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Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Research, development and innovation
Title of the measure:	Reform of science and technology funding
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
	a) has been completed
	b) is being completed according to the timetable
	c) is being completed with delay
	d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>Reform in the financing of science and technology is to be realised on the basis of the document "New Model of Science and Technology Financing in the SR". This material should introduce a programme for modernising support for science and technology that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- sets out the manner of raising the share of targeted funding of science and technology - grant funding (targeted funding made on the basis of open competition) in supporting science and technology from state budget funds- those projects partially financed from international sources, or by the business sector will receive a greater degree of support,- in the field of applied research concentrates support into certain key challenges,- sets out the support for basic research without thematic limitation, only on the basis of the criteria of scientific excellence. <p>At present support for science and technology in the Slovak Republic from state budget funds is prevalingly institutional support, rather than targeted support (the ratio is roughly 65%:35%), leading to the fact that institutional state budget funds are provided to public sector research and development institutions for solving atomised research and development problems identified by them and thereby these institutions do not manage to ensure the comprehensive solution of a certain research and development problem.</p> <p>Since 2004, when the Slovak Republic became a member state of the European Union, the state of participation by Slovak research and development organisations in European Union research and development programmes has not improved at all. New initiatives and programmes are arising in the European Union, in which every member state must participate by a yearly membership fee. Slovakia has an interest in entering the "FAIR" infrastructure (Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research) and into the two European technological enterprises ARTEMIS (European joint venture for embedded computer systems and related research) and ENIAC (European joint venture for nanoelectronics and related research). The absence of funding in the "National Programme for the Development of Science and Technology" does not make it possible to enter these EU initiatives, which limits the SR's possibilities to get involved in EU activities, in which Slovak institutions could be successful. A further activity that the SR has limited possibility to enter are the knowledge and innovation communities created by the European Institute of innovation and technology.</p> <p>Despite an approved 12 priorities for research and development in the Long-Term Objective of the State Science and Technology Policy to 2015 there are no programmes focused on the targeted solution of a particular issue whose results of which could result in use in economic or social practice. Since there are relatively many priorities it is important to identify which of the research and development priorities will be supported in the period to 2010.</p>



Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: The relevant material has been prepared by the SR Ministry of Education. The material was approved at an advisory meeting of the management of the Ministry of Education on 16.6.2009.

The reason for the late approval of the material was the need to reassess the original objectives of the material due to the calculated feasibility of the proposed objectives in connection to the anticrisis measures approved by the SR Government on 9 February 2009 concerning research and development.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. preparation of the draft material "New Model of Science and Technology Financing"	15.12.2008	The material was prepared in cooperation with an expert working group and submitted to a meeting of the management of the SR Ministry of Education. Following non-approval of the material, the material was reworked and respected to the meeting of the management. Several meetings were held regarding the material. The material was approved on 16.6.2009.
2. inclusion of the draft material for interdepartmental comment proceedings	30.1.2009	The material was submitted for interdepartmental comment proceedings on 22.6. - 3.7.2009.
3. discussion of the draft material at the SR Government Council for Science and Technology	28.2.2009	The material was submitted to a meeting of the SR Government Council for Science and Technology on 29.6.2009.
4. submission of the material to the SR Government	31.3.2009	The material has not yet been submitted to a meeting of the SR Government. The material will be submitted to a meeting of the SR Government following the incorporation of contradictory comments from interdepartmental comment proceedings and from the meeting of the SR Government Council for Science and Technology.

