on inspirational examples and good case practices from Norway	€2,666	On-going implementation
JRK Waste Management s.r.o.	ENV	Cooperation in field of waste management	€2,666	On-going implementation
The Centre for the International Legal Protection of Children and Youth	SOC	Exchange of information and experiences between Slovak Republic and the Kingdom of Norway under International Conventions (Hague Convention 1996, Hague Convention 1980, etc.) aiming child protection issues.	€4,352	On-going implementation

In terms of other processes implemented under the Bilateral Fund at the national level; in 2017 all bilateral activities from the Announcement for 2014 were completed and accounted in the total amount of €43,252.06 (10 implemented bilateral activities). As for the Announcement for 2015, the physical implementation of all seven bilateral activities was completed, in the total amount of €26,825.

The key element of the Bilateral Fund is the implementation of pre-defined activities with a significant strategic potential in terms of enhancing bilateral relationships. The pre-defined activities implemented in 2014 – 2016 were physically and financially closed. The activity carried out by Comenius University in Bratislava titled “V4-NORDIC” was closed and accounted in 2015 in the amount of €9,053.48. Other activity carried out by the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin of the Comenius University in Bratislava titled “INCOME” was closed and accounted in 2016 in the amount of €23,118.47.

In 2016, implementation of 5 pre-defined bilateral activities begun. Three pre-defined bilateral activities were financially settled at the end of 2017, amounting to € 132 513. One pre-defined activity, implemented by the State Geological Institute Dionýz Štúr was withdrawn and terminated by the applicant due to the extraordinary work occupation on the part of the applicant as well as the partner of Orkustofnun, Iceland. Funds allocated for this bilateral activity were moved to the Announcement in early August 2017, where the grant application from reserve list was supported, implemented by the Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava.

Table 8: The list of pre-defined activities carried out in 2016 – 2017

Applicant	Component	Activity ¹⁴	Reserved/approved funds	State as at 31 January 2016
Košice city		The legacy of Björnstjerne Björnson – the fighter for the rights of the Slovak people	€35,000.00	On-going implementation
State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr		Slovak and Icelandic geothermal cooperation	€19,871.76	Terminated

¹⁴ The official names of activities are listed in English only due to the fact that they are submitted in English

University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice	The impact of the global changes on the environment and human and animal health	€25,000.00	Claimed amount: €23,318.61
Embassy of the Norwegian Kingdom in Slovakia	Activities under the EEA and Norway Grants during the SK Presidency in the Council of Europe in 2016	€99,836.74	Claimed amount: €78,243.83
Embassy of the Norwegian Kingdom in Slovakia	The secondment of the Norwegian expert during the SK Presidency in the second half of 2016	€40,475.00	Claimed amount: €30,951.51
Slovak National Theatre	Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson: Beyond Our Power II	€9,952.00	On-going implementation

In the reporting period one e-meeting of the Committee for the Bilateral Fund at the national level was held, on 16th – 21st November 2017. The state of implementation of the Bilateral Fund at national level was properly presented and a new pre-defined activity implemented by the Slovak National Theatre entitled "Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson: Beyond Our Power II" was proposed by the NFP as well as by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway. Based on the conclusions of the e-meeting, changes were made to the Work Plan. The Work Plan (Work Plan, version 7.0) was approved by donors on 5th December 2017. The changes reflect the addition of pre-defined bilateral activity as well as financial statements and allocations in the fund.

4 MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Management and control systems

The management and control system in the Slovak Republic is centralised and unified for all programmes operated by POs designated by the National Focal Point. The purpose of centralisation and unification is to eliminate the imminent risk of a failure to draw the funds allocated for the Slovak Republic.

Considering the closing stage of the 2009 – 2014 programming period, no major changes related to the implementation framework were made in the reporting period. The changes made were modified by the instructions of the director of the Department for the EEA and Norway Grants, as follows:

- As of 27th July 2017 changes to the Internal Manual of the NFP, version 2.2, based on Instruction No. 1 of the director of the Department for the EEA and Norway Grants entered into force, related to changes in deadlines related to monitoring at the NFP level.
- As of 6th June 2017 changes to the Internal Manual of the PO, version 1.6, based on Instruction No. 3 of the director of the Department for the EEA and Norway Grants entered into force, related to implementation of the Bilateral Fund at the programme level.
- As of 18th September 2017 changes to the Internal Manual of the PO, version 1.6, based on Instruction No. 4 of the director of the Department for the EEA and Norway Grants entered into force, related to organisational change at the EEA and Norway Grants Department.
- As of 1st October 2017 changes to the Internal Manual of the PO, version 1.6, based on Instruction No. 3 of the director of the Department for the EEA and Norway Grants entered into force, related to:
 - Part E Article 1.2 Last Interim financial report (IFR),
 - Part E Article 1.5 Final Programme Report (FPR),
 - Part E Article 1.6 Attachments to the FPR,
 - Part I Article 10 Verification, Audit, Certification;

Following methodological documents were updated by the Certifying Authority in the period from 1st January 2017 till 31st December 2017:

- Funding and Financial Management System of the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the 2009 – 2014 programming period, version 1.5, effective as of 1st August 2017,
- Guideline No. 1/2012-U on templates used within the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the 2009 – 2014 programming period, version 1.5, effective as of 15th August 2017,
- Guideline No. 1/2016-U to closure of the EEA and Norway grants in the 2009 – 2014 programming period, version 1.1, effective as of 15th August 2017.¹⁵

4.2 Compliance with EU legislations, national legislation and the MoU

All managing documents and approved programmes have been drawn up in compliance with the EU legislation, national legislation, as well as the Memorandum of Understanding.

4.2.1 Irregularities

The reports include information on irregularities reported in 2017. All irregularities were reported to the FMO and are stated in Appendices 4 and 5.

On the programme level, 11 new irregularities were reported. In the reported period, 1 of them was closed and 10 have not yet been closed. The irregularities from the previous period covered in the follow-up reports were closed in 2017.

The most frequent causes of irregularities at the programme level were the failure of complying with the provisions in the programme agreement.

On the project level, 22 new irregularities were reported in 2017, 13 of them closed. 9 irregularities have not yet been closed. In addition to 1 irregularity where criminal proceedings are still ongoing, all the irregularities from the previous period were resolved and closed during 2017.

The most frequent causes of irregularities at the programme level were problems related to public procurement.

4.3 Audit, Monitoring, Review and Evaluation

4.3.1 Audits¹⁶

Governmental audit

In order to ensure independent, objective and unified audit performance, beneficiary countries were required to establish respective Audit Authorities pursuant to Article 4.2 of the Regulation on the Implementation of the EEA FM 2009 – 2014 and Article 4.2 of the Regulation on the Implementation of the NFM 2009 – 2014 (hereinafter referred to as “Directives on the Implementation of EEA FM and NFM”).

The Resolution of the Government of the SR No. 607/2010 of 13th September 2010 authorized the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as “MFSR”) to act as the Audit Authority (hereinafter referred to as “AA”) for programmes funded by the EEA FM and NFM 2009 – 2014. The AA shall perform all relevant activities pursuant to the Act No. 357/2015 Coll. on Financial

¹⁵ Source: MFSR

¹⁶ Source: MFSR

Control and Audit as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act on Financial Control and Audit”), which entered into force on 1st January 2016¹⁷. AA tasks shall be performed by the Department of Audit and Control of the MFSR in cooperation with the relevant authorities.

System audits

Pursuant to Article 4.6 of the Regulations on the implementation of the EEA FM and NFM, the Audit Authority is responsible for ensuring that audits are carried out to verify the effective functioning of the management and control system.

In the period lasting from September to December 2017, the system audit No. A867 was performed by the Audit Authority, in cooperation with the Government Audit Office. The system audit No. A867 was focused on the verification of the effective functioning of the management and control system within the EEA FM and NFM 2009 - 2014. Among the most serious deficiencies identified by the system audit No. A867 were following ones:

Financial deficiencies amounting to € 29 005:

- insufficient performance of control pursuant to Article 4.7 of the Regulations on the implementation of the EEA FM and NFM caused the violation of the financial discipline (the inclusion of ineligible expenditure relating to wage costs, daily allowances for the foreign business trips into the verified Interim Financial Report (hereinafter only „IFR”));
- insufficient performance of basic financial control (ex-ante) pursuant to the national Act on Financial Control and Audit (the inclusion of ineligible expenditure for health contributions into the IFR);
- violation of the financial discipline (non-ensuring the compliance of the call with the state aid scheme as well as of insufficient control of eligibility of expenditure, based on which the Programme Operator provided public finances beyond the authorisation.

Systemic deficiencies:

- non-performance of administrative financial control of partial reports issued by the Small Grant Scheme Operator – violation of the national Act on Financial Control and Audit;

Non-systemic deficiencies:

- insufficient performance of basic financial control pursuant to the national Act on Financial Control and Audit (e.g. missing statement of a person responsible for assessment of eligibility and correctness of the operation, missing name of the person responsible for carrying out the control; missing statement of a person responsible for assessment of eligibility and correctness of the operation);
- non-compliance with Regulation on the implementation of the NFM during expert evaluation (the use of the incorrect forms of evaluation sheets and inability prove the independent evaluation by the experts (evaluators) during assessment of the project applications);
- non-compliance with the Guide for Evaluator in the process of drafting the evaluation sheets by evaluator (non-including the verbal description of the evaluation resulting into awarded points and missing signature of evaluators on the evaluation sheets).

Considering all the identified deficiencies, the Audit Authority has formulated the following opinion about the efficiency of the management and control system:

The system for the EEA FM and NFM works, but some improvements are needed (2nd level of assurance).

¹⁷ The Act on Financial Control and Audit cancelled Act No. 502/2001 Coll. on Financial Control and Internal Audit as amended.

Audits of Projects

Pursuant to Article 4.6 of the Regulations on the implementation of the EEA FM and NFM, the Audit Authority is responsible for ensuring that audit of projects are carried out on an appropriate sample.

Based on the conclusions drawn at the meeting held between the Financial Mechanism Office (hereinafter only „FMO”) and the Audit Authority on 16th August 2017 in Brussels, the Audit Authority has not carried out any audit of projects on expenditure declared to the FMO in the year 2016. The Audit Authority will carry out the verification of projects (on expenditure incurred by the project promoters) in the frame of the closure audit. As it was agreed at the meeting mentioned here-above and as it was recommended in the external audit carried out by company Moore Stephens LLP (final report from 24th March 2017), the sample will be selected as to reach 10% coverage expenditure declared by the project promoters throughout the whole programming period 2009 – 2014. The results of this verification will be included in the Final Audit Report for EEA FM and NFM 2009 – 2014 that is due to be submitted to the FMO by 31st December 2018.

Annual opinion achievement

The Audit Authority will carry out the performance of the closure audit for the EEA FM and NFM, focusing on the closure of the programming period 2009 – 2014 and the audit of projects (on expenditure incurred by the project promoters). Within the fulfilment of the methodological, planning and reporting activities, the Audit Authority will elaborate Methodological Guideline for Closure of Assistance from the EEA FM and NFM in the Programming Period 2009 – 2014 and Final Audit Report for EEA FM and NFM 2009 – 2014, in which will be included information concerning the audits carried out after 1st July 2017. The Audit Authority will carry out the fulfilment of the plan of activities, in cooperation with the cooperating body – the Government Audit Office. Expenditure which will be incurred by the Audit Authority, relating to performance of the tasks of Audit Authority within EEA FM and NFM 2009 – 2014, will be reimbursed up to the amount of technical assistance allocated to the Audit Authority.

4.3.2 Certifying verifications

During the reporting period the Certifying Authority was verifying the fulfilment of conditions for the certification of submitted IFRs from Programme Operator of programmes SK01, SK02, SK04, SK05, SK06, SK07, SK08 and SK09 and carried out certifying verification of the project within SK02 programme and retroactive certifying verifications on Programme Operator’s management costs and costs of complementary actions within SK02, SK04, SK05, SK06, SK07, SK08 and SK09 programme, which was performed as a measure to finding No 8 of system audit performed by Moore & Stephens LLP in 2016. The certifying verifications within 2 programmes have not been closed yet.

4.3.3 Monitoring

Within the reporting period, the monitoring of programmes SK08 and SK09 at NFP level was carried out. The conclusions of the monitoring were not closed by the end of 2017. In 2018, NFP plans to monitor the programmes SK02 and SK07. The monitoring plan at the NFP level for 2018 is listed within Appendix No. 11 of this Strategic Report.

Monitoring at the PO level is carried out on behalf of the PO by the KMPG Slovensko, spol. s. r. o. and Stengl, a. s. companies based on a partial agreement on the provision of services No. 1038/2014. Monitoring is carried out on-site on selected projects. The list of monitored projects in 2017 is included in Appendix 10.

Monitoring Committee

In 2017, the NFP convened the sixth session of the Monitoring Committee, the main agenda of which was to approve the Strategic Report for 2016.

4.3.4 Evaluation

Based on an agreement with the donors, the evaluation on the NFP level will only include the SK05 “Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage” programme. In 2017 the NFP prepared the documents for the public procurement of the service provider, which were consulted with the FMO. Until the end of the reporting period the tender was not successful; the public procurement was re-announced in January 2018.

4.4 Information and Publicity

Key information and publicity measures were implemented in 2017, which significantly supported the objectives set out in the communication strategy. The NFP is implementing several communication activities continuously, and the implementation of these measures is based on the principle of effective and speedy communication with the controlled impact on the target groups. By employing this type of communication process, the NFP strives to ensure higher transparency and efficiency in the implementation of the EEA and Norway Grants in 2009 – 2014. Year 2017 was a milestone in presenting the results of the implementation of the projects in the framework of the phase of implementation of EEA and Norwegian grants in the 2009-2014 programming period

In the area of EEA and Norway Grants, the NFP acts as the PO in six programmes. For this reason, most of the measures implemented are listed in detail in the Final Programme Reports for the individual programmes. Selected information is summarised and elaborated in this part of the Strategic Report. All-important measures relating to information and publicity are coordinated in cooperation with the donor programme partners and the Norwegian embassy in Slovakia. Emphasizing the tasks for the donor states in the implementation represents the communication basis.

4.4.1 Key Aspects of the Effective Communication of Grants

In 2017, the strategic interest in the communication of grants focused on:

- closing events at the project level;
- closing conferences at the programme level, part of which the general information on EEA and Norway Grants at national level were provided;
- complex and controlled communication through the systematic publishing of a variety of information, press releases and reports, taking into consideration the effect of multiplication;
- constant effort to promote the EEA and Norway Grants brand emphasizing the donors and their position in the implementation.

The most important communication events in 2017 were the final EEA and Norway Grants conferences. A series of closing conferences was launched by the final conference of SK02 'Climate Change' and SK07 'Green Innovation in Industry'. The final conference took place on 8th June 2017 at Hotel Bôrik, Bratislava. The afternoon session of the conference was devoted to the general presentation of the 2009-2014 programming period (national level), followed by information on both programmes. The afternoon session was in separate topic panels according to the programmes associated with the presentation of selected projects. The programme of the conference ended with a glass of wine, hosted by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway in Slovakia, H.E. Inga Magistad. A series of closing conferences continued with conferences in Košice and Uzhgorod. The National Focal Point together with the Program Operators throughout the implementation of the programming period have sought a certain "circulating" territorial principle in organizing different types of events so that all presentation

activities are made well balanced towards the public as well as the promoters of the individual projects. The year 2017 was not an exception.

On 13th June 2017, the closing conferences of the programmes SK09 'Domestic and Gender-Based Violence' and SK05 'Cultural Heritage' took place at the Double Tree by Hilton in Košice. As at the 'Bratislava' conference, the morning was also focused on a general presentation of EEA and Norway Grants. Part of the conference was a number of films and presentations of selected projects, including the sightseeing of the historical centre of Košice, focused on monuments renovated or revitalized under EEA Grants. The programme also included a visit to the project "Slovakia without Violence against Women", which was implemented by the organisation MyMamy in Prešov. The conference panel dedicated to the Cultural Heritage programme was held in a standard conference format based on presentation, films and debates. The format of the panel dealing with the SK09 programme was an active moderated discussion, which showed an extraordinary interest from participants. Deploying this format can be considered as an innovative element reflecting the sensitive social subject itself.

The next day was dedicated to the all-day conference of the SK08 'Cross-Border Cooperation programme'. In the case of this programme, it was a two-day series that took place on both sides of the Schengen border, i.e. in Košice on 14th June 2017 and in Uzhgorod on 15th June 2017. Within the framework of the Ukrainian part of the conference, the Government Office of the Slovak Republic worked closely with the Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in Uzhgorod. The "Slovak" part of the final conference took place in a standard format, EEA and Norway Grants were presented in a general context, followed by the results of the 'Cross-Border Cooperation' programme and a number of practical examples of joint work.