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator											
1. number of projects of international scientific-technical cooperation that Slovak research and development organisations join											
2. increase in the share of targeted funding of science and technology in support for science and technology from state budget funds											



3. number of basic research projects supported on the basis of the principle of excellence
4. number of applied research projects supported on the basis of set research and development priorities
5. creation of a system of monitoring and updating state science and technology policy
6. share of funds from grant schemes in the total volume of public funding for research and development
7. increase in spending on research and development from public funds
8. increase spending on research and development from EU funds – 7th Framework Programme
9. increase in spending on business-funded research and development

Performance indicator	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
1. relative production of publications			0.36							
2. relative production of quotations			0.97							
3. EPO patents (number of applications per million inhabitants)	1.7	4	3.3							

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:			0	0
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Research, development and innovation
Title of the measure:	Support for knowledge transfer between the academic and business sector and support for contract research for public administration needs
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of the Economy, SR Ministry of Finance
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) has been completedb) is being completed according to the timetablec) is being completed with delayd) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The purpose of the measure is to support applied research, development and innovation with the aim of expanding the research, development and innovation base and to use the results of research, development and innovation in practice. A further purpose is to develop stronger links between the academic sector (universities, the Slovak Academy of Sciences and departmental research institutes) and the realisers of applied research, development and innovation and users.</p> <p>The main tool for the implementation of the measure will be the provision of funding co-financed from the Structural Funds by means of the OP Research and Development (Measure 2.2. and 4.2.) and OP Competitiveness and Economic Growth (Measure 1.3.) Specific aid will be provided by means of the implementation agencies of the SR Ministry of Education Agency for the EU Structural Funds and the Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency (SIEA). In the case of the SIEA this will concern support on the basis of state aid schemes. OP Research and Development in its structure defines measures and activities directed at the transfer of knowledge and technology gained through research and development into practice, focusing both on the academic and business sectors. OP Research and Development focuses on creating the preconditions and direct support for businesses as well as academic research institutions and for their mutual cooperation. Specifically, support will go to activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ support for points of contact with industry (SMEs and large enterprises) at research and development workplaces▪ support for the processing of projects for establishing institutions and units serving universities and academic workplaces for the transfer of technology and knowledge (including valorisation and commercialisation institutions and units)▪ the creation and operation of institutions and units serving universities and academic workplaces for the transfer of technology and knowledge (including valorisation and commercialisation institutions and units) equipped with expertise, the respective training, experience, understanding for the needs of researchers, statutory standards, enterprise, the technology development issue▪ support for activities for removing barriers between research and development on the one hand and society and the economy on the other hand▪ Support for cooperation between businesses and the academic sector, particularly by means of businesses' access to research facilities in the academic sector, as a component of their cooperation. <p>The support and development of highly innovative firms will be realised also with the aid of guarantee schemes and risk capital in the framework of the JEREMIE initiative in the SR. These innovative forms of financing represent indirect returnable financial aid, which will be provided to SMEs via financial intermediaries by means of the JEREMIE holding fund, i.e. the company SZRF, s.r.o., where the EIF performs the expert activity of financial manager. Specific aid will be provided by means of the National Agency for the Development of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (NADSME).</p>



Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: Support for contract research for the needs of public administration will be realised on the basis of “Edicts on the Provision of Subsidies” approved by individual ministries and central government bodies from state budget funds allocated within their budget chapters.

The month’s delay in completing of task 1 (issuing the call for OP Research and Development) happened due to the relatively complicated conditions of preparing the calls, particularly due to the need to fully identify and separate out fields that fall or do not fall under the conditions for support by means of state aid. Relatively significant changes in EC legislation occurred in 2008 in this field, which also resulted in delay in the completion of this task. We do not consider the delay to be substantial.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. issuance of call regarding OP Research and Development	30.11.2008	<p>The task was completed by announcing the following calls:</p> <p>In the framework of Measure 2.2 “Transfer of knowledge and technology gained through research and development into practice” a call for the submission of applications for a nonreturnable financial contribution “Support for applied research, development and technology transfer”, with the code OPVaV-2008/2.2/01-SORO was announced on 28. 11. 2008 with a closing date of 2. 3. 2009. The total financial amount allocated for the call was €9 958 175.66 In total 98 applications for the provision of a nonreturnable financial contribution were submitted in the framework of the call. The process of assessing applications is currently under way.</p> <p>In the framework of Measure 4.2 “Transfer of knowledge and technology gained through research and development into practice in the Bratislava county” a call for the submission of applications for a nonreturnable financial contribution “Support for applied research, development and technology transfer”, with the code OPVaV-2008/4.2/01-SORO was announced on 28. 11. 2008 with a closing date of 2. 3. 2009. The total financial amount allocated for the call was €4 979 087.83 In total 35 applications for the provision of a nonreturnable financial contribution were submitted in the framework of the call. The process of assessing applications is currently under way.</p> <p>A further 4 calls were announced in the field in 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) “Support for applied research, development and technology transfer in the field of energy and the energy industry” - 2 calls with the codes OPVaV-2009/2.2/02-SORO and OPVaV-2009/4.2/02-SORO declared on 30.3.2009 with a closing date of 3.8.2009. The total financial amounts allocated for the calls were €30 million and €12 million b) “Transfer of knowledge and technology gained through research and development into practice (state aid scheme)” - 2 calls with the codes OPVaV-2009/2.2/03-SORO and OPVaV-2009/4.2/3-SORO declared on 28.04.2009 with a closing date of 10.08.2009. The total financial amounts allocated for the calls were €40 million and €20 million