The conference included a performance of the folk group Olšavčan, which was supported under the project 'Creative Workshops and Culture without Borders' from the Cross-Border Cooperation programme. The second conference day took place at the Ilko Gallery in Uzhgorod, where a lot of interesting contributions and information on the implemented projects took place in the afternoon. Part of the afternoon programme was the ceremonial of laying of wreaths at the monument to M.R. Štefánik, waterfront stroll by the river Uh, visit the Museum of Folk Architecture and Tradition of the castle hill, performances of folk art and cultural formation of the Transcarpathian region of Ukraine completed by gala dinner at the castle in Uzhgorod in outdoor style.

The conference packages included set of leaflets summarizing the individual programmes, including the general information on EEA and Norway Grants in the 2009 – 2014 programming period. Leaflets were prepared and issued by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic in cooperation with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway in Slovakia. At the end of the year, preparations were completed and a summary brochure on Grants was published, available both in hard copy and in electronic form on the website www.eeagrants.sk / www.norwaygrants.sk.

At the project level, more than 200 different types of events, meetings, workshops, exhibitions, etc. were realized.

The EEA and Norway Grants were also mentioned during the visits of the political representatives in Donor States or in Slovakia. These meetings are described in detail in the Bilateral Relations chapter. The NFP used every high-level meeting as opportunity to make the Grants visible, as well as to present the good bilateral relations between the Slovak Republic and the donor states.

In the course of 2017, the Government Office issued a total of 16 press releases and news (the main website of the Government Office of SR). These press releases were further published by different national, local and regional information portals and media, thus providing a great multiplication effect. In this context, it is necessary to mention, that besides primary communication channels (the Internet, Facebook, press releases and press conferences) used by the NFP to present the grants directly, in 2017

the indirect – secondary communication flow was increased through the involvement of national and regional information portals.

The amount of press releases and news can be classified as significant and effectively attracting media attention to projects and activities carried out within the grants. The NFP will continue to put maximum effort into public presentation and providing information to the public.

In compliance with the communication strategy, the NFP also strives to establish and promote the EEA and Norway Grants brand instead of the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

Significant communication potential was attributed to the awarding of the prestigious CEZAAR Awards for 2017. The award in the category 'Reconstruction and Renovation of Buildings', which had three nominations, was won by the Old Synagogue in Bardejov. Winner of the "Exterior" category is Castellum Cafe at the Nitra Castle. The design of the building was part of the wider intention of reconstruction and revival of the previously hidden and forgotten space of the Nitra Castle. The prize in the "Patron of architecture" category was awarded to the New Synagogue in Žilina. All three awarded monuments were reconstructed from the EEA Grants and the state budget of the Slovak Republic under the programme SK05 'Cultural Heritage'.

Awareness and publicity are integral elements of individual projects, activities and events within the grants.

4.4.2 Evaluation of the publicity measures

The NFP is the administrator of the www.eeagrants.sk and www.norwaygrants.sk websites in cooperation with the IT and e-service department of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. On a regular basis, the NFP updates a broad spectrum of information published on the websites. During the 1Q 2017 a redesigned version of the website was launched into the test run. At the end of 1Q 2017, the redesigned page was launched into standard traffic. Part of the redesign was to change the visual appearance of the site, components and mobile support, especially on Android and Apple iOS. At the same time, the site works on a stand-alone editorial system, and the changes include the completion of the project portal and the "open" information portal, i.e. the relinking of each project to the public procurement carried out and their results in the form of concluded supply contracts.

In the course of 2017 (1st January to 31st December 2017) a slight decrease in the visitation rate – compared to that of 2016 – was recorded. From the analytical point of view, this could have been caused by the current implementation stage. However, it is important to mention that all of the calls for proposals were published in the previous years, during which record visitation rates were recorded; these were not exceeded in 2015 or any following year. On the other hand, publishing certain partial information such as the updated announcement on opening of Measure B of the Bilateral Funds and extending the period for submitting applications for contributions, attracted attention and right after sending direct emails, the visitation rate of the relevant subpage reached record values.

In 2017, a total of 114 657 page views and 28 064 visits were recorded, with returning visitors accounting for 46 % and new visitors of the website accounting for 54 %. Interestingly, the number of returning visitors in proportion to the number of new visitors remains constant and the deviation is in the tenth of a percent. The average length of stay on the website was 3 minutes. 83.06 % of the visitors came from Slovak servers, 1.14 % from Norway, and 2.16 % from Ukraine.

In accordance with the communication strategy, the National Focal Point administers a profile on Facebook under the title "EEA and Norway Grants Slovakia". The National Focal Point publishes all news and relevant information also on Facebook under the common 'EEA and Norway Grants in Slovakia'. The NFP also publishes and shares a number of articles, blogs and other relevant information.

Table 9: Overview of the most significant publicity measures

Type of measure	Communication Activity	Implementation Stage	Deadline / Status
	Final programme conference	SK02	8.6.2017
	Final programme conference	SK07	8.6.2017
	Final programme conference	SK05	13.6.2017
	Final programme conference	SK08	14.6.2017 a 15.6.2017
	Final programme conference	SK09	13.6.2017
E-Communication	Website eeagrants.sk/norwaygrants.sk and subpages of individual programmes	NFP/all programmes	continuously
	Profile on Facebook	NFP/all programmes	continuously
	Direct e-mails sent to institutions	All programmes	continuously
Advisory Services	Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) relating to Calls	NFP/all programmes	continuously
	Applicants' questions via eeagrants@vlada.gov.sk and bilateralnyfond@vlada.gov.sk	NFP/all programmes + bilateral fund	continuously
	Applicants' questions via telephone calls	NFP/all programmes	continuously
Promotional Items	Small Promotional Items	NFP level SK02 , SK05, SK07, SK08, SK09	in the course of 2017, promotional items were distributed from the current stock
	Leaflets	all programmes	June 2017
	Brochure	NFP/all programmes	December 2017
Press Releases	Press releases in cooperation with the Press and Information Department of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic - The Bilateral Fund at the national level	NFP	16

Table 10: Qualitative assessment

Criterion	Impact indicator	Output
The degree of general public awareness of the EEA and Norway Grants	% of individuals familiar with the existence, mission and aims of the EEA and Norway Grants	The exact percentage amount is not known
Interest in support from EEA and Norway Grants	Number of projects implemented	173 project under these programmes; 51 approved activities within the BF – Measure B; 26 implemented activities within the BF – Measure B; 16 implemented activities within the BF on the national level (2014 – 2015); 14 implemented activities within the BF on the national level (by the end of 2017) + 8 implemented;
Success rate of media outputs	Number of positive media outputs	more than 70 (reports, articles, blogs)

Table 11: Quantitative assessment

Criterion	Impact indicator	Output
Conferences, seminars and other events - programme and national levels	Total number	more than 7
Attendance at events (EEA Grants)	Total number	400+ (programme level)
Website traffic (EEA and Norway Grants)	Number of visits	in text
Publications, materials and brochures	Total number	5
Published reports in all types of media	Total number	more than 50

Communication channels used (EEA and Norway Grants)	Total number	6 main types of the media (web, social network, national and local press, radio, and TV)
Reports, news published on own website	Total number	20+
Press conferences	Total number	15+ (national, programme/project levels)
Journalists attending the events (EEA Grants)	Total number	30+
Citizens addressed through the media (EEA Grants)	Total number	Broad public (it is not possible to indicate the exact figure)
Number of answers to e-mails	Total number	approx. 1,000

4.5 Work Plan

The National Focal Point is planning the following activities for 2018:

1. The NFP plans to convene a session of the Monitoring Committee in February 2018 in order to approve the Strategic Report for 2017. Last meeting of the Monitoring Committee will be convened in June 2018 and will be associated with visits to successful projects implemented under the programming period 2009-2014.
2. Implementation of the pre-defined activities under the Bilateral Fund at the national level, mainly the *The legacy of Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson – the fighter for the rights of the Slovak people* implemented by the city of Košice and the activity of Slovak National Theatre *Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson: Beyond Our Power II*.
3. Updating internal regulations as required by the implementation of the EEA FM and NFM
4. Convening the Annual Meeting in March 2018.
5. The NFP plans to perform monitoring of the programmes SK02 'Adaptation to Climate Change – Flood and Drought Prevention' and SK07 'Green Industry Innovation' and evaluation of the SK05 'Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage' programme.

The Certifying Authority (CA) plan of activities for 2018

In 2018 the CA plans to continue with activities related to verification prior to the certification of IFRs within SK01 programme as well as FPRs for the programmes and ensuring financial flows and accounting of the CA. The CA intends to carry out certifying verification in 2018, if necessary. The CA plans to focus mainly on closure of the programming period, including methodological support in terms of financial management.¹⁸

The Audit Authority (AA) plan of activities for 2018

The AA will carry out the performance of the closure audit for the EEA FM and NFM, focusing on the closure of the programming period 2009 – 2014 and the audit of projects (on expenditure incurred by the project promoters). Within the fulfilment of the methodological, planning and reporting activities, the AA will elaborate Methodological Guideline for Closure of Assistance from the EEA FM and NFM in the Programming Period 2009 – 2014 and Final Audit Report for EEA FM and NFM 2009 – 2014, in which will be included information concerning the audits carried out after 1st July 2017¹⁹. The AA will carry out the fulfilment of the plan of activities, in cooperation with the cooperating body – the Government Audit Office. Expenditure which will be incurred by the AA, relating to performance of the

¹⁸ Source: Ministry of Finance of the SR

¹⁹ Based on the conclusions drawn at the meeting between the FMO and the AA on 16th August 2017 in Brussels, the AA included the results of the system audit No. A876 into the Annual Audit Report for EEA FM and NFM 2009 - 2014, which was submitted to the FMO on 22nd December 2017.

tasks of AA within EEA FM and NFM 2009 – 2014, will be reimbursed up to the amount of technical assistance allocated to the AA.

5 SUMMARY LIST OF ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At the end of 2017, one of the biggest implementation issues was the delay from the beginning of the implementation period. This risk significantly persisted also at the end of the implementation, all the more so that the adverse weather conditions during the winter or spring also complicated the final phase of project implementation. In order to mitigate the impact of this risk, the Programme Operators had only very limited options and the only way to at least partially mitigate this risk was to monitor individual projects and to be in close contact with project promoters. Monitoring of projects as well as intensive communication with project promoters was carried out during the whole programming period.

Based on current status of implementation when the implementation of the programmes were completed, it is possible to formulate some recommendations for a new programming period 2014-2021 related to preparation of programmes. It is necessary to limit number of Calls and all of them should be announced as soon as possible at the beginning of the implementation of particular programmes. Another recommendation would be to train precisely the project promoters on the requirements of the implementing documents and rules, thus removing some shortcomings in the public procurement process as well as submitting of interim reports on the projects and avoiding significant delays in reporting.

Within 'Cross-Border Cooperation' programme, the Programme Operator contracted the financial sources after a rather complicated and lengthy process in 2016 and for implementation of projects only limited amount of time remained. In order to eliminate the time delay it is recommended that in terms of Cross-border Cooperation in the future with the obligatory financial participation of the Ukrainian partners, the programme should only be implemented in cooperation with a selected and accepted Ukrainian party, which would act on the behalf of and possess the rights of a Programme Operator. Without appointing such institutions and transferring rights to it, a successful programme implementation cannot be guaranteed.

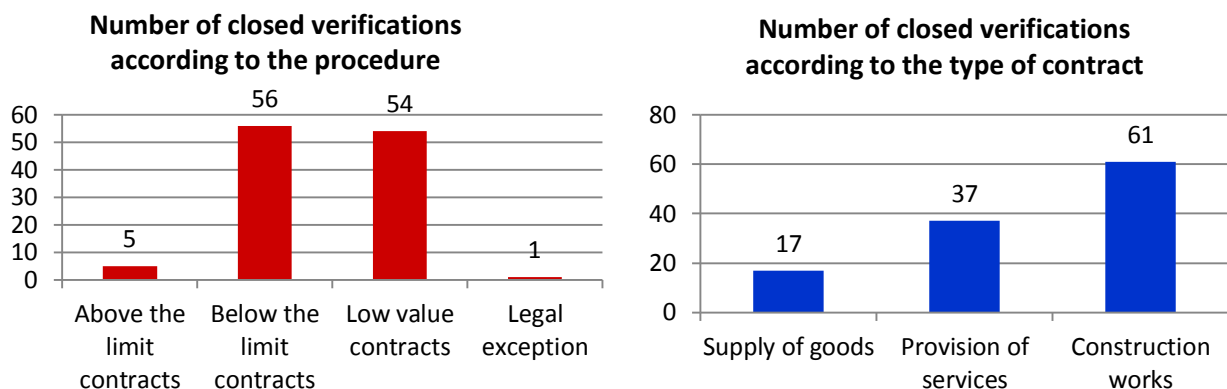
Concentrating on the implementation of bilateral funds into one fund is currently considered as very valuable concept. Nevertheless, the implementation of bilateral funds has been very successful both at the programme level as well as at the national level.

From the point of view of management of funds in the Slovak Republic, changes in the fund management structure were made on 15th September 2017 (in accordance with the Amendment No. 13 to the Organizational Chart of the Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic). The Programme Operation Unit and the Financial Management Unit were established. These organisation units were established following the audit results of the Donor States in order to ensure a sufficient separation of functions in the implementation of 2014-2021 programming period. The organizational change did not significantly affect the implementation of the 2009-2014 programming period. The recommendation for the 2014-2021 is the rigorous application of the principle of separation of functions in implementation. Currently, there are three units within the EEA and Norwegian Grants Department: the Strategic Action Unit, which performs the tasks of the NKB, the Financial Management Unit, and the Programme Operation Unit.

Generally, considering analysis of the main risk factors, basic recommendation can be formulated in general for all identified risks, namely: better horizontal and vertical cooperation, higher quality of the public procurement process, better level of project management, better cooperation with the aim to find the mutually convenient solutions.

5.1 A Separate Chapter on Public Procurement

In 2017, the PO received 128²⁰ requests for the verification of public procurement. In 2017, the Department for the Supervision of Public Procurement at the Government Office of the SR closed 116²¹ requests for the verification of public procurement and verifications of project promoters objections to the draft administrative financial control report submitted by the Department of EEA and Norway Grants, which included ex ante verifications – before publishing the call, ex post – after public procurement, and also before signing the contracts, after signing them and after adding supplements to them. Out of the total number of requests, the following were closed: 5 above the limit contracts, 56 below the limit contracts, 54 low value contracts. 1 opinion on the exception from the Act on Public Procurement was issued. 17, 37 and 61 verifications related to contracts on supply of goods, service provision and construction works respectively.



In 18 cases, serious breaches of the Act on Public Procurement and the Guide for the Project Promoter and Partner were identified, which (could have) affected the process and result of public procurement.

The verification of public procurements identified the following most serious deficiencies, which (could have) affected the process and result of public procurement:

- The public procurer in the tender documents required that the successful tenderer must produce the work personally or by his staff or, if necessary, by other persons under his personal guidance, but up to the exact specified total agreed price of the work, thereby infringing the principle of equal treatment and non-discrimination of economic operators .
- In the context of the explanation of questions, the public procurer stated the latest deadline for completion of each construction but changed this time after opening the tenders.
- In order to evaluate the fulfilment of the eligibility conditions, the Commission used documents from another successful tenderer's contract which, at the time of the evaluation of fulfilment of the conditions of participation was no longer valid, thereby infringing the principle of transparency in public procurement.
- The tenderer submitted two references to work performed at the same time, of the same value for two different companies, thereby infringing the principle of transparency in public procurement.
- The public procurer for a low value contract did not follow the Guide for Project Promoters and project Partner.
- The public procurer has specified the exact technical requirements without the possibility of submitting equivalent tenders.

²⁰ Based on the records on public procurement of the EEA and Norway Grants

²¹ Based on the records on public procurement of the Department for the Supervision of Public Procurement

- The public procurer has provided an unreasonably high price for a service that has already been performed in the past
- The public procurer provided the interested parties with additional documentation but did not publish it on the public procurer's profile. At the same time, the public procurer did not observe the minimum time limit for submission of tenders under the Public Procurement Act.
- The public procurer did not write the subject of the contract in sufficient detail to make comparable offers.

In the course of 2017, the Public Procurement Act was amended, increasing the thresholds for below the limit procurement of goods, services and construction works commonly available on the market, thereby simplifying and streamlining the procurement process and reducing the administrative burden on the public procurers. The deadline for the archiving of the complete tender dossier was extended until 31st December 2028 for the purposes of monitoring and auditing, in particular in relation to contracts funded by the EU funds. From the moment of the conclusion of the contract to the termination of all contractual obligations, the subcontractor must be registered in the register of public sector partners if his contract revenue reaches financial limits under the Public Sector Registers Act. The public procurer may not enter into a contract if the successful tenderers or subcontractors are not present in the register of public sector partners if they have such an obligation under the law. The public procurer may withdraw from the contract anytime during the validity of the contract provided that the tenderer was not registered in the register of public sector partners at the time of the conclusion of the contract or was removed from the register. In relation to the subcontractor, the withdrawal from the contract in the public procurement procedure is not regulated.