2. issuance of call regarding OP Competitiveness and Economic Growth

31.12.2008

- State aid scheme for support for applied research and development directed at innovation
- De minimis aid scheme for supporting innovation, implementation of quality management systems, industrial copyright protection and the implementation of technical standards into production practice and services

In 2008 one call for the submission of applications for a nonreturnable financial contribution (hereinafter simply a “call”) was declared in the framework of Measure 1.3 of OP Competitiveness and Economic Growth.

The call in the framework of Measure 1.3. Support for innovation activities at enterprises (State aid scheme for supporting innovation by means of industrial research and experimental development projects) was announced on 19 December 2008 with the closing date for the submission of applications by 29 April 2009. In total 46 applications were submitted in the framework of the offer in a total requested sum of nonreturnable financial contributions of 1.28 billion SKK (€42.56 million). The process of assessing applications is currently under way.

The object of the aid is to provide state aid (hereinafter simply “aid”) for all solving industrial research and experimental development projects directed at innovation through the form of a non-returnable financial contribution (hereinafter simply “NFC”) from the EU Structural Funds and state budget, aimed at supporting development and raising the competitiveness of enterprises in research-development, production, commercial sphere and services relating to this.

On 3 September 2009 a call was announced for the submission of NFC applications in the framework of Measure 1.3 - Support for innovation activities in enterprises (de minimis) with a deadline for the submission of NFC applications by 3 December 2009.

Aid in the framework of this scheme is intended for the projects:

- Aid for supporting industrial research and experimental development and innovation,
- Aid for supporting the implementation of quality management systems,
- Aid for supporting industrial copyright protection,
- Aid for supporting accreditation and certification,
- Aid for supporting the implementation of technical standards into production practice and services.

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator					Planned value of indicator in the NRP				
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator											



1. number of projects supported from OP Research and Development	<p>It will be possible to determine the value of the indicator for research and development following the assessment of calls and conclusion of the respective contracts with successful applicants.</p> <p>The number of approved (supported) projects from OP Research and Development is 81 with an approved non-returnable financial contribution of €33 217 601.03. Preparation of contracts with beneficiaries is currently under way; only on the basis of them will the drawing of budgetary funds proceed</p>										
2. number of innovation projects supported from OP Competitiveness and Economic Growth											
3. increase in spending on research and development from public funds											
4. increase in spending on business-funded research and development											
5. allocated state aid for supporting innovation projects provided from OP Competitiveness and Economic Growth											
6. Business investment											
Performance indicator	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
1. Summary innovation index (SII) according to the European Innovation Scoreboard											
2. EPO patents (number of applications per million inhabitants)											



Quantification of the budget impact (in SKK million)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
- OP Research and Development (ERDF + state budget 85:15)		800	800	800
- OP Competitiveness and Economic Growth				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
- OP Research and Development (only ERDF)		680	680	680
- OP Competitiveness and Economic Growth		1 325.17	1 025.6	