At the end of 2017, the Public Procurement Act was amended, which extended the list of exceptions under the EU Directives limits and low-value contracts. The obligation for public procurers to find references on suppliers in an existing register of references administered by the Public Procurement Office has been introduced. Another fundamental change is that public procurers have the choice whether they prefer to assess the fulfilment of the criteria of participation in the case of tenderers scoring the first to third place or only in the case of the tenderer who ranked first. The option to opt for the use of a below the limit procurement procedure without the use of an electronic marketplace for commonly available goods, services or construction work was also added. For below the limit contracts without the use of an electronic marketplace, the system has been simplified by offering only one envelope instead of two envelopes in the past.

The close supervision of public procurement is one of the main priorities of the Government Office of the SR, which will not tolerate manipulation in public procurement, collusion and serious breaching of the Act on Public Procurement that have or may have an impact on the public procurement result.

6 ATTACHMENTS TO THE STRATEGIC REPORT

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Applications in Slovakia

Reporting year 2017¹

Calls for Proposals

Applications for SK02 Adaption to Climate Change - Flood and Drought Prevention

	2013			2014			2015			2016			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
1 Prosperous Zemplin, Upper Nitra Water for Its People, Healthy Cities	9	8	0	10	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	17	5
2 Blue schools	82	13	0	82	10	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	23	68
Total	91	21	0	92	19	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	183	40	73

Open call related outcomes:

- Developed strategies and measures for adapting to a changing climate
- Increased capacity to assess vulnerability to climate change

¹ No project applications were submitted in 2017

Applications for SK03 Funds for Non-governmental Organisations - Democracy and Human Rights

	2013			2014			2015			2016			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
1 1. call	166	8	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166	8	26
2 2.call	0	0	0	176	11	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	176	11	36
3 3.call	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	2	23	0	0	0	120	2	23
Total	166	8	26	176	11	36	120	2	23	0	0	0	462	21	85

Open call related outcomes:

- Active citizenship fostered
- Increased involvement of NGOs in policy and decision-making processes with local, regional and national governments
- Democratic values, including human rights, promoted
- Advocacy and watchdog role developed
- Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted
- Empowerment of vulnerable groups

Applications for SK04 Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion

	2013			2014			2015			2016			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Predefined in Programme Proposal	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1 Small Grants for support of Roma inclusion and intercultural projects by primary and secondary schools	35	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	18
Total	35	0	1	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	19

Open call related outcomes:

- Local and regional authorities, as well as private and civil society actors, are developing initiatives to strengthen anti-discriminatory measures for groups vulnerable to social and economic exclusion

Predefined project measures:

- Education and training
- Information and awareness raising

Applications for SK05 Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage

Calls for proposals	2013			2014			2015			2016			Total		
	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Predefined in MoU	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1 Contemporary Arts and Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27	0	0	0	11	27	27	11
2 Safeguard castles and fortifications	0	0	0	15	4	7	0	0	3	0	0	0	15	4	10
3 Safeguard national cultural heritage monuments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Total	0	0	0	15	4	8	27	27	9	0	0	11	42	31	28

Open call related outcomes:

- Cultural heritage restored, renovated and protected
- Cultural heritage made accessible to the public
- Awareness of cultural diversity raised and intercultural dialogue strengthened

Predefined project measures:

- Capacity-building
- Provision of services

Applications for SK06 EEA Scholarship Programme

Calls for proposals	2014			2015			2016			Total		
	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
1 Higher education student and staff mobility	4	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	4
3 Measure 4 and Measure 5: Call 1	17	17	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	17	17	9
4 Measure 4 and Measure 5: Call 2	0	0	0	20	20	12	0	0	0	20	20	12
Total	21	21	0	20	20	25	0	0	0	41	41	25

Open call related outcomes:

- Increased higher education student and staff mobility between Beneficiary and EEA EFTA States
- Increased and strengthened institutional cooperation at all levels of the education sector (school education, higher education, vocational training/education and adult education) between Beneficiary and EEA EFTA States

Applications for SK07 Green Industry Innovation

	2013			2014			2015			2016			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Predefined during implementation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2 Call for proposals	13	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	8	4
Total	13	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	13	8	5

Open call related outcomes:

- Increased green job creation and entrepreneurship

Predefined project measures:

- Information and awareness raising
- Infrastructure development and provision of equipment
- Research

Applications for SK08 Cross-border Cooperation

	2013			2014			2015			2016			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
1 First Call for Proposals	0	0	0	83	51	0	0	0	14	0	0	8	83	51	22
2 small grants scheme	0	0	0	73	26	0	0	0	5	0	0	11	73	26	16
Total	0	0	0	156	77	0	0	0	19	0	0	19	156	77	38

Open call related outcomes:

- Mitigation of existing barriers to cross-border cooperation

Applications for SK09 Domestic and Gender-based Violence

	2013			2014			2015			2016			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Predefined in Programme Proposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
1 Creation of women's shelters	4	2	0	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	3
2 Creation of new services for women at risk of violence and experiencing violence and their children - counselling centres	8	1	0	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	4
3 Support of existing Counselling centres for victims of domestic violence DV	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2
5 Support of new and existing counselling centres and services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence (incl. small grants)	0	0	0	18	8	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	18	8	9

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6 Support of existing counselling centres for women at risk of violence and experiencing violence and their children	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	6	
Total	15	3	0	39	11	9	0	0	16	0	0	0	54	14	25	

Open call related outcomes:

- Gender-based violence reduced
- Domestic violence reduced

Predefined project measures:

- Education and training
- Information and awareness raising
- Research

Applications for SK10 Funds for Non-governmental Organisations - Active citizenship and inclusion

	2013			2014			2015			2016			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Predefined in Programme Proposal	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1 Active citizenship	50	2	9	50	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	4	19
10 Environment and climate change	4	1	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	2

11 Children and youth	24	1	0	24	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	2	4
12 Environment and climate change	17	6	0	17	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	12	3
13 Children and youth	43	15	0	43	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	18	13
3 Environment and climate change	3	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4
4 Children and youth	25	2	4	25	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	5	8
5 Pre-defined project - NGO capacity building and networking	11	0	1	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	2
6 Environment and climate change	24	4	3	24	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	9	6
7 Welfare and basic services	61	9	8	61	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	18	16
8 Children and youth	23	2	8	23	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	4	16
9 Active citizenship	49	4	0	49	4	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	8	13
Total	334	46	36	334	36	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	668	82	107

Open call related outcomes:

- Active citizenship fostered
- Increased contribution to sustainable development achieved
- Provision of welfare and basic services to defined target groups increased
- Empowerment of vulnerable groups

Predefined project measures:

- Education and training
- Information and awareness raising

Bilateral Calls for Proposals

Applications for SK01 Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State & Fund for bilateral relations at national level

	2017			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Bilateral Fund at National Level	22	22	13	47	45	33
Total	22	22	13	47	45	33

Applications for SK03 Funds for Non-governmental Organisations - Democracy and Human Rights

	2016			2015			2014			2013			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Call for Bilateral Fund Grant Applications	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	11	11	8	0	0	35	19	11
Total	0	0	0	8	8	0	19	11	11	8	0	0	35	19	11

Open call related outcomes:

- Active citizenship fostered
- Increased involvement of NGOs in policy and decision-making processes with local, regional and national governments
- Democratic values, including human rights, promoted
- Advocacy and watchdog role developed
- Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted
- Empowerment of vulnerable groups

Applications for SK05 Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage

	2016			2015			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Measure B of the Bilateral Funds at Programme Level	15	15	12	3	3	3	18	18	15
Total	15	15	12	3	3	3	18	18	15

Open call related outcomes:

- Cultural heritage restored, renovated and protected
- Cultural heritage made accessible to the public
- Awareness of cultural diversity raised and intercultural dialogue strengthened

Predefined project measures:

- Capacity-building
- Provision of services

Applications for SK06 EEA Scholarship Programme

	2016			2015			2014			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Preparatory visits	0	0	0	11	11	8	7	7	1	27	27	15
Total	0	0	0	11	11	8	16	16	7	27	27	15

Open call related outcomes:

- Increased higher education student and staff mobility between Beneficiary and EEA EFTA States
- Increased and strengthened institutional cooperation at all levels of the education sector (school education, higher education, vocational training/education and adult education) between Beneficiary and EEA EFTA States

Applications for SK07 Green Industry Innovation

	2016			2015			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Call for bilateral project proposals	5	5	3	2	2	2	7	7	5
Total	5	5	3	2	2	2	7	7	5

Open call related outcomes:

- Increased green job creation and entrepreneurship

Predefined project measures:

- Information and awareness raising
- Infrastructure development and provision of equipment
- Research

Applications for SK09 Domestic and Gender-based Violence

	2016			2015			Total		
Calls for proposals	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted	Received	Partnership	Projects Contracted
Measure B of the Bilateral Fund at programme level	2	2	2	4	4	4	6	6	6
Total	2	2	2	4	4	4	6	6	6

Open call related outcomes:

- Gender-based violence reduced
- Domestic violence reduced

Predefined project measures:

- Education and training
- Information and awareness raising
- Research

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Projects with donor project partners in Slovakia

SK02 - Adaption to Climate Change - Flood and Drought Prevention

Project id	Project Name	Pre-defined project	Donor state	Donor project partner	Type of organisation
SK02-0001	Biotechnical innovation in the use of rainwater in Zvolen City	No	Norway	Project Team AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
SK02-0002	The Reconstruction of ecosystem functioning of the landscape within the upper site the Ondava river catchment area - Ondava for Life	No	Norway	Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research	National agency
SK02-0005	City of Bratislava is preparing to the climate change – the pilot application of the measures in the field of the sustainable rainwater management in urban area	No	Norway	COWi	Micro-enterprise
SK02-0007	Water and climate in our school	No	Norway	International Development Norway AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
SK02-0008	Preventive measures against floods and drought around the school Bracovce	No	Norway	Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research	National agency
SK02-0009	Let's Return Water to the Nature	No	Iceland	Dalvikurskoli	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
			Norway	International Development Norway AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
SK02-0010	Adaptable measures to climatic changes around the school situated under Slanec Castle	No	Norway	Norwegian forest and landscape Institute	Other
SK02-0014	Let's heal the world	No	Norway	Forestry Extension Institute	Other type of NGO
SK02-0021	We Learn to Understand and to Protect Nature	No	Norway	Stenbraten Aktivitetsskole	Regional or local authority
SK02-0023	Adapting to climate change in the Elementary school Podhorod'	No	Norway	Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research	National agency
SK02-0052	Ecological management of rainwater in the area of the Elementary School of Žofia Bosniaková	No	Norway	International Development Norway AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
SK02-0066	Let's start think and act in an environmentally friendly way for benefit of everybody	No	Norway	Forestry Extension Institute	Other type of NGO
Projects with donor project partners 12 out of 69 (17.4%)			Planned grant amount for projects with donor project partners € 4,657,450		

SK03 - Funds for Non-governmental Organisations - Democracy and Human Rights

Project id	Project Name	Pre-defined project	Donor state	Donor project partner	Type of organisation
SK03-0010	Sered' Testimonies	No	Norway	The Falstad Centre	Other type of NGO
			Norway	The Jewish Museum Trondheim	Other
SK03-0022	TransFúzia - capacity building of trans* organisation	No	Norway	LLH Oslo and Akershus	Other type of NGO
SK03-0027	My world -my rights	No	Norway	Amnesty International Norway	Other type of NGO
SK03-0058	Heads are helping: Professionals advance public good through pro bono services	No	Norway	Norwegian Bar Association	Professional association
			Norway	Prospera Foundation	Other type of NGO
Projects with donor project partners 4 out of 86 (4.7%)			Planned grant amount for projects with donor project partners € 195,881		

SK04 - Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion

Project id	Project Name	Pre-defined project	Donor state	Donor project partner	Type of organisation
SK04-0001	Innovative education for teaching staff of primary schools to increase their intercultural competences in the educational process of Roma pupils	Yes	Norway	The Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue	Other type of NGO
Projects with donor project partners 1 out of 19 (5.3%)			Planned grant amount for projects with donor project partners € 358,580		

SK05 - Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage

Project id	Project Name	Pre-defined project	Donor state	Donor project partner	Type of organisation
SK05-0003	Pro Monumenta	Yes	Norway	Riksantikvaren Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage	National agency
SK05-0004	Suburbium of Bardejov - rescue, recovery and restoration of the Old Synagogue	No	Norway	Jewish Community of Oslo	Grass root initiative (NGO)
SK05-0005	The Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary - Dominican church in Košice - Restoration of the facade	No	Norway	Monastery of Dominican nuns in Oslo	Faith-based organization (NGO)
SK05-0009	Restoration of New Synagogue/Kunsthalle Žilina	No	Norway	Tou Scene AS	Micro-enterprise
SK05-0012	HraMoKa – restoration baroque halls of Modrý Kameň Castle for a puppet theatre, regional history and creative workshops for children and youth	No	Norway	Kulturproduksjoner	Micro-enterprise
SK05-0022	Pisztory's Palace in Bratislava - restoration of facades and roofs of the palace	No	Norway	The Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK05-0025	Who says I am an outsider?	No	Norway	Fargespill	Foundation
			Iceland	Iceland Music Export IMX	Other
			Iceland	The Icelandic Film Centre	Regional or local authority
SK05-0026	Overcoming Borders - Culture, way to mutual understanding	No	Norway	Scenekunst Østfold	Regional or local authority
SK05-0027	Communication of Art - Art of Communication	No	Norway	Lista Lighthouse Gallery	Regional or local authority
SK05-0028	Phutedro Øre	No	Norway	Kitchen Orchestra	Foundation
			Norway	Tou Scene AS	Micro-enterprise
SK05-0029	Art, collections and data across borders	No	Norway	The National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design	National agency
SK05-0030	The Good Market - The Light of the City	No	Norway	Transnational Arts Production	Other type of NGO
SK05-0031	Engaging Socially Disadvantaged Groups Into Cultural Life In Slovakia	No	Norway	Nordic Black Theatre	Other type of NGO
			Iceland	The Reykjavik Academy	Foundation
SK05-0032	FOTOROMA - Raising awareness of the cultural diversity of the Roma and the development of intercultural dialogue through photos	No	Norway	Kulturbyrået Mesén AS	Micro-enterprise
SK05-0033	Fresh Air: Recent trends in music, cinema, theater and media art	No	Norway	Borealis	Other type of NGO
			Norway	Piksel Produksjoner Ltd.	Micro-enterprise
SK05-0034	A question of will	No	Norway	Kunsthall Trondheim / Trondheim kommune	Regional or local authority

SK05-0035	Movies and photos about cultural heritage	No	Norway	American College of Norway	Foundation
			Norway	Oslo Fotokunstscole	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
Projects with donor project partners 17 out of 35 (48.6%)			Planned grant amount for projects with donor project partners € 4,543,775		

SK06 - EEA Scholarship Programme

Project id	Project Name	Pre-defined project	Donor state	Donor project partner	Type of organisation
SK06-0001	Modern technologies and modern education	No	Norway	Charlottenlund upper secondary school	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0002	Training for Students and Teachers	No	Norway	Asane Upper Secondary school	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0003	AiM	No	Norway	Sør-Trøndelag University College	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0004	Long live the Forest!	No	Norway	Secondary School in Forestry Sønsterud	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0005	BraDraShip	No	Norway	St. Hallvard upper secondary school	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0006	Training and education of students in bionanotechnology focused on targeted drug delivery	No	Norway	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0007	Improving Quality of Higher Education Based on Development of Multilateral Institutional Cooperation	No	Norway	University of Bergen	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
			Iceland	University of Iceland	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0008	Cryptography brings security and freedom	No	Norway	University of Bergen	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0009	Innovation in Education Through the Development of Key Competences	No	Norway	Fraena upper secondary school	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0010	Mobility project of University of Economics in Bratislava	No	Iceland	University of Akureyri	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
			Iceland	University of Iceland	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0011	Mobility project of University of Presov	No	Norway	Buskerud and Vestfold University College	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
			Norway	Queen Maud University College of Early Childhood Education	Other type of NGO
			Iceland	University of Akureyri	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0012	Mobility project of University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice	No	Norway	University of Nordland	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0013	Mobility project of Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava	No	Norway	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
			Liechtenstein	University of Liechtenstein	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0014	Strengthening cooperation between UVMP in Košice and UiN in Bodø	No	Norway	University of Nordland	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0015	Issues in local development policy in Norway and Slovakia	No	Norway	Sogn og Fjordane University College	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank

SK06-0016	Modern Teaching Methods in Alpine Ecology	No	Norway	Telemark University College	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0017	Experimental Wooden Climatic Chamber (EWCC)	No	Norway	Bergen School of Architecture / Bergen Arkitekt Skole	Other type of NGO
SK06-0018	Development of Tools for Enhancing the Quality of University Teachers' Scholarship of Teaching and Learning	No	Norway	University of Bergen	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0019	Partnership against geohazards - PARAGEO	No	Iceland	University of Iceland	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0020	LIVING MEMORY_DIGITAL FUTURE	No	Norway	University Collge of Southeast Norway (former Telemark University College) M4	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0021	Democratic Governance and Differentiation in Europe	No	Norway	University of Oslo	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0022	Social services in education of social workers in Slovakia and Norway	No	Norway	Lillehammer University College	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0023	Play!	No	Norway	Løkenåsen school	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0024	Improving environmental awareness of students	No	Iceland	Fjölbrautaskóli Vesturlands	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK06-0025	Understand me	No	Norway	Molde upper secondary school	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
Projects with donor project partners 25 out of 25 (100.0%)			Planned grant amount for projects with donor project partners € 1,662,804		