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Research, development and innovation
Title of the measure:	New mechanism for allocating funds for PhD scholarships
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>Meetings have been held with representatives of the SR Ministry of Education Universities Section, the SR Ministry of Education Science and Technology Section and representatives of the Slovak Research and Development Agency. Following mutual discussion two conclusions were reached:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under the current state of legislation it is possible to pay wages from Slovak research and development agency funds, whereas PhD scholarships are not eligible expenditures. In order for PhD scholarships to be eligible expenditures from Slovak Research and Development Agency funding, it will be necessary to make an amendment to Act no. 172/2005 Coll. on the organisation of state support for research and development and on the amendment of Act no. 575/2001 Coll. on the organisation of government activity and the organisation of central government as later amended by Act no. 233/2008 Coll. amending Act no. 172/2005 Coll. on the organisation of state support for research and development and on the amendment of Act no. 575/2001 Coll. on the organisation of government activity and the organisation of central government as later amended and on the amendment of certain acts, which could bring a change in regard to PhD scholarships as eligible costs for research and development projects. Following a change to the legislation it will also be possible to adjust the rules. 2. Fulfilment of the objective - new mechanism for allocating funds for PhD scholarships - at present a possible solution appears to be the application of a new mechanism in allocating new PhD scholarship places. The allocation of new PhD scholarship places from 2010 will take into account the involvement of PhD students in Slovak Research and Development Agency projects. The Slovak Research and Development Agency will provide the SR Ministry of Education with information on approved projects in which PhD students participate.
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
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1. Requirement to adjust rules for calls in the framework of the Slovak Research and Development Agency and grant schemes in the framework of institutional support for science and schools of higher education for 2010 and beyond	31.10.2008	After several meetings of the parties involved it was agreed that at present for fulfilling the new mechanism the involvement of PhD students in the Slovak Research and Development Agency projects will be applied as one of the criteria in the allocation of funds for PhD scholarships and in the allocation of new scholarship places.
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Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator	Planned value of indicator in the NRP
Output indicator		2008	2010
1. number of new PhD students financed from projects		0	100
Performance indicator			

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:			996	2988
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):			-996	-2988



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Research, development and innovation
Title of the measure:	Establishment of regional innovation centres (RICs)
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry for the Economy
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education, SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) has been completedb) is being completed according to the timetablec) is being completed with delayd) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The need for building regional innovation centres (RICs), including the technical and technological equipment, results primarily from the SR Innovation Strategy for 2007 to 2013, the SR Innovation Policy for 2008 to 2010 and the regional innovation strategies drawn up by county authorities in the framework of the European Union's 6th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. The SR Ministry of the Economy prepared a draft Project for Integrated Innovation Tools in the Regions of Slovakia (RICs), as the implementation of measure 1 of the SR Innovation Policy for 2008 to 2010, approved in SR Government Resolution no. 128/2008 on 27.2.2008 - Building Regional Innovation Centres (including support for further education and the provision of advice for subjects entering RICs) with a proposed allocation of €165 million (4 950 million SKK) from the Operational Programme Research and Development and the Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to increase the competitiveness of regions, reduce regional disparities, increase the regional rate of employment by means of developing innovation instruments at the regional level, institutional provision of infrastructure by means of innovation tools for implementation of regional and state innovation policy in regions in accordance with regional innovation strategies and the innovation strategy of the Slovak Republic, restore and expand the innovation potential in the framework of applied research and development for innovative enterprise, for developing cooperation between businesses, research, development and education institutions in the regions, for education of the workforce according to businesses requirements in industry, strengthening and developing cooperation between universities, research-development and education institutions with businesses at the regional, supra-regional and international level, create conditions for the creation and development particularly of small and medium-sized innovative enterprises aimed at using new production processes and technologies, producing competitive products and providing qualitatively better services and to create the conditions for the creation of new and better jobs and to increase the employability of employees with regard to the process of introducing innovations.</p> <p>The issue of RICs was the subject of working meetings between the SR Ministry for the Economy, SR Ministry of Education and SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family during 2008 and 2009 with the aim of preparing a detailed project for establishing the RICs. On the basis of these meetings and with regard to the complexity of the given measure, the number of subjects involved in its implementation, the time and financial demands of the measure and the need for conformity in implementation of the eligibility condition in accordance with the relevant operational programmes, including principles of financial management, implementation of the measure was split into separate, time-linked stages (preparation</p>