SK07 - Green Industry Innovation

Project id	Project Name	Pre-defined project	Donor state	Donor project partner	Type of organisation
SK07-0003	Business development and employment growth in the company STAMAP, Ltd., in the field of OZE	No	Norway	International Development Norway AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
SK07-0004	BIOMASS LOGISTIC CENTER (BLC)	No	Norway	International Development Norway AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
			Norway	NORWEGIAN FORESTRY GROUP AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
SK07-0005	Bioplynová stanica a zelené logistické centrum Tvrdošín	No	Norway	Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research	National agency
SK07-0006	SINBIO (Sustainable Innovation in Bioenergy)	No	Norway	International Development Norway AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
			Norway	Norskog	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
			Norway	Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research	National agency
SK07-0009	Centre for the Research of Biomass Potential	Yes	Norway	Antec Biogas AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
			Norway	Norwegian University of Life Sciences	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
			Norway	STIFTELSEN SINTEF a University College of Southeast Norway	Other type of NGO
Projects with donor project partners 5 out of 6 (83.3%)			Planned grant amount for projects with donor project partners € 11,634,645		

SK08 - Cross-border Cooperation

Project id	Project Name	Pre-defined project	Donor state	Donor project partner	Type of organisation
SK08-0001	SOS-Alert Solution - Cross-border cooperation project for enhanced detection and interception of illicit CBRN materials on the Slovakian-Ukrainian border	No	Norway	Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority	National agency
SK08-0002	The Exchange of Partners for Local Employment Development	No	Norway	Bryne secondary school	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK08-0003	Ubl'a - Velykyj Bereznyj - Information cross the borders (U-VB-INH)	No	Norway	TRINE HAMRAN MEDIA	Micro-enterprise
SK08-0004	DRUŽBA Slovakia - Ukraine	No	Norway	LUTO Norge	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
SK08-0005	Creative workshops and culture without borders	No	Norway	Sør-Trøndelag musikkråd	Other
SK08-0008	Innovative Methods of Education to Promote Partnerships - "InovEduc"	No	Norway	IMSA Knowledge Company AS	Micro-enterprise
SK08-0009	Generation 2020	No	Norway	Basen	Regional or local authority
SK08-0010	Assurance of Sustainable Development within the International Biosphere Reserve Eastern Carpathian through partnerships and networking creation.	No	Norway	Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research	National agency
SK08-0011	Partnership sealed with clay	No	Norway	Dagsenter for fysisk funksjonshemmede	National agency
SK08-0012	ZIP – Zipping and Innovating the Development Planning of the Cross-Border SK-UA Territory	No	Norway	Municipality Sør-Varanger	Regional or local authority
			Norway	Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK08-0013	Sharing European integration know-how and CBC experience between Norway and Russia with Ukraine	No	Norway	UiT The Arctic university of Norway, Tromsø University	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK08-0014	Sharing know-how for better management of the Schengen Border between Slovakia / Ukraine and Norway / Russia	No	Norway	UiT The Arctic university of Norway, Tromsø University	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK08-0015	Nature conservation as opportunity for regional development	No	Norway	NIBIO	Other
			Norway	Varanger Peninsula National park	Regional or local authority
SK08-0020	European Mobility Week (ETM) - Carpathian network	No	Norway	A and A Borhaug	Micro-enterprise
SK08-0025	Culture and art - Way to a mutual knowledge of Slovakia and Ukraine	No	Norway	Embla keramikk, Oslo	Micro-enterprise
SK08-0031	Ekodolina/Екоцело (Ecovillage)	No	Norway	International Development Norway AS	Micro-enterprise
SK08-0033	International Youth Sport Partnership	No	Norway	Finnmark Idrettskrets	National agency
SK08-0034	Forest for society – Forest without barriers (FOR SOC)	No	Norway	Forestry Extension Institute	Other type of NGO
SK08-0035	Carpathian Portal.	No	Norway	International Development Norway AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)

SK08-0036	ANTIC - Advanced networking through International Co-operation)	No	Norway	A and A Borhaug	Micro-enterprise
SK08-0037	SK-INFO-UA Innovative information products of cross-border cooperation	No	Norway	UiT - The Arctic University of Norway	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK08-0038	We have close to each other	No	Norway	Ceragon Networks AS	Large enterprise
SK08-0039	Analysis and assessment of the state of the environment in the SK-UA cross-border area to ensure the sustainability of the area	No	Norway	International Development Norway AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
SK08-0040	International cooperation in the field of rescue human health and life in accidents and natural disasters (ICHH)	No	Norway	Nordic Gems	Service provision organization (NGO)
SK08-0041	Information provision and implementation of innovative approaches to cross-border cooperation between Slovakia and Ukraine	No	Norway	Local authorities of the region Finnmark	Regional or local authority
Projects with donor project partners 25 out of 41 (61.0%)			Planned grant amount for projects with donor project partners € 9,086,669		

SK09 - Domestic and Gender-based Violence

Project id	Project Name	Pre-defined project	Donor state	Donor project partner	Type of organisation
SK09-0005	Safe Women's House MyMamy	No	Norway	The Crisis Center in Glamdal	Regional or local authority
			Norway	The Nora Senter Center Against Violence and Sexual Violence in Eastern Finnmark	Regional or local authority
SK09-0006	Safe women's home - space without violence	No	Norway	Oslo Crisis Centre	Foundation
			Norway	The Crisis Center in Glamdal	Regional or local authority
SK09-0008	Women's Safe House	No	Norway	The Crisis Center in Glamdal	Regional or local authority
SK09-0009	Coordinating Methodical Centre for gender based and domestic violence	Yes	France	Council of Europe	International institutions council of Europe
			Norway	Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies	University, college or other teaching institution, research institute or think-tank
SK09-0011	Bridges	No	Norway	Crisis Centre in Bergen and surrounding municipalities	Service provision organization (NGO)
SK09-0012	Intervention center – program of work with perpetrators of gender-based violence	No	Iceland	Karlar til ábyrgdar (KTÁ)	Other type of NGO
SK09-0013	Peace Centre - improving protection and support services for victims of family violence - CPSS	No	Norway	Indre-Ostfold Crisis Centre IKS	Grass root initiative (NGO)
			Norway	Romerike Crisis Centre	Service provision organization (NGO)
SK09-0014	Shelter for battered women and children Trenčín	No	Norway	International Development Norway AS	Small or medium sized enterprise (SME)
SK09-0022	Crisis centre for mothers and children	No	Norway	SEM - Scandinavia	Other type of NGO
SK09-0024	Slovakia without gender violence	No	Norway	Norasenteret	Community-based Organization (NGO)
Projects with donor project partners 10 out of 25 (40.0%)			Planned grant amount for projects with donor project partners € 5,777,326		

SK10 - Funds for Non-governmental Organisations - Active citizenship and inclusion

Project id	Project Name	Pre-defined project	Donor state	Donor project partner	Type of organisation
SK10-0001	Rural Employment - Opportunities and Challenges	No	Norway	The Royal Norwegian Society for Development	Community-based Organization (NGO)
SK10-0009	Nurturing Active Citizenship - Community Centers and Community Action	No	Norway	Kultur og nærmiljøavdeling	Regional or local authority
SK10-0012	Green Footprint	No	Norway	Change the World	Community-based Organization (NGO)
SK10-0013	Garden that teaches	No	Norway	Foundation for Environmental Education, FEE Norway	Foundation
SK10-0019	Zippy's Friends in Slovakia	No	Norway	Organisasjonen Voksne for Barn	Other type of NGO
SK10-0025	Lessons learned from Europe	No	Norway	Agency for Social and Welfare Services, Competence Centre, City of Oslo (CC-ASWS)	Regional or local authority
SK10-0027	ART and the right bunch. The implementation of program ART (aggression replacement training) for children and young people at risk in Slovak republic.	No	Norway	Diakonhjemmet hoegskole, ART senteret	Community-based Organization (NGO)
SK10-0028	DOMEC - Low threshold day centre and Integration centre	No	Norway	Frelsesarmeen (The Salvation Army in Norway)	Faith-based organization (NGO)
SK10-0029	Support of the Institutionalised clients integration into local communities on the example of Banska Bystrica pilot region	No	Norway	NTNU Samfunnsforskning AS	Other type of NGO
SK10-0031	We Are More Independent	No	Norway	Autismeforeningen i Norge - Autism Society Norway	Service provision organization (NGO)
SK10-0036	Increasing participation of municipalities and the public in EIA processes	No	Norway	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities	Other
SK10-0038	Promoting biodiversity through improved management of conflict situations between large carnivores and humans	No	Norway	Friends of the Earth Norway	Advocacy organization (NGO)
			Norway	IMSA Knowledge Company AS	Micro-enterprise
SK10-0039	Reintroduction of European elk back to the Slovak nature	No	Norway	Norwegian Red Deer Center	Foundation
SK10-0041	Nota Bene / The Baggage Man	No	Norway	Stiftelsen Erlik	Service provision organization (NGO)
SK10-0042	Theatre of the Oppressed	No	Iceland	City of Reykjavik	Regional or local authority
			Iceland	The Reykjavik Academy	Foundation
SK10-0044	BEEsiness - beekeeping as a way of education and social entrepreneurship	No	Norway	ByBi	Service provision organization (NGO)
SK10-0058	No fear to understanding	No	Norway	AI Folkehoyskole og kurscenter for dove	Service provision organization (NGO)
			Norway	Stiftelsen Signo	Service provision organization (NGO)
Projects with donor project partners 17 out of 70 (24.3%)			Planned grant amount for projects with donor project partners € 1,012,767		

Slovakia - Summary

Project grant amount total	€ 86,334,870
Number of projects	376
Number of projects with donor project partners	116
Proportion of projects with donor project partners	30.85 %
Number of programmes *	9
EEA and Norway grants committed	€ 74,269,750

* Excluding Technical assistance programme and PA22

Programme and country irregularities in Slovakia as initially reported

Reported by designated entities in or before 2017

Irregularities detected at Beneficiary state level

Irregularity case	Irregularity Status	Case opened	Case closed	Irregularity period	Followed up	Initial nature of irregularities	Amount of recovered funds	Grant amount reduced
IR-0038	Closed	17/12/13	11/05/15	2013Q4		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0063	Closed	16/06/14	29/10/14	2014Q2		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0140	Closed	02/03/15	31/08/15	2014Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0422	Update	23/06/16		Immediate		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0792	On going	11/10/17		Immediate		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0839	On going	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from programme agreement		
Total							0	0

Irregularities detected at Programme level

Irregularity case	Irregularity status	Case opened	Case closed	Irregularity period	Followed up	Initial nature of irregularities	Amount of recovered funds	Grant amount reduced
IR-0006	Closed	03/09/13	11/05/15	2013Q3	2013Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0007	Closed	03/09/13	11/05/15	2013Q3	2013Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0022	Closed	06/11/13	11/05/15	2013Q3	2013Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0036	Closed	09/10/13	11/05/15	2013Q4		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0037	Closed	09/10/13	11/05/15	2013Q4		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0039	Closed	19/03/14	11/05/15	2014Q1	2014Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0040	Closed	28/05/14	14/08/14	2014Q1		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0041	Closed	03/03/14	12/08/14	2014Q1		deviation from project contract	0	0
IR-0042	Closed	17/03/14	29/10/14	2014Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0043	Closed	30/05/14	08/08/14	2014Q1		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0044	Closed	30/05/14	08/08/14	2014Q1		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0045	Closed	30/05/14	08/08/14	2014Q1		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0050	Closed	30/05/14	10/06/15	Immediate	2015Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0060	Closed	21/08/14	06/11/14	2014Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0061	Closed	21/08/14	06/11/14	2014Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0064	Closed	28/08/14	02/07/15	2014Q2	2015Q1	deviation from programme agreement	0	0

IR-0065	Closed	02/06/14	13/05/15	2014Q2	2014Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0066	Closed	17/06/14	11/05/15	2014Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0070	Closed	24/11/14	05/12/14	2014Q3		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0071	Closed	24/11/14	09/12/14	2014Q3		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0075	Closed	24/11/14	09/12/14	2014Q3		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0076	Closed	24/11/14	11/12/14	2014Q3		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0081	Closed	26/11/14	13/05/15	2014Q3		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0082	Closed	26/11/14	13/05/15	2014Q3		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0086	Closed	08/09/14	19/06/15	2014Q3	2015Q1	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0088	Closed	28/11/14	20/01/15	2014Q3	2015Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0092	Closed	30/01/15	03/02/15	2014Q4		deviation from project contract	0	0
IR-0096	Closed	23/02/15	18/08/15	2014Q4		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0101	Closed	23/02/15	31/05/17	2014Q4	2016Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0102	Closed	23/02/15	18/08/15	2014Q4		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0103	Closed	23/02/15	10/07/15	2014Q4		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0106	Closed	27/02/15	10/04/15	2014Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0108	Closed	25/02/15	25/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	399
IR-0111	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	92
IR-0112	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	130
IR-0113	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	153
IR-0114	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	279
IR-0115	Closed	26/02/15	25/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	5079
IR-0117	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	222
IR-0118	Closed	26/02/15	25/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	470
IR-0119	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	152
IR-0120	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	404
IR-0121	Closed	26/02/15	25/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	101

IR-0122	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	75
IR-0123	Closed	26/02/15	25/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	135
IR-0124	Closed	26/02/15	25/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	139
IR-0125	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	139
IR-0126	Closed	26/02/15	25/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q1	deviation from programme agreement	0	213
IR-0127	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	63
IR-0128	Closed	26/02/15	25/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q1	deviation from programme agreement	0	92
IR-0129	Closed	26/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	26
IR-0130	Closed	27/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	76
IR-0131	Closed	27/02/15	03/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	105
IR-0132	Closed	27/02/15	21/12/15	2014Q4	2015Q3	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0133	Closed	27/02/15	21/12/15	2014Q4	2015Q3	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0139	Closed	02/03/15	08/07/15	2014Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0141	Closed	02/03/15	22/12/15	2014Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0142	Closed	02/03/15	31/08/15	2014Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0143	Closed	06/10/14	02/10/15	2014Q4		deviation from programme agreement	0	183
IR-0145	Closed	20/03/15	18/06/15	Immediate		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0152	Closed	27/05/15	25/11/15	2015Q1	2015Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0153	Closed	27/05/15	25/11/15	2015Q1	2015Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0157	Closed	20/04/15	01/09/15	2015Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0158	Closed	28/05/15	10/11/15	2015Q1	2015Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0164	Closed	29/05/15	23/06/15	2015Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0180	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0182	Closed	15/06/15	15/12/15	2015Q1	2015Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0183	Closed	15/07/15	13/04/16	Immediate	2015Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0184	Closed	23/07/15	09/09/15	2015Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0185	Closed	23/07/15	09/09/15	2015Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0186	Closed	23/07/15	09/09/15	2015Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0187	Closed	08/04/15	27/10/16	Immediate	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0

IR-0188	Closed	08/04/15	27/10/16	Immediate	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0189	Closed	08/04/15	27/10/16	Immediate	2016Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0190	Closed	08/04/15	27/10/16	Immediate	2016Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0198	Closed	19/08/15	14/11/16	Immediate	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0199	Closed	19/08/15	14/11/16	Immediate	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0200	Closed	19/08/15	02/11/16	Immediate	2016Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0201	Closed	24/08/15	09/09/15	2015Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0205	Closed	14/08/15	13/04/16	2015Q2	2015Q4	deviation from project contract	0	0
IR-0210	Closed	24/08/15	22/11/16	2015Q2	2016Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	2448
IR-0214	Closed	15/04/15	18/12/15	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0215	Closed	19/06/15	13/10/15	2015Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0217	Closed	28/08/15	03/08/16	2015Q2	2016Q1	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0218	Closed	31/08/15	05/08/16	2015Q2	2016Q1	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0232	Closed	12/10/15	30/11/15	Immediate		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0240	Closed	17/09/15	30/05/16	2015Q3	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0241	Closed	12/11/15	30/05/16	2015Q3	2015Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0242	Closed	14/07/15	27/11/15	2015Q3		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0246	Closed	23/10/15	16/02/17	2015Q3	2016Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0253	Closed	27/11/15	13/05/16	2015Q3	2015Q4	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0254	Closed	27/11/15	13/05/16	2015Q3	2015Q4	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0255	Closed	30/11/15	13/05/16	2015Q3	2015Q4	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0259	In Review	30/11/15		2015Q3		deviation from project contract		
IR-0262	Closed	30/11/15	18/12/15	2015Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0273	In Review	02/12/15		2015Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0274	Closed	02/12/15	27/10/16	2015Q3	2016Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0275	In Review	02/12/15		2015Q3	2017Q3	deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0276	In Review	02/12/15		2015Q3	2017Q3	deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0277	Closed	02/12/15	27/10/16	2015Q3	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0278	In Review	02/12/15		Immediate	2017Q3	fraud/corruption		
IR-0282	In Review	31/12/15		Immediate	2017Q3	fraud/corruption		

IR-0283	On going	10/12/15		Immediate		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0287	Closed	17/02/16	30/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0290	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0293	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0301	Closed	18/02/16	15/11/16	2015Q4	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0304	Closed	16/02/16	26/05/16	2015Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0305	Closed	15/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0307	Closed	22/02/16	03/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0308	Closed	22/02/16	03/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0309	Closed	22/02/16	03/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0310	Closed	22/02/16	09/11/17	2015Q4	2017Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0311	Closed	26/01/16	03/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0312	Closed	27/10/15	03/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0313	Closed	17/12/15	05/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0314	Closed	23/10/15	03/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0315	Closed	27/10/15	03/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0320	Closed	22/02/16	03/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0321	Closed	22/02/16	03/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0332	On going	02/11/15		2015Q4	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0333	In Review	29/02/16		Immediate		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0337	In Review	01/03/16		2015Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0340	Closed	04/03/16	30/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0346	Closed	23/03/16	23/11/16	Immediate	2016Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0358	Closed	30/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0359	Closed	30/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0365	Closed	30/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0367	Closed	30/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0370	Closed	17/02/16	25/09/17	2016Q1	2017Q2	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0371	Closed	17/02/16	07/02/18	2016Q1	2017Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0372	Closed	18/05/16	29/06/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0

IR-0373	Closed	18/05/16	24/08/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0374	Closed	18/05/16	25/01/18	2016Q1	2017Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0375	Closed	30/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0377	Closed	30/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0378	Closed	30/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0381	Closed	30/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0382	Closed	30/05/16	03/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0383	Closed	31/05/16	21/11/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	693
IR-0384	Closed	27/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0385	Closed	27/05/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0386	Closed	31/05/16	21/11/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	1098
IR-0387	Closed	25/01/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0389	Closed	30/11/15	03/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0390	Closed	26/05/16	03/08/16	2016Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0391	Closed	31/05/16	28/03/17	2016Q1	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	948
IR-0393	Closed	27/01/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0394	Closed	17/02/16	08/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0396	Closed	31/05/16	21/11/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	948
IR-0397	Closed	31/05/16	28/03/17	2016Q1	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	23
IR-0398	Closed	31/05/16	27/06/16	2016Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0400	On going	31/05/16		2016Q1	2016Q4	error in payment claim		
IR-0403	On going	31/05/16		2016Q1		deviation from project contract		
IR-0405	In Review	31/05/16		2016Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0409	Closed	31/05/16	18/01/18	2016Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0413	In Review	03/06/16		2015Q4	2017Q2	deviation from project contract		
IR-0416	Closed	21/06/16	10/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0417	Closed	21/06/16	24/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0418	Closed	21/06/16	24/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0419	Closed	21/06/16	24/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0420	Closed	22/06/16	16/12/16	2016Q1	2016Q3	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0423	Closed	23/06/16	29/06/16	Immediate		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0426	On going	11/07/16		Immediate	2017Q4	fraud/corruption		
IR-0444	Closed	01/08/16	29/03/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	error in payment	0	0

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IR-0448	Closed	05/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q1	2016Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0451	Closed	30/05/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0465	Closed	08/08/16	26/08/16	2016Q2		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0468	Closed	24/08/16	13/10/16	2016Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0469	Closed	24/08/16	19/12/17	2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0470	Closed	24/08/16	13/10/16	2016Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0471	Closed	24/08/16	13/10/16	2016Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0472	Closed	24/08/16	13/10/16	2016Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0474	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	86
IR-0475	Closed	24/08/16	28/03/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	848
IR-0476	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	137
IR-0477	Closed	24/08/16	28/03/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	392
IR-0478	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	657
IR-0479	Closed	24/08/16	28/03/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	2862
IR-0480	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	1609
IR-0481	Closed	24/08/16	28/03/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	1098
IR-0482	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	854
IR-0483	Closed	24/08/16	28/03/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	1098
IR-0484	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	1043
IR-0485	Closed	24/08/16	28/03/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	67
IR-0486	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	37
IR-0487	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	64
IR-0488	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	74
IR-0489	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	89
IR-0490	Closed	24/08/16	21/11/16	2016Q2	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0492	Closed	26/08/16	22/11/16	2016Q2		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0493	Closed	23/06/16	20/12/16	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	0	0

IR-0494	Closed	26/08/16	02/05/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0495	Closed	26/08/16	02/05/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0496	Closed	26/08/16	22/11/16	2016Q2		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0497	Closed	26/08/16	20/12/16	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0498	Closed	26/08/16	22/11/16	2016Q2		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0499	Closed	26/08/16	20/12/16	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0507	Closed	30/08/16	29/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0508	Closed	30/08/16	29/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0524	On going	16/11/16		Immediate		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0525	Closed	25/10/16	15/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0529	Closed	10/08/16	15/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0533	Closed	25/11/16	06/02/17	2016Q3		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0544	Closed	28/11/16	03/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0545	Closed	29/11/16	03/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0546	Closed	29/11/16	04/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0558	Closed	30/11/16	29/03/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0565	Closed	30/11/16	16/11/17	2016Q3	2017Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0566	Closed	30/11/16	16/11/17	2016Q3	2017Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0573	On going	01/12/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0575	In Review	02/12/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0579	Closed	06/12/16	11/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0581	In Review	06/12/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0592	Closed	01/02/17	13/03/17	Immediate		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0606	On going	31/05/16		2016Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0607	Closed	24/02/17	27/02/17	Immediate		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0608	Closed	06/12/16	18/05/17	2016Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0620	On going	27/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0621	Closed	28/02/17	01/06/17	2016Q4		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0626	On going	27/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		

IR-0634	Closed	27/02/17	15/05/17	2016Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0635	Closed	27/02/17	15/05/17	2016Q4		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0642	In Review	01/03/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0643	In Review	01/03/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0644	Closed	08/12/16	16/01/18	Immediate		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0645	Closed	08/12/16	16/01/18	Immediate		deviation from programme agreement	9320	9320
IR-0675	Closed	26/05/17	20/09/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0676	Closed	21/02/17	23/08/17	2017Q1		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0678	Closed	29/05/17	10/11/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0682	Closed	30/05/17	07/07/17	2017Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	0	0
IR-0694	Closed	31/05/17	10/11/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0695	Closed	31/05/17	17/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0696	Closed	31/05/17	17/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0697	Closed	31/05/17	17/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0698	Closed	31/05/17	17/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0709	Closed	31/05/17	10/11/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0710	In Review	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0711	In Review	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0712	In Review	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0719	On going	29/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0721	Closed	29/05/17	10/11/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0722	Closed	31/05/17	08/02/18	2017Q1	2017Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0731	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0743	In Review	14/08/17		2017Q2		error in payment claim		
IR-0744	On going	23/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0745	On going	23/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0746	Closed	23/08/17	19/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0747	Closed	23/08/17	19/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0748	Closed	24/08/17	09/10/17	Immediate		fraud/corruption	0	0
IR-0751	Closed	30/08/17	25/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0752	Closed	30/08/17	09/11/17	2017Q2		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0766	Closed	31/08/17	10/11/17	2017Q2		error in payment claim	0	0

IR-0772	Closed	31/08/17	16/11/17	2017Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0773	Closed	31/08/17	16/11/17	2017Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0776	Closed	18/08/17	08/02/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0777	Closed	31/08/17	16/11/17	2017Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0778	Closed	31/08/17	16/11/17	2017Q2		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0779	Closed	31/08/17	16/11/17	2017Q2		error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0780	Closed	31/08/17	09/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0781	Closed	31/08/17	09/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0782	Closed	31/08/17	10/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim	0	0
IR-0784	On going	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0785	In Review	04/09/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0793	Closed	02/11/17	16/11/17	Immediate		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0794	In Review	23/11/17		2017Q3		error in payment claim		
IR-0805	Closed	29/11/17	09/02/18	2017Q3		deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0816	On going	30/11/17		2017Q3	2017Q4	deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0817	On going	30/11/17		2017Q3	2017Q4	deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0818	On going	30/11/17		2017Q3	2017Q4	deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0819	Closed	30/11/17	02/02/18	2017Q3	2017Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0820	Closed	30/11/17	02/02/18	2017Q3	2017Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0821	Closed	30/11/17	02/02/18	2017Q3	2017Q4	deviation from programme agreement	0	0
IR-0827	On going	29/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0837	On going	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0838	On going	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0840	On going	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0841	On going	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0842	Closed	15/01/18	18/01/18	Immediate		deviation from programme agreement	12664	12664
IR-0843	On going	15/01/18		Immediate		deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0853	On going	01/02/18		Immediate		deviation from programme agreement		

Total	21984	47884
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Project irregularities in Slovakia

Reported by designated entities in or before 2017 on project level

Irregularity case	Irregularity status	Case opened	Case closed	Irregularity period	Followed up	Initial nature of irregularities	Amount of recovered funds	Grant amount reduced
IR-0049	Closed	30/05/14	02/12/15	2014Q1	2015Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0054	Closed	11/06/14	27/11/15	2014Q1	2015Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 6,344
IR-0055	Closed	13/06/14	27/11/15	2014Q1	2015Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 3,600
IR-0056	Closed	14/07/14	25/05/16	Immediate	2015Q4	deviation from programme agreement	€ 0	€ 10,254
IR-0057	Closed	29/07/14	11/06/15	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 82,800
IR-0059	Closed	14/08/14	07/09/15	2014Q2	2015Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,198
IR-0069	On going	28/10/14		Immediate	2017Q4	deviation from project contract		
IR-0072	Closed	24/11/14	26/05/15	2014Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 291
IR-0073	Closed	24/11/14	24/08/15	2014Q3	2015Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0074	Closed	24/11/14	26/05/15	2014Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 589
IR-0077	Closed	13/11/14	01/06/15	Immediate	2015Q1	deviation from programme agreement	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0079	Closed	26/11/14	12/07/16	2014Q3	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 920
IR-0080	Closed	26/11/14	13/07/16	2014Q3	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,003
IR-0083	Closed	26/11/14	20/01/15	2014Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 859
IR-0084	Closed	26/11/14	20/01/15	2014Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 979
IR-0085	Closed	26/11/14	20/01/15	2014Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 895
IR-0087	Closed	27/11/14	20/01/15	2014Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,452
IR-0089	Closed	17/12/14	11/09/15	Immediate	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0090	Closed	19/12/14	28/08/15	Immediate	2015Q1	fraud/corruption	€ 0	€ 16,490
IR-0091	Closed	19/12/14	11/05/15	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 102,816
IR-0093	Closed	23/10/14	18/06/15	2014Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0094	Closed	19/02/15	08/12/15	2014Q4	2015Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 110
IR-0095	Closed	23/02/15	10/04/15	2014Q4		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,185
IR-0097	Closed	23/02/15	31/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 12
IR-0098	Closed	23/02/15	05/10/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 23
IR-0099	Closed	23/02/15	05/10/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 174
IR-0100	Closed	23/02/15	31/08/15	2014Q4	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 3,097
IR-0104	Closed	23/02/15	10/04/15	2014Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,080
IR-0105	Closed	27/02/15	27/11/15	2014Q4	2015Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 1,156
IR-0107	Closed	27/02/15	24/08/15	2014Q4		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 304
IR-0109	Closed	26/02/15	21/12/15	2014Q4	2015Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 7,221
IR-0110	Closed	26/02/15	29/04/15	2014Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0116	Closed	27/02/15	27/06/16	2014Q4	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 2,684
IR-0134	Closed	27/02/15	12/07/16	2014Q4	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 2,134

IR-0135	Closed	27/02/15	12/07/16	2014Q4	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 2,348
IR-0136	Closed	27/02/15	12/07/16	2014Q4	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 958
IR-0137	Closed	27/02/15	12/07/16	2014Q4	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 178
IR-0138	On going	25/02/15		2014Q4	2015Q4	deviation from project contract		
IR-0146	On going	26/03/15		Immediate	2017Q4	fraud/corruption		
IR-0147	On going	15/04/15		Immediate	2017Q4	fraud/corruption,deviation from project contract		
IR-0148	Closed	21/09/14	08/07/15	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,202
IR-0149	Closed	10/10/14	22/05/15	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 7,579
IR-0150	Closed	22/01/15	14/02/17	Immediate		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 3,219
IR-0151	Closed	20/05/15	13/04/16	2015Q1	2015Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0154	Closed	27/05/15	13/07/15	2015Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 845
IR-0155	Closed	27/05/15	25/08/15	2015Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 449
IR-0156	Closed	20/04/15	21/10/15	2015Q1		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 42,106
IR-0159	Closed	28/05/15	21/12/15	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 89,723
IR-0160	Closed	29/05/15	08/12/15	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 3,134
IR-0161	Closed	29/05/15	11/09/15	2015Q1	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 71
IR-0162	Closed	29/05/15	11/09/15	2015Q1	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0163	Closed	29/05/15	08/12/15	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 510
IR-0165	Closed	29/05/15	15/07/15	2015Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 466
IR-0166	Closed	29/05/15	15/07/15	2015Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 163
IR-0167	Closed	29/05/15	31/08/15	2015Q1	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 273
IR-0168	Closed	29/05/15	02/10/15	2015Q1	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 5
IR-0169	Closed	29/05/15	26/11/15	2015Q1	2015Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 606
IR-0170	Update	18/06/15	30/05/16	Immediate	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0171	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 26,726
IR-0172	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 804
IR-0173	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 124
IR-0174	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 446
IR-0175	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 2,373
IR-0176	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 11,300
IR-0177	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 472
IR-0178	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 4,485
IR-0179	Closed	23/06/15	12/07/16	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,616
IR-0181	Closed	23/06/15	09/02/18	2015Q1	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,997
IR-0191	Closed	05/08/15	26/02/16	2015Q2		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 812
IR-0192	Closed	06/08/15	26/02/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 785
IR-0193	Closed	06/08/15	26/02/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 565

IR-0194	Closed	11/08/15	01/10/15	2015Q2		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 34
IR-0195	Closed	11/08/15	04/07/16	2015Q2	2015Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 9,630
IR-0196	Closed	07/08/15	06/10/15	2015Q2		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 2,106
IR-0197	Closed	07/08/15	11/11/15	2015Q2		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 14
IR-0202	Closed	24/08/15	21/12/15	2015Q2		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 27,421
IR-0203	Closed	25/08/15	17/10/16	2015Q2	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0204	Closed	25/08/15	30/05/16	2015Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 5,738
IR-0207	Closed	27/08/15	22/01/18	2015Q2	2017Q2	fraud/corruption	€ 2,327	€ 4,654
IR-0208	Closed	27/08/15	10/09/15	2015Q2		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0209	Closed	27/08/15	12/01/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0211	Closed	31/08/15	02/10/15	2015Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 590
IR-0213	Closed	31/08/15	19/10/15	2015Q2		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0219	Closed	04/09/15	27/06/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 2,120
IR-0220	Closed	04/09/15	27/06/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,447
IR-0221	Closed	04/09/15	27/06/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,993
IR-0222	Closed	04/09/15	05/07/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 108
IR-0223	Closed	04/09/15	27/06/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 52
IR-0224	Closed	04/09/15	12/07/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 121
IR-0225	Closed	04/09/15	12/07/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 4,517
IR-0226	Closed	04/09/15	15/11/17	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0227	Closed	04/09/15	06/11/15	2015Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 4
IR-0228	Closed	04/09/15	12/07/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 44
IR-0229	Closed	04/09/15	12/07/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 393
IR-0230	Closed	04/09/15	12/07/16	2015Q2	2015Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 18,819
IR-0231	On going	29/09/15		Immediate	2017Q1	deviation from project contract		
IR-0233	Closed	16/10/15	29/10/15	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 300
IR-0234	Closed	20/10/15	29/10/15	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0235	Closed	21/10/15	29/10/15	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 25
IR-0236	Closed	29/10/15	13/04/16	Immediate		fraud/corruption	€ 0	€ 6,705
IR-0237	Closed	03/11/15	01/06/16	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 507
IR-0238	On going	06/11/15		Immediate	2017Q3	fraud/corruption		
IR-0243	Closed	23/11/15	05/07/16	Immediate	2016Q1	deviation from programme agreement	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0244	Closed	24/11/15	14/06/16	2015Q3	2016Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0245	In Review	25/11/15		2015Q3	2017Q2	deviation from project contract		
IR-0247	Closed	27/11/15	26/02/16	2015Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,351
IR-0248	Closed	27/11/15	26/02/16	2015Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,148
IR-0249	Closed	27/11/15	26/02/16	2015Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 969
IR-0250	Closed	27/11/15	26/02/16	2015Q3		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 1,231