of human resources for management and implementation of innovations in regions, establishing RICs and establishing innovation instruments). Subsequently the project was made more feasible, reworked for deficiencies in project financing and divided into parts financed from the ESF and ERDF, where it was agreed that activities will be time-coordinated, but will not be tied to a single joint call (which would be further complicated also from the aspect of the ITMS). In an analysis of the possibilities for financing from the ERDF (OP Research and Development) it was stated that from the aspect of the SR Ministry of Education it is not possible to realise, and that a new manner of financing in the framework of the ERDF must be designed in the project.

The SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family and the Social Implementation Agency (SIA) prepared a call for the submission of applications for nonreturnable financial contributions (NFCs) for the first stage of establishing the RICs. The call is aimed at creating a basis for the management and implementation of approved national innovation strategies and policies at the county level and broadening pro-innovation potential in the form of support for capacities and human resources operating in this field. The main objectives are to create the conditions for supporting the creation of new and sustainable jobs, or to increase the employability and adaptability of employees with regard to the process of introducing innovations and the systematisation of management and implementation of innovation instruments and policies at the regional level by means of individual activities such as organising educational activities in connection to the introduction of new innovations in regions (in accordance with the corresponding innovation poles), to draw up a strategy for the development of human resources and education plans in the field of innovation strategies in accordance with the innovation policy, advice for and preparation of strategies for supporting innovation in regions interlinking to the RICs, the creation of innovation regional strategic planning, partnership building and networking of institutions involved in the innovation strategy in regions, support for establishing regional innovation centres (creation of jobs for the purpose of supporting the management and coordination of innovation policy in regions). This call is intended for counties in the framework of the Convergence objective and projects allow for the Institute of partnership to be applied within the framework of higher territorial units (in the framework of general government subjects, non-business subjects, etc with regard to the intensity of support provided). The target groups are defined according to the eligibility for OP Employment and Social Inclusion so that educational activities organised regarding innovation are generally available.

Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: The main reason for the project's delay lies in proving the permanent sustainability of the project depending on ERDF funding and adherence to the desired financing of 95:5. A key question is the sustainability of the RICs following the end of ERDF funding, and this at minimum throughout the period of monitoring the project's impacts (5 years). Therefore a feasibility study should firstly include a financial plan for the operation of the RICs to 2015, including the solution of financial relations resulting from the issue of a project generating revenue, and in connection to this also excluding the possibility of unauthorised provision of state aid.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Issuance of a call for the submission of NFC applications from the Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion		The SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family as the managing authority for OP Employment and Social Inclusion in the purview of the SIA as the intermediary body declared a call for the submission of NFC applications under code DOP2009-SIP003. The call is based on the eligibility criteria of the OP Employment and Social Inclusion and represents the first stage of building RICs with a focus on training human resources and capacity building for management of national innovation policies at the level of higher territorial units. The aim of the call is to provide support for the systematic and coordinated



2. Issuance of calls regarding OP Research and Development	31.12.2009	management and implementation of innovation instruments in the regions, in connection to the state innovation policy and strategy. The call was announced on 15 June 2009 with the possibility to submit NFC applications on an ongoing basis until 30 November 2009. Eligible applicants are higher territorial units under SR Act of Parliament no. 302/2001 Coll. on local authority of higher territorial units, in the framework of the Convergence objective. The minimum level of aid per project is €500 000 and the maximum level of aid is €1 400 000.
		The SR Ministry of Education in letter ref. no. CD-2009- 27223/20937-1 applied to the SR Prime Minister for an extension to the deadline for task completion until 31.12.2009. In letter ref. no. 7878/2009/OHP the Prime Minister acknowledged the deadline extension and accepted the reasoning. The reasoning is identical to the reasoning for the delay given above.