IR-0251	Closed	27/11/15	26/02/16	2015Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,670
IR-0252	Closed	27/11/15	26/02/16	2015Q3		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 785
IR-0256	Closed	30/11/15	22/01/18	2015Q3	2017Q2	fraud/corruption	€ 3,060	€ 6,120
IR-0257	Closed	30/11/15	22/01/18	2015Q3	2017Q3	fraud/corruption	€ 2,555	€ 4,258
IR-0258	Closed	30/11/15	05/04/17	2015Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0260	Closed	30/11/15	25/08/17	2015Q3	2017Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 763
IR-0261	Closed	30/11/15	18/12/15	2015Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 329
IR-0263	Closed	30/11/15	02/12/15	2015Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 4,677
IR-0264	Closed	30/11/15	02/12/15	2015Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 111
IR-0265	Closed	30/11/15	09/12/15	2015Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 49
IR-0266	Update	14/09/15		2015Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0267	Closed	30/11/15	13/05/16	2015Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 241
IR-0268	Closed	30/11/15	13/05/16	2015Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 61
IR-0269	Closed	30/11/15	12/07/16	2015Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 396
IR-0270	Closed	30/11/15	22/11/17	2015Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 661
IR-0271	Closed	30/11/15	12/07/16	2015Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 102
IR-0272	Closed	30/11/15	27/06/16	2015Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,481
IR-0279	Closed	18/12/15	13/04/16	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 325
IR-0280	Closed	22/12/15	13/10/17	Immediate	2017Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 11,123
IR-0281	Closed	29/12/15	23/05/17	Immediate	2016Q3	fraud/corruption	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0284	Closed	06/01/16	21/11/16	Immediate	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 629
IR-0285	Closed	15/02/16	26/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 3,886
IR-0286	Closed	15/02/16	13/12/17	2015Q4	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 7,854
IR-0288	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 3,156
IR-0289	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 85
IR-0291	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 15
IR-0292	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 15
IR-0294	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,603
IR-0295	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 198
IR-0296	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 28
IR-0297	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 425
IR-0298	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 9,322
IR-0299	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 10,530
IR-0300	Closed	17/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,631
IR-0302	Closed	18/02/16	21/11/16	Immediate	2016Q2	fraud/corruption	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0303	Closed	19/02/16	24/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q2	deviation from programme agreement	€ 0	€ 1,529
IR-0306	Closed	22/02/16	12/07/17	2015Q4	2017Q1	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 93
IR-0316	Closed	27/11/15	29/11/16	2015Q3	2016Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0317	Closed	27/11/15	29/11/16	2015Q3	2016Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0

IR-0318	Closed	27/11/15	29/03/17	2015Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0319	Closed	24/02/16	28/02/17	2015Q4	2016Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,493
IR-0322	Closed	26/02/16	04/07/16	2015Q4		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 2,351
IR-0323	Closed	26/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,306
IR-0324	Closed	26/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,480
IR-0325	Closed	26/02/16	06/10/16	2015Q4	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,110
IR-0326	Closed	26/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 893
IR-0327	Closed	26/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,652
IR-0328	Closed	26/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 987
IR-0329	Closed	26/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,027
IR-0330	Closed	26/02/16	06/10/16	2015Q4	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 4,450
IR-0331	Closed	26/02/16	13/05/16	2015Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 218
IR-0334	Closed	29/02/16	06/04/17	2015Q4	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 184
IR-0335	Closed	29/02/16	01/06/16	2015Q4		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 13
IR-0336	Closed	29/02/16	01/06/16	2015Q4		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 113
IR-0338	Closed	01/03/16	12/01/18	2015Q4	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 73
IR-0339	Closed	04/03/16	07/12/17	2015Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 179
IR-0341	Closed	04/03/16	30/08/16	2015Q4	2016Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 113
IR-0342	Update	04/03/16	22/06/17	2015Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0343	Closed	03/03/16	13/05/16	2015Q3	2015Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0344	Closed	03/03/16	13/05/16	2015Q3	2015Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0345	Closed	29/03/16	19/10/17	Immediate	2017Q2	fraud/corruption	€ 0	€ 47,456
IR-0347	On going	08/04/16		2015Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0348	Closed	20/04/16	26/09/17	Immediate	2017Q2	fraud/corruption	€ 0	€ 3,485
IR-0349	On going	27/04/16		Immediate	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0350	Closed	09/05/16	10/05/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 3,720
IR-0351	Closed	20/05/16	22/11/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0352	Closed	20/05/16	24/08/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from programme agreement	€ 0	€ 7,397
IR-0353	Closed	20/05/16	21/11/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,134
IR-0354	Closed	24/05/16	13/12/17	2016Q1	2016Q3	fraud/corruption	€ 0	€ 766
IR-0355	Closed	24/05/16	20/10/17	2016Q1	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 933
IR-0356	Closed	30/05/16	06/10/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 393
IR-0357	Closed	30/05/16	06/10/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 595
IR-0360	Closed	30/05/16	06/10/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 331
IR-0361	Closed	30/05/16	06/10/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 322
IR-0362	Closed	30/05/16	06/10/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 265
IR-0363	Closed	30/05/16	06/10/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,522
IR-0364	Closed	30/05/16	06/10/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,027
IR-0366	Closed	30/05/16	06/10/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 5,950

IR-0368	Closed	30/05/16	09/08/16	2016Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 997
IR-0369	Closed	30/05/16	09/08/16	2016Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 285
IR-0376	Closed	31/05/16	20/10/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 323
IR-0379	Closed	31/05/16	24/08/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 326
IR-0380	Closed	30/05/16	12/07/17	2016Q1	2017Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 10,980
IR-0388	Closed	20/01/16	17/11/17	2016Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,046,445
IR-0392	Closed	10/02/16	05/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 103
IR-0395	Closed	24/02/16	20/12/16	2016Q1	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 173
IR-0399	Closed	31/05/16	27/06/16	2016Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0401	Closed	31/05/16	21/06/17	2016Q1	2017Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 4,321
IR-0402	Closed	18/05/16	28/02/17	2016Q1	2016Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 384
IR-0404	Closed	31/05/16	01/06/17	2016Q1	2017Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 60
IR-0406	Closed	31/05/16	10/01/18	2016Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 311
IR-0407	On going	31/05/16		2016Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0408	In Review	31/05/16		2016Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0410	Closed	31/05/16	25/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 15
IR-0411	Closed	01/06/16	28/11/16	2016Q1	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 136
IR-0412	In Review	03/06/16		2015Q3	2017Q2	deviation from project contract		
IR-0414	Closed	30/05/16	29/08/17	Immediate	2017Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0415	Closed	21/06/16	26/08/16	2016Q1		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0421	Closed	28/06/16	13/12/17	2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 979
IR-0424	Update	28/06/16		Immediate	2016Q3	deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0425	Update	28/06/16		Immediate	2016Q3	deviation from programme agreement		
IR-0427	Closed	19/07/16	13/07/17	Immediate	2017Q1	fraud/corruption	€ 0	€ 122,440
IR-0428	Closed	27/07/16	06/10/16	2016Q2		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,553
IR-0429	Closed	28/07/16	22/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 766
IR-0430	Closed	28/07/16	22/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 723
IR-0431	Closed	28/07/16	22/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 667
IR-0432	Closed	28/07/16	23/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 501
IR-0433	On going	28/07/16		2016Q2	2017Q1	deviation from project contract		
IR-0434	Closed	28/07/16	24/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 840
IR-0435	Closed	28/07/16	23/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 4,381
IR-0436	On going	28/07/16		2016Q2	2017Q1	deviation from project contract		
IR-0437	Closed	28/07/16	23/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,302
IR-0438	Closed	01/08/16	22/11/16	2016Q2		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0439	Closed	01/08/16	02/05/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 343
IR-0440	Closed	01/08/16	02/05/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,342
IR-0441	On going	01/08/16		2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		

IR-0442	Closed	01/08/16	14/09/17	2016Q2	2017Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0443	Update	01/08/16		2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0445	In Review	01/08/16		Immediate	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0446	On going	05/08/16		2016Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0447	Closed	05/08/16	27/02/17	2016Q1	2016Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,435
IR-0449	Closed	05/08/16	27/02/17	2016Q1	2016Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 3,207
IR-0450	Closed	05/08/16	31/05/17	2016Q1	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 11
IR-0452	Closed	11/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 14
IR-0453	Closed	11/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 1,731
IR-0454	Closed	11/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 752
IR-0455	Closed	11/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 136
IR-0456	Closed	11/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 77
IR-0457	Closed	11/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 100
IR-0458	Closed	11/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 56
IR-0459	Closed	11/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 122
IR-0460	Closed	11/08/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 11
IR-0461	Closed	23/08/16	20/10/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 40,221
IR-0462	Closed	23/08/16	29/03/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 31
IR-0463	Closed	23/08/16	29/03/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 6
IR-0464	In Review	23/08/16		2016Q2	2016Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0466	Closed	24/08/16	19/04/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 13,493
IR-0467	Closed	24/08/16	22/01/18	2016Q2	2017Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 6,073	€ 7,087
IR-0473	Closed	24/08/16	13/07/17	2016Q2	2017Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0500	Closed	30/08/16	28/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 657
IR-0501	Closed	30/08/16	28/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 361
IR-0502	Closed	30/08/16	10/01/18	2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 274
IR-0503	Closed	30/08/16	28/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,995
IR-0504	In Review	30/08/16		2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0505	Closed	30/08/16	16/01/18	2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 7,865
IR-0506	Closed	30/08/16	29/11/16	2016Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,216
IR-0509	Closed	30/08/16	01/06/17	2016Q2	2017Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 7,994
IR-0510	Closed	31/08/16	24/08/17	2016Q2	2017Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 10,049
IR-0511	Closed	31/08/16	06/04/17	2016Q2	2016Q4	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 270
IR-0512	In Review	31/08/16		2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0513	In Review	31/08/16		2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0514	In Review	31/08/16		2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0515	Closed	16/09/16	21/02/17	2016Q2	2016Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 18,210
IR-0516	On going	25/08/16		2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0517	On going	20/09/16		2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0518	On going	20/09/16		2016Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		

IR-0519	On going	27/09/16		Immediate	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0520	On going	31/10/16		Immediate	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0521	Closed	30/09/16	07/04/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,763
IR-0522	Closed	04/11/16	18/09/17	2016Q3	2017Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,649
IR-0523	Update	09/11/16		Immediate		error in payment claim		
IR-0526	On going	18/11/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0527	Closed	23/06/16	15/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 62
IR-0528	Closed	19/09/16	15/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 28
IR-0530	Closed	28/07/16	15/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 18
IR-0531	Closed	08/08/16	04/04/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 50,929
IR-0532	Closed	25/11/16	04/04/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0534	Update	25/11/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0535	In Review	25/11/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0536	Closed	25/11/16	05/04/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 522
IR-0537	In Review	03/11/16		2016Q3	2017Q2	error in payment claim		
IR-0538	Closed	25/11/16	09/11/17	2016Q3	2017Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 9,107
IR-0539	Closed	25/11/16	05/04/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 717
IR-0540	Closed	28/11/16	21/06/17	2016Q3	2017Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 3,900
IR-0541	Closed	28/11/16	28/02/17	2016Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 16,056
IR-0542	Closed	28/11/16	16/11/17	2016Q3	2017Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 28
IR-0543	Closed	28/11/16	12/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 601
IR-0547	Closed	15/09/16	24/08/17	2016Q3	2017Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 2,540
IR-0548	Closed	21/07/16	24/08/17	2016Q3	2017Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 16
IR-0549	On going	29/11/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0550	Closed	30/11/16	02/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 620
IR-0551	Closed	30/11/16	02/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 534
IR-0552	Closed	30/11/16	23/08/17	2016Q3	2017Q1	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0553	Closed	30/11/16	03/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 830
IR-0554	Closed	30/11/16	03/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,369
IR-0555	Closed	30/11/16	03/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,272
IR-0556	Closed	30/11/16	28/02/17	2016Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,871
IR-0557	Closed	30/11/16	31/05/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,088
IR-0559	Closed	30/11/16	20/12/17	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0560	Closed	30/11/16	19/12/17	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 5,997
IR-0561	On going	29/11/16		2016Q3	2017Q4	deviation from project contract		
IR-0562	Closed	29/11/16	08/12/17	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0563	Closed	29/11/16	21/12/17	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 12,483
IR-0564	Closed	30/11/16	08/12/17	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 30,215
IR-0567	Closed	30/11/16	26/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project	€ 0	€ 782

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IR-0568	Closed	30/11/16	06/04/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 27
IR-0569	Closed	30/11/16	06/04/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 3,989
IR-0570	Closed	30/11/16	01/06/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 371
IR-0571	Closed	30/11/16	06/04/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 77
IR-0572	Closed	30/11/16	06/04/17	2016Q3	2016Q4	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0574	On going	01/12/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0576	Closed	06/12/16	22/02/17	2016Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 74
IR-0577	Closed	06/12/16	20/06/17	2016Q3	2017Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 939
IR-0578	Closed	06/12/16	11/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 248
IR-0580	Closed	06/12/16	12/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 298
IR-0582	In Review	06/12/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0583	Closed	06/12/16	16/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 46
IR-0584	In Review	06/12/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0585	Closed	06/12/16	17/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 8
IR-0586	Closed	06/12/16	17/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 7,326
IR-0587	Closed	06/12/16	17/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from programme agreement	€ 0	€ 159
IR-0588	On going	06/12/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0589	On going	09/12/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0590	On going	09/12/16		2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0591	Closed	21/12/16	03/10/17	Immediate	2017Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0593	Closed	01/02/17	13/12/17	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0594	Closed	09/02/17	03/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,063
IR-0595	Closed	09/02/17	03/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,311
IR-0596	On going	09/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q1	deviation from project contract		
IR-0597	Closed	09/02/17	03/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,421
IR-0598	Closed	10/02/17	03/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,719
IR-0599	Closed	10/02/17	03/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,040
IR-0600	Closed	10/02/17	03/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,651
IR-0601	Closed	10/02/17	03/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,587
IR-0602	On going	10/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q1	deviation from project contract		
IR-0603	Closed	10/02/17	03/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,210
IR-0604	On going	10/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q1	deviation from project contract		
IR-0605	Closed	10/02/17	10/11/17	Immediate	2017Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0609	Closed	27/02/17	27/03/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0610	Closed	27/02/17	19/12/17	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 629
IR-0611	Closed	27/02/17	19/12/17	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 347
IR-0612	Closed	27/02/17	18/12/17	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 16,470

IR-0613	Closed	28/02/17	09/02/18	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0614	On going	28/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0615	Closed	28/02/17	18/05/17	2016Q4		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 1,355
IR-0616	Update	28/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0617	Closed	28/02/17	19/01/18	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 761
IR-0618	On going	24/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0619	On going	28/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0622	Closed	28/02/17	07/06/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 145
IR-0623	Closed	28/02/17	07/06/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,774
IR-0624	Closed	28/02/17	09/06/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 603
IR-0625	Closed	28/02/17	09/06/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 4,058
IR-0627	Closed	27/02/17	26/01/18	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,592
IR-0628	On going	27/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0629	Closed	27/02/17	23/06/17	2016Q4	2017Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 18,000
IR-0630	On going	27/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0631	Closed	28/02/17	23/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,841
IR-0632	Closed	27/02/17	07/07/17	2016Q4	2017Q1	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 3,208
IR-0633	Closed	28/02/17	31/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 122
IR-0636	Closed	27/02/17	09/11/17	2016Q4	2017Q2	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 148
IR-0637	Closed	27/02/17	15/05/17	2016Q4		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 168
IR-0638	Closed	27/02/17	15/05/17	2016Q4		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 513
IR-0639	On going	28/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0640	On going	28/02/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0641	Closed	28/02/17	31/05/17	2016Q4		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 250
IR-0646	Closed	08/02/17	02/02/18	Immediate	2017Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 29,417
IR-0647	Closed	10/02/17	02/02/18	Immediate	2017Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 81,700
IR-0648	Update	03/03/17		2016Q4	2017Q2	error in payment claim		
IR-0649	On going	19/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0650	On going	06/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0651	Closed	13/04/17	01/02/18	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 4,612
IR-0652	On going	13/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0653	On going	19/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0654	Closed	18/04/17	17/01/18	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 7,170
IR-0655	Closed	13/04/17	01/02/18	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 3,787
IR-0656	Closed	13/04/17	26/01/18	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 623
IR-0657	Closed	13/04/17	26/01/18	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,277
IR-0658	On going	13/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0659	On going	18/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		

IR-0660	On going	18/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0661	On going	18/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0662	On going	18/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0663	On going	19/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0664	On going	19/04/17		2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0665	Closed	19/04/17	01/02/18	2016Q4	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 5,026
IR-0666	On going	04/05/16		2016Q3		deviation from project contract		
IR-0667	Closed	05/05/17	13/07/17	2017Q1		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 1,782
IR-0668	Closed	05/05/17	14/07/17	2017Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,658
IR-0669	Closed	05/05/17	13/07/17	2017Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 7,074
IR-0670	In Review	12/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0671	In Review	12/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0672	In Review	12/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0673	In Review	22/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q2	deviation from project contract		
IR-0674	In Review	22/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q2	deviation from project contract		
IR-0677	Closed	19/10/16	07/07/17	2017Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 88
IR-0679	Closed	30/05/17	18/09/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 2,304
IR-0680	Closed	30/05/17	07/07/17	2017Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 662
IR-0681	Closed	30/05/17	07/07/17	2017Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 179
IR-0683	On going	30/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0684	Closed	30/05/17	26/01/18	2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 86
IR-0685	Closed	30/05/17	26/01/18	2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 102
IR-0686	On going	26/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0687	Closed	30/05/17	17/08/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,696
IR-0688	Closed	31/05/17	22/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 12,987
IR-0689	Closed	10/01/17	10/11/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 200
IR-0690	Closed	31/05/17	28/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,271
IR-0691	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0692	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0693	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0699	Closed	29/05/17	12/01/18	2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,304
IR-0700	On going	29/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0701	Closed	31/05/17	25/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 548
IR-0702	Closed	31/05/17	19/10/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,577
IR-0703	Closed	31/05/17	19/10/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 19,000
IR-0704	Closed	31/05/17	22/08/17	2017Q1		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 3
IR-0705	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0706	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q2	deviation from public procurement procedures		

IR-0707	Closed	31/05/17	22/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 14,209
IR-0708	Closed	31/05/17	19/10/17	2017Q1	2017Q2	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 5,555
IR-0713	In Review	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0714	Closed	31/05/17	23/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 667
IR-0715	Closed	31/05/17	23/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0716	Closed	31/05/17	23/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 17,009
IR-0717	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0718	Closed	31/05/17	23/08/17	2017Q1		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0720	Closed	29/05/17	10/01/18	2017Q1	2017Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 611
IR-0723	On going	24/03/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0724	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0725	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0726	On going	31/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0727	In Review	06/02/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0728	In Review	04/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0729	Update	04/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0730	Update	26/05/17		2017Q1	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0732	In Review	06/06/17		Immediate		error in payment claim		
IR-0733	Closed	30/11/15	25/08/17	2015Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 3,189
IR-0734	On going	30/11/15		2015Q3	2017Q4	deviation from project contract		
IR-0735	Closed	31/08/16	24/08/17	2016Q2		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 6,558
IR-0736	Closed	21/12/16	10/01/18	Immediate	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0737	Closed	21/12/16	10/01/18	Immediate	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0738	Closed	29/11/16	08/01/18	2016Q3	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 6,486
IR-0739	Closed	29/11/16	25/08/17	2016Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 7,716
IR-0740	On going	10/07/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0741	Closed	01/08/17	04/12/17	2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 10,204
IR-0742	On going	01/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	error in payment claim		
IR-0749	On going	02/06/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0750	Closed	30/08/17	04/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,654
IR-0753	Closed	31/08/17	18/12/17	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0754	Closed	31/08/17	01/09/17	2017Q2		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 7,543
IR-0755	In Review	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0756	In Review	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0757	In Review	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0758	Closed	31/08/17	18/12/17	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 168
IR-0759	In Review	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		
IR-0760	In Review	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract		

IR-0761	Closed	31/08/17	12/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 21,569
IR-0762	Closed	31/08/17	15/12/17	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 8,470
IR-0763	Closed	31/08/17	19/12/17	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 32,848
IR-0764	Closed	31/08/17	19/12/17	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0765	On going	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q4	deviation from project contract		
IR-0767	On going	21/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0768	On going	23/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0769	On going	25/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0770	On going	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0771	Closed	31/08/17	26/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 1,065
IR-0774	On going	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0775	On going	31/08/17		2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0783	Closed	31/08/17	19/01/18	2017Q2	2017Q3	deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 6,078
IR-0786	Closed	06/09/17	17/11/17	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 275
IR-0787	Closed	06/09/17	17/11/17	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,878
IR-0788	Closed	06/09/17	17/11/17	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 2,241
IR-0789	Closed	06/09/17	17/11/17	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 1,514
IR-0790	Closed	06/09/17	17/11/17	Immediate		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 3,395
IR-0791	On going	19/09/17		Immediate		deviation from project contract		
IR-0795	On going	22/11/17		2017Q3		error in payment claim		
IR-0796	In Review	23/11/17		Immediate		error in payment claim		
IR-0797	In Review	24/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from project contract		
IR-0798	In Review	24/11/17		Immediate		fraud/corruption		
IR-0799	In Review	24/11/17		Immediate		deviation from project contract		
IR-0800	On going	23/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0801	On going	23/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0802	On going	27/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0803	On going	27/11/17		2017Q3		error in payment claim		
IR-0804	Closed	27/11/17	21/12/17	2017Q3		error in payment claim	€ 0	€ 47
IR-0806	Closed	29/11/17	09/02/18	2017Q3		deviation from project contract	€ 0	€ 0
IR-0807	In Review	29/11/17		Immediate		fraud/corruption		
IR-0808	In Review	29/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from project contract		
IR-0809	On going	29/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from project contract		
IR-0810	On going	29/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from project contract		
IR-0811	On going	29/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from project contract		
IR-0812	In Review	30/11/17		Immediate		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0813	Closed	30/11/17	01/12/17	2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 4,490
IR-0814	On going	30/11/17		2017Q3	2017Q4	deviation from public procurement procedures		

IR-0815	Closed	30/11/17	12/01/18	2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 6,665
IR-0822	In Review	29/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0823	In Review	29/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0824	In Review	30/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0825	In Review	30/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0826	On going	30/11/17		2017Q3		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0828	On going	20/12/17		Immediate		fraud/corruption		
IR-0829	In Review	22/12/17		Immediate		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0830	In Review	22/12/17		Immediate		error in payment claim		
IR-0831	Closed	12/01/18	12/01/18	2017Q4		deviation from public procurement procedures	€ 0	€ 4
IR-0832	On going	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0833	On going	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0834	In Review	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from public procurement procedures		
IR-0835	On going	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0836	On going	12/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0844	On going	18/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0845	On going	18/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0846	On going	18/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0847	On going	18/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0848	On going	18/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0849	On going	18/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0850	On going	18/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0851	On going	18/01/18		2017Q4		deviation from project contract		
IR-0852	On going	19/01/18		Immediate		fraud/corruption		
Total							€ 14,015	€ 2,622,003

Financial mechanism	Audit	Year 2018											
		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
EEA FM and NFM	Closure audit												

Risk assessment at the national level

Type of objective ¹	Risk description	Probability ²	Consequence ³	Planned/implemented impact alleviation
Cohesion:	Failure to accomplish certain results/programme outcomes	2	2	Consistent monitoring of projects/programmes, intense contact with Project Promoters
Bilateral objective:	Lack of partners in the donor states in the implementation of projects	2	3	In 2014-2021, it is desirable to consider creating a list of possible partner institutions and their division among beneficiary countries
Operational problems:	Insufficient administrative capacity and division of tasks	2	1	NFP as the PO extended its capacities in 2015 in order to accommodate the demand for the administrative processing of interim reports on projects. In 2017, the organisation change was carried out in order to effective division of tasks.

¹ Risks can be categorized into three groups based on their nature. They relate to cohesive outcomes, bilateral outcomes, and operation.

² Each risk description must be correctly categorized (cohesive outputs -- programme outputs, bilateral outcomes, or operation). 4 = almost certain (75 – 90% probability); 3 = probable (50 – 74%); 2 = possible (25 – 49%); 1 = unlikely (1 – 24%)

³ Assessment of consequences of a failure to produce the desired outcome: 4 = serious; 3 = significant; 2 = mild; 1 = insignificant, N/A - irrelevant.

Risk assessment at the programme level⁴

Programme	Type of objective ⁵	Risk description	Probability ⁶	Consequence ⁷	Planned/implemented impact alleviation
SK02 Adaptation to Climate Change - Floods and Drought Prevention	Cohesion (programme) outcome:				
	Developed strategies and measures to adapt to the climate changes	Missing legislation and standards pertaining to the sustainable management of rain water	1	3	Projects implementation has been completed, and the risk has not had any impact on the completion of the projects
		The process and implementation of public procurement	1	3	The controls of the public procurement was very detail which eliminated the errors and error rate at project level. In the case of several projects, the delay within public procurement procedures has resulted in a significant delay in the project implementation timetable.
		The failure to obtain the permit necessary to implement the adaptation measures, e. g. special permits such as EIA	1	3	The mentioned risk did not occur during the implementation of the projects
	Increased Capacity to Assess Vulnerability to Climate Change	Lack of experience with the detailed assessment of risks and vulnerabilities	1	1	The mentioned risk did not occur during the implementation of the projects
		Pilot technologies for the planned measures will not be adopted due to legislative and administrative obstacles	1	1	The mentioned risk did not occur during the implementation of the projects
	Raising awareness and providing education in the area of adaptation to climate change	The seminars and workshops aimed at awareness-raising are not attended by a sufficient number of participants	1	2	The mentioned risk did not occur during the implementation of the projects, in many cases was number of participants significantly exceeded
		Insufficient quality of educational materials for	1	1	Within "Blue School" component, under two projects were developed model

⁵ Risks can be categorized into three groups based on their nature. They relate to cohesive outcomes, bilateral outcomes, and operation.

⁶ Each risk description must be correctly categorized (cohesive outputs -- programme outputs, bilateral outcomes, or operation). 4 = almost certain (75 – 90% probability); 3 = probable (50 – 74%); 2 = possible (25 – 49%); 1 = unlikely (1 – 24%)

⁷ Assessment of consequences of a failure to produce the desired outcome: 4 = serious; 3 = significant; 2 = mild; 1 = insignificant, N/A - irrelevant.

		students and pupils			curricula , which could be used by other project promoters
		Insufficient level of participation in the international conferences	1	2	The mentioned risk did not occur during the implementation of the projects
	Bilateral outcome:				
		the number of (bilateral) articles written in cooperation between employees from both the beneficiary and donor countries published in national or international publications will not be sufficient	3	2	Establishing of good cooperation, based on an agreement on dealing with Norwegian partners, has been followed by a number of ongoing partnerships following the end of the project
		The number of replications of the common projects (or their outcomes) by other organisations elsewhere	3	2	Project replications were carried out, within Norway know-how transfer was implemented.
SK04 Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote the Social Inclusion Programme					
	Operational problems:	The teachers who completed the accredited education will stop using the relevant materials and innovative educational methods after the programme is over	3	1	To mitigate this risk, the Programme Operator was set up a monitoring system to control the use of new educational methods during the project sustainability period.
		Sustainability after the funding is no longer available	2	1	This risk is alleviated by the strict selection of projects required to provide a detailed sustainability plan in the project application and the possibility to apply for further funding from the structural funds for example. The Programme Operator will during sustainability period verified minimal values of indicators in accordance with Annex 1 of the Project Contracts.
SK05 Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage &	Cohesion (programme) outcome:				

Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage					
	Bilateral outcome:				
		The number of project partner agreements in the receiving civil society of the private and public sectors	1	1	The mentioned risk did not occur during the implementation of the projects
	Operational problems:				
		The level of expertise in the area of NCM reconstruction needs to be improved (if relevant expert opinions were not available in processing the project or a competent representative of the (Regional) Monuments Board of the SR was not present, the level of expertise might be insufficient)	2	3	The level of expertise in the area of NCM reconstruction was achieved by submitting relevant expert opinions (issued by the competent Regional Monuments Board in the stage when projects are submitted as well as after their finalisation)..
SK07 Green Industry Innovation	Operational problems:				
		Sustainability and guaranteed income which are at risk due to the frequent legislative changes	1	1	The Programme Operator considers the finished projects in 2017 as sustainable enough
		Risks related to public procurement	1	1	The Programme Operator set strict criteria regarding the control of public procurement which help reduce the risk resulting from its inappropriate execution
SK08 Cross-Border Cooperation with Ukraine	Cohesion (programme) outcome:				
	Reducing of existing barriers for cross-border cooperation	The target value of indicators will not be achieved	4	1	An insufficient number of applications for contributions were submitted in reaction to the open calls despite an additional call to reallocate the unallocated funding, the target values of indicators were not achieved.
	Operational problems:				
		Programme management and	3	2	Insufficient familiarity with the Ukrainian

		expertise			system of institutions negatively influences the ability to implement the projects The PO tried to eliminate this risk through cooperation with the Embassy of Ukraine in Slovakia.
		Public procurement	3	2	The complexity of public procurement procedures for the project promoters and the number of tenders submitted at the same time caused a delay in the implementation of some activities.
		Development over time	2	2	Following the adoption of certain measures, all projects were completed by the deadline.
		Co-financing	1	1	The Project Promoters ensured co-financing for their projects
		Risk related to sustainability of funding	1	2	Based on the Final project reports, the Project Promoters count on securing certain resources to achieve the results. In addition to own resources and national budget resources, there are several possible sources of funding available, such as the ENI program or the International Fund for Regional Cooperation.
		The risk lies within the possible lack of compliance with the legislation	1	2	The mentioned risk did not occur during the implementation of the projects
SK09 Domestic and Gender-based Violence	Cohesion (programme) outcome:				
		Programme outcomes will not be accomplished	4	1	Not enough applicants applied under the calls, the target values of some indicators were not achieved however, the objective of the programme in the form of accessible services was accomplished
	Operational problems:				
		Insufficient time for implementation in case it does not go exactly as planned	2	2	Following the adoption of certain measures, all projects were completed by the deadline.
		Co-financing	1	1	The Project Promoters ensured co-financing for their projects
		Risk related to sustainability of	2	3	The Project Promoters count on certain

		funding		<p>sources of funding to maintain the project's results, in particular 2% of the tax, subsidies from the Self-governing regions, etc. The Programme Operator has secured funding of more than € 1 000 000 for bridging period after projects completion. In addition to these resources, additional sources of funding will be available as the Human Resources Operational Program, a further period of Norway grants. Currently, additional funds are provided for the functioning of counselling centres and safe women's homes from the reserve of the Slovak Government.</p>

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUND

1. Overview of the main events in 2017

A) Overview of the main activities of the NFP in 2017

The activities of the National Focal Point in 2017 were primarily based on NFP's responsibility for achieving the objectives of the 2009 – 2014 EEA Financial Mechanism.

On 13th of March 2017, the Monitoring Committee held its sixth meeting to review progress in attaining the objectives of the EEA and Norway, as well as to examine the outputs in the implementation of the programmes. In March the NFP submitted to the FMO the Strategic Reports on the implementation of both financial instruments for 2016 was approved at the annual meeting in March 2018. In September, the NFP submitted to the FMO the annual budget for TA for 2018 and in the course of 2017, also a further three interim financial reports.

The NFP attended the meetings of the Cooperation Committee as well as in the Selection Committees within the individual programmes.

Throughout 2017, the NFP played an important role in raising awareness of both financial mechanisms within the 2009 – 2014 programming period by providing information on both of these funds. During the entire period, the NFP ran a website containing information about all programmes, bilateral cooperation with donor states, including information on calls, meetings, workshops, seminars and all relevant issues and documents. A purchase of informational and promotional brochures was conducted in order to raise awareness of the public with regard to EEA FM and NFM.

The NFP employees attended meetings with donor states to discuss their tasks in the 2009 – 2014 and 2014-2021 programming period, including workshops organised by the NFP in cooperation with the Financial Mechanism Committee (workshop on monitoring and evaluation in April 2017 Brussels; working meeting to the communication strategy, setting publicity of the funds in PP 2014 - 2021 in January 2017).

In August and September 2017, monitoring of Cross-border cooperation (SK08) and Domestic and gender-based violence (SK09) was carried out by the NFP level with the participation of experts. At the end of 2017, the process was ongoing. During the half of 2018, is the planned implementation of the Climate Change (SK02) and implementation of the Green industry (SK07).

B) Overview of the main activities of the Audit Authority (AA) in 2017

As for claims pertaining to 2017, in terms of eligible expenditure, the AA claimed mainly salary expenditures of the AA employees (employees of the Audit and Control Section of the Ministry of Finance) and The Government Audit Office's employees incurred by the performance of governmental audits. The Government Audit Office (as a co-operating body) since its establishment on 1st of January 2016 has been cooperating with the AA. The eligible salary expenditures related to finishing works under governmental audit No. A808 (audit of operations) and audit No. A867 (system audit). Within the performance of the governmental audits, the Government Audit Office's employees were required to carry out business trips which incurred eligible expenditures.

As a part of its methodological, planning and reporting activities, the AA prepared the 2009 - 2014 EEA FM and NFM Annual Audit Report for the period between 1st of July 2016 and 30th of June 2017 and carried out related methodological activities.

Another eligible expenditure incurred by the translation of the annual control report for the period between 1st of July 2015 and 30th June 2016 into English and further travel expenditures were related to the participation of the AA employees in the „Audit Authority Workshop“ within the EEA FM and NFM in the programming period 2009 - 2014 held in Prague in October 2017 and to the participation of the AA employees at the meeting held between the FMO and the AA in Brussels in August 2017.

C) Overview of the main activities of the Certifying Authority (CA)

In the course of 2017, the CA carried out mainly the following activities:

- evaluation and submission of Forecast of likely payment applications to the FMO (4 times a year; by 20th of February, 20th of May, 20th of September, and 10th of December);
- ensuring availability of co-financing from the state budget in General Treasury Administration;
- verification, certification and approval of the Statements of expenditure and IFRs within SK01, SK02, SK04, SK05, SK06, SK07, SK08 and SK09 programmes;
- submission of the certified IFRs within SK01, SK02, SK04, SK05, SK06, SK07, SK08 and SK09 programmes to the FMO;
- verification, certification and approval of FPRs for SK04 and SK06 programmes;
- submission of certified FPRs for SK04 and SK06 programmes to the FMO;
- realization of the financial flows (receiving financial resources from donor states in cooperation with the FMO to the CA accounts and transferring these resources to the relevant Programme operator's accounts);
- methodical guidance for the authorities in terms of financial management of EEA FM and NFM, updating of methodological documents;
- maintaining accounting records of the CA;
- co-ordination of the development and ensuring the tasks relating to the accounting information system (ISUF).

2. Disbursement of funds

A) Disbursement of funds at the NFP level

Implementation of the TA budget for 2017 (actual expenditure vs. planned expenditure) from the perspective of the NFP

For 2017, the NFP planned to draw funds in the amount of **€122,800** (€104,380 net of 15% national co-financing). The eligible expenditure incurred by the NFP in 2017 in connection with the discharge of its functions under the EEA FM and NFM amounted to **€41,894 EUR** (€35,610 net of 15% national co-financing). The funds actually drawn represented 34.12% of the total budget planned.

	Budget for 2017 incl. 15% co-financing	Budget for 2017 net of 15% co-financing	Expenditure for 2017 incl. 15% co-financing	Expenditure for 2017 net of 15% co-financing
I Additional management systems (salary expenditures)	50,000	42,500	22,806	19,385
II Monitoring Committee, annual meetings and other meetings	4,000	3,400	3,789	3,221
III Working meetings and conferences	1,000	850	2,294	1,950
IV Promotional and informational activities	5,000	4,250	1,525	1,296
V Audits	0	0	0	0
VI On-the-spot verifications	15,000	12,750	422	359

VII Reviews and evaluations	47,800	40,630	11,058	9,399
VIII Implementation of the FM 2004 – 2009	0	0	0	0
Total expenditure for 2017	122,800	104,380	41,894	35,610

Disbursement from the TA fund under the EEA FM/NFM 2009 – 2014 as of 31st of December 2017

Pursuant to the Agreement on the disbursement of funds under the Technical Assistance Fund and the Bilateral Relations Fund at the national level, the funds allocated for the NFP represent €954,412 (€811,250 net of 15% national co-financing). As of 31st of December 2017, the total amount of EUR 954,412 (EUR 811,250 net of 15% national co-financing) had been credited to the NFP's account. Therefore, the cumulative amount of the funds paid represented 100% of the total TA budget approved for the NFP as of 31st of December 2017. Since the beginning of the implementation of the EEA FM/NFM 2009 – 2014, the eligible expenditure incurred by the NFP in the Accounting Sheet represented €868,748 (€738,436 net of 15% national co-financing) as of 31st of December 2017. The cumulative amount of eligible expenditure incurred by the NFP in the Accounting Sheet represented 91.02% of the total TA budget approved for the NFP as of 31st of December 2017.

	Allocation incl. 15% co-financing	Funds paid (in €)	% of funds paid	Expenditure submitted in Accounting List (in €)	% of expenditure incurred
NFP	954,412	954,412	100%	868,748	91.02%

In €

	Allocation net of 15% co-financing	Funds paid (in €)	% of funds paid	Expenditure submitted in Accounting List (in €)	% of expenditure incurred
NFP	811,250	811,250	100%	738,436	91.02%

In €

**eligible expenditures for the period of 2017 including expenditures from September to December 2017, which were included in the materials for IFR No. 18 sent in January 2018.*

Planned expenditure

The total estimated amount of the NFP's budget for 2018 is €59,000 (€50,150 net of 15% national co-financing).

	Budget for 2018 incl. 15% co-financing (in €)	Budget for 2018 net of 15% co-financing (in €)
I Additional management systems (salary expenditures)	15,000	12,750
II Monitoring Committee, annual meetings and other meetings	4,000	3,400
III Working meetings and conferences	0	0
IV Promotional and informational activities	5,000	4,250
V Audits	0	0
VI On-the-spot verifications	15,000	12,750
VII Reviews and evaluations	20,000	17,000
VIII Implementation of the FM 2004 – 2009	0	0

Total expenditure for 2017	59,000	50,150
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The National Focal Point does not expect any changes during the year compared to the budget sent in September 2017.

B) Disbursement of funds at the NFP level

The total budget for eligible activities in 2017 was €74,500.00 (€63,325.00 net of 15% national co-financing). The total eligible expenditure in 2017 represented €25,125.65, which means drawing 34% of the planned budget. Actual eligible expenditures incurred to the AA in 2017 were related to salary expenditure representing €22,356.43 including national co-financing. Expenditures amounting to €307.94 were incurred by translation of the annual control report into English. Further expenditures amounting €2,461.28 were incurred by the business trips of AA and the FMO employees.

Pursuant to the Agreement between the Government Office of the SR and the MFSR No. 300/2012 of 22nd of June 2012, the total amount allocated for the AA represents €235,294.00. As of 31st of December 2017, the total amount transferred to the AA account through advance payments and three reimbursements represented €235,294.00. Since the beginning of the project activities eligible expenditure related to the AA activity amounted to €235,285.17 as of 31st of December 2017. AA expenditures amounted to €70,629.98; expenditure for financial control reports amounted to €68,107.49 and FMO expenditure amounted to €96,547.70. The proportion of all incurred eligible expenses in the total approved budget of the Technical Assistance for the AA represented 99, 99% as of 31st of December 2017.

The AA had not submitted any estimates of expenditure for 2018 due to anticipated 100% budget utilisation by 2017. In case of relocation of technical assistance of other beneficiaries for the AA, the AA will additionally submit to the Government Office of the SR its detailed budget for 2018 in an electronic form.

C) Disbursement of funds at the CA level

Budget implementation in 2017

	Budget for 2017 (net of 15% national co-financing)	Expenditures for 2017 on list of accounting documents (net of 15% national co-financing)
I. Additional management systems (salary costs, costs of accounting system)	20,045.87	15,749.00
III. Working meetings and conferences	1,806.29	527.00
Total expenditure for 2017	21,852.16	16,276.00

in EUR

**eligible expenditures for 2017 including expenditures for the period September – December 2017, which were sent along with IFR No.18 in January 2018.*

Under Item I. Additional management systems, the incurred expenditures covered the eligible salary costs of the CA employees involved in the implementation of the EEA FM/NFM. In 2017, 16 eligible employees were refunded on average. One employee was refunded at the average rate of 64% (on average salary costs).

Other CA employees were refunded through allocation criteria, based on which the percentage of salary costs in 2017 was 0, 53% (with the exception of 2 employees of the Accounting Unit - % was 0, 40%)

With respect to Item III. Working meetings and conferences, 3 local meetings and 1 foreign business trip were organized in 2017 – attending Closing conference of the SK05 and SK09 programmes in Košice and Closing conference of the SK08 programme in Uzhgorod, Ukraine.

- **disbursement from the TA fund under the EEA FM/NFM 2009 – 2014 as of 31 December 2017**

	Allocation (net of 15% co-financing)	Funds paid	% of funds paid	Incurred expenditure	% of expenditure incurred
CA	200,000.00	175,138.00	87.57%	171,655.00	85.83%

in EUR (net of 15% co-financing)

* eligible expenditures for 2017 include expenditures for the period between September – December 2017 which were included in the IFR No.18 in January 2018. Those expenditures were in the amount of 6,481.00 EUR (net of 15% co-financing), i.e. that the amount of incurred expenditures as of 31 December 2017 was 165,174.00 EUR.

- **expenditures planed in 2018**

	Budget for 2018 (net of 15% co-financing)
I. Additional management systems	19,924.00
III. Meetings and conferences to share experience	850.00
Total expenditures for 2018	20,774.00

in EUR

I. Additional management systems

In 2018 the total amount of 19,924.00 EUR allocated under "Additional management systems" is estimated to cover the costs of salaries of eligible employees (the number of eligible employees is approximately 15, out of which 2 employees on daily basis; average eligible proportion is approximately 0, 50 % of the salaries for 13 employees and 50 % for 2 employees working on daily basis).

III. Meetings and conferences to share experience

Certifying Authority expects to spend 850.00 EUR in the 2018 to cover the expenses for business trips (conferences organised by the FMO, by the donors and/or by different stakeholders) for 2 employees.

3. Public procurement

In 2017 the NFP prepared the documents for the public procurement of the service provider, which were consulted with the FMO. Until the end of the reporting period the tender was not successful; the public procurement was re-announced in January 2018.

4. Plan of activities for 2018

The plan of NFP, CA and AA activities can be found in the main report in Part 4.6 Work Plan.

Cumulative disbursement overview FM EEA and NFM 2009-2014 as of 31st December 2017

Programme	Net allocation		Total disbursed from FMO	% of disbursement from FMO	Disbursement from CA to PO			% of disbursement from CA	Approved and submitted expenses to FMO via IFRs			% of approved and submitted expenses
	Donors	State budget			Donors	State budget	Total		Donors	State budget	Total	
	1	2			3	4	5		6	7	8	
SK01	767 000	101 510	765 837	99,85%	765 837	99 426	865 263	99,63%	609 968	89 886	699 854	80,58%
- FTA	575 250	101 510	563 441	97,95%	563 441	99 426	662 867	97,95%	509 415	89 886	599 301	88,55%
- BF*	191 750	0	202 396	105,55%	202 396	0	202 396	105,55%	100 553	0	100 553	52,44%
SK02	12 463 750	2 199 485	12 403 556	99,52%	12 403 556	2 188 863	14 592 419	99,52%	8 785 904	1 550 456	10 336 360	70,49%
SK04	1 000 000	176 471	990 026	99,00%	990 026	174 710	1 164 736	99,00%	881 062	155 480	1 036 542	88,11%
SK05	11 922 500	2 103 971	11 859 936	99,48%	11 859 936	2 092 929	13 952 865	99,48%	9 970 287	1 759 463	11 729 750	83,63%
SK06	1 917 500	338 382	1 888 332	98,48%	1 888 332	333 233	2 221 565	98,48%	1 611 880	284 451	1 896 331	84,06%
Total FM EEA	28 070 750	4 919 819	27 907 687	99,42%	27 907 687	4 889 161	32 796 848	99,41%	21 859 101	3 839 736	25 698 837	77,90%
SK01	913 468	112 240	889 768	97,41%	889 768	109 936	999 704	97,46%	705 411	99 396	804 807	78,46%
- FTA	636 000	112 240	622 946	97,95%	622 946	109 936	732 882	97,95%	563 198	99 396	662 594	88,55%
- BF*	277 468	0	266 822	96,16%	266 822	0	266 822	96,16%	142 214	0	142 214	51,25%
SK07	16 073 985	2 836 586	12 815 895	79,73%	12 815 895	2 261 628	15 077 523	79,73%	11 564 907	2 040 865	13 605 772	71,95%
SK08	13 368 547	2 359 155	12 619 188	94,39%	12 619 188	2 226 915	14 846 103	94,39%	10 492 811	1 851 673	12 344 484	78,49%
SK09	8 440 000	1 489 412	8 382 648	99,32%	8 382 648	1 479 290	9 861 938	99,32%	6 828 603	1 205 047	8 033 650	80,91%
Total NFM	38 796 000	6 797 393	34 707 499	89,46%	34 707 499	6 077 769	40 785 268	89,45%	29 591 732	5 196 981	34 788 713	76,30%
Total FM EEA and NFM	66 866 750	11 717 212	62 615 186	93,64%	62 615 186	10 966 930	73 582 116	93,64%	51 450 833	9 036 717	60 487 550	76,97%
	78 583 962		62 615 186		73 582 116				60 487 550			

* due to the new contribution rate the data provided in the DoRIS regarding disbursement are in the amount of 191 750 EUR for EEA grants and 277 468 EUR for NFM

currency: EUR

source: CA MF SR

Period 1 -4 /2017

No.	Programme code	Project number	Name of Project Promoter	Project name	Grant in EUR
1	SK05	CLT02003	City of Trebišov	Revitalization of Parič Castle (RePar)	668 026,00 €
2	SK05	CLT03004	CINEFIL	Phutedro Øre	159 678,00 €
3	SK05	CLT03006	University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius	FOTOROMA - Raising awareness on Roma cultural diversity and building an intercultural dialogue through photography	108 454,00 €
4	SK05	CLT03010	W PRESS a.s.	Who says I'm an outsider?	88 830,00 €
5	SK07	GIIPP001	National Food and Agricultural Centre	Centre for the Research of Biomass Potential	2 500 000,00 €
6	SK08	CBC01003	Regionálne združenie GEMERSKO	LET'S TASTE	223 130,00 €
7	SK08	CBC01004	Spiš Gallery o.z.	Culture and arts - the way to a mutual understanding of Slovakia and Ukraine	286 619,00 €
8	SK08	CBC01007	PROEDUCA, s.r.o.	Workforce development of border regions through targeted training of jobseekers in the engineering	372 674,00 €
9	SK08	CBC01009	Akademik Technická Univerzita Košice	International Youth Sport Partnership	394 381,00 €
10	SK08	CBC01013	National Forest Centre	Forest for society – Forest without barriers (FOR SOC)	597 881,00 €
11	SK08	CBC01020	FOR REGION EU, n.o.	Carpathian Portal	247 921,00 €
12	SK08	CBC01025	City of Michalovce	SK-INFO-UA Innovative information products of cross-border cooperation	189 764,00 €
13	SK08	CBC01026	Hriňovská energetická, s.r.o.	Ecovillage	299 806,00 €
14	SK08	CBC01030	Centre of Social and Psychological Sciences of the Slovak Academy of Sciences	Provision of information and implementation of innovative approaches in the Slovak - Ukrainian Cross-Border Cooperation	171 728,00 €
15	SK08	CBC02/PSK-I/030	Legend Foto, n.o.	European Mobility Week - Carpathian network	89 503,00 €
16	SK08	CBC02/PSK-I/033	Košice Self-Govering Region	Cross the Border by Bike	162 579,00 €
17	SK09	DGV02004	Slovak Red Cross, territory guild Trebišov	Modernisation of emergency housing for the victims of domestic violence	243 865,00 €
18	SK09	DGV03001	Civic Association Brieždenie	Peace Centre - improving protection and support services for victims of family violence - CPSS	837 517,00 €
19	SK09	DGV03002	LUNA n.o.	Ženský domov Trenčín	665 856,00 €
20	SK09	DGV03010	Nádej Partizánske	Counselling centre Nádej Partizánke	77 229,00 €
21	SK09	DGVPP001	Ministry of labour, social affairs and family of the Slovak Republic	Coordinating Methodical Centre for gender based and domestic violence	2 000 000,00 €

Monitoring plan at the National Focal Point level for 2018

Programme	Period	On the spot visit	Status	Findings
SK08 Cross-border Cooperation	August 2017 – March 2018	August 2017	Not finished yet; the Monitoring Reports will be submitted to the NFP during 1Q 2018	The findings will be listed within Final Strategic Report
SK09 Domestic and Bender-based Violence	August 2017 – March 2018	August – September 2017	Not finished yet; the Monitoring Reports will be submitted to the NFP during 1Q 2018	The findings will be listed within Final Strategic Report
SK02 Adaptation to Climate Change – Floods and Drought Prevention	March 2018 – May 2018	March - April 2018	Planned completion – May 2018	The findings will be listed within Final Strategic Report
SK07 Green Industry Innovation	March 2018 – May 2018	March - April 2018	Planned completion – May 2018	The findings will be listed within Final Strategic Report

List of registered complaints in 2017

	Type of complaint	Submitted:	Description:	Solution / Conclusion:
1.	Suspicion / submission / complaint delivered on 15 February by email	Kvakovce municipality - mayor	Suspected violation of the public procurement principles under CBC01009 "International Youth Sport Partnership"	Investigation of complaint; the bid was reported as irregularity and excluded from the financing
2.	Suspicion / submission / complaint delivered on 9 May by email	Individual	Complaint on project promoter related to implementation of the project ACC02003 "City of Bratislava is preparing to the climate change – the pilot application of the measures in the field of the sustainable rainwater management in urban area"	Investigation of complain; general suspicion – was not confirmed

Abbreviations and programme numbers

AA	Audit Authority
BFNL	Bilateral Fund at national level
CA	Certifying Authority
CMC	Coordinating-Methodological Centre for Domestic and Gender-based Violence
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations Sustainability
DPP	Donor programme partners
EEA	European Economic Area
EEX	European Energy Exchange
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
FMO	Financial Mechanisms Office
FPR	Final Programme Report
GDP	Gross domestic product
IFR	Interim financial report
MF SR - CA	Ministry of Finance of the SR as the Certifying Authority
MFSR	Ministry of Finance of the SR
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NFP	National Focal Point
NFM	Norwegian Financial Mechanism
PO	Programme Operator
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SK Presidency	Slovak Presidency in the Council of Europe
SNIE	Slovak National Institute for Education
TA	Technical assistance
UNFCCC UN	Framework Convention on Climate Change
USAID	United States Agency for International Development