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP		
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator											
1. Number of RICs created					0			8-10			
2. Number of partners involved in RICs					0			*			
3. Number of innovation projects realised					0			80			
4. Number of training sessions held					0			40			
5. Number of training session participants					0			*			
6. Number of new jobs created in businesses, based on cooperation with RICs					0			*			
Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
1. Regional Innovation Scoreboard (RIS)											
- Bratislava region			0.66					0.68			
			27					25			
- Trnava region			0.26					0.28			
			171					168			
- Nitra region			0.26					0.28			
			171					168			
- Trencin region			0.26					0.28			
			171					168			



- Žilina region	0.27 167	0.29 164
- Banská Bystrica region	0.27 167	0.29 164
- Prešov region	0.19 189	0.22 185
- Košice region	0.19 189	0.22 185

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:	0	0	*	*
of which, finance from EU sources:	0	0	*	*
Impact on public finance expenditure:	0	0	10 000	100 000
of which, finance from EU sources:	0	0	10 000	100 000
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	0	0	- 10 000	- 100 000

* project of this nature in Slovakia is yet operating and therefore it is difficult to quantify income



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Support for top grammar schools
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	
Completion of the measure:	a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>In each county conditions will be created for supporting top grammar schools irrespective of their founder, that are focused on gaining general education and education focused on natural and social sciences at a top international level. Central government bodies and local authorities will help these schools to link into international networks and in cooperation with universities and research and development institutions. This will concern exclusively network support without claim to additional public funding. Top grammar schools will be chosen on the basis of their pupils' results in nationwide school-leaving exams and similar objective criteria.</p> <p>It is necessary to support secondary schools in linking into international networks of schools of the same type and in cooperation with universities and research and development institutions. At present the quality of secondary schools is not determined on the basis of measurable criteria; only the results achieved in various fields are compared: study results achieved by pupils of individual schools, percentage representation of pupils in various types of competition, placement of school pupils achieved in individual rounds of nationwide competitions in various subjects, secondary school professional activity and in other competitions.</p> <p>Therefore the category of top grammar schools will be introduced, where these schools are focused on gaining general education focused on natural sciences or social sciences. These secondary schools will be selected on the basis of set criteria with the aim of selecting schools having a high level of education comparable with that of top similar schools abroad. An important criterion in selecting top grammar schools will be the involvement of pupils in competitions and schools' results achieved in them. These schools should be a motivating factor for raising the level of education at other schools, thereby realising the aim of supporting school as a space for independence, creativity, modern methods of education as listed in the SR Government Programme Declaration.</p> <p>This will concurrently promote learning, the development of science and research and information technology as the basic preconditions for forming a knowledge-based, information and cultural society in the Slovak Republic.</p> <p>The aim of this measure is to introduce the category of top grammar schools, to select from among all secondary schools in Slovakia those that will be the top grammar schools and provide them with support in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- support schools financially (from planned Regional Education Section funds) in the case of pupils' participation in nationwide and international rounds of competitions,- enable a greater number of teachers at top grammar schools to attend foreign study stays in the framework of lifelong learning. <p>In the first year we want to select top grammar schools on the basis of set criteria, where there will be just one such secondary school in each county.</p>



In following years it will be possible to adjust this number depending on the results of educational programmes at the individual secondary schools and depending on the fulfilment of the set criteria for a top grammar school, on whether the set purpose of this measure is being achieved and on whether it would be beneficial to, for example, increase this number.

By introducing the term “top grammar school” there is the expectation of an increase in the quality of the education process at all secondary schools, an increase in the competitiveness of schools among themselves, because each school has an interest in having as many excellent pupils as possible. The criteria for selecting secondary schools will include the matters listed as output indicators for the measure. It will be necessary to ascertain their initial value in the framework of an analysis of the initial state. An analysis of the initial state is currently under way.

At the initiative of the SR Ministry of Education a working group has been created whose members include representatives from: the SR Ministry of Education, county school authorities in the SR, the State Schools Inspectorate, the National Institute for Certified Measurement and the Association of State Secondary School Heads of the Slovak Republic. The working group has the objective of setting the criteria for selecting the top grammar schools and examining the possibilities for obtaining source documentation regarding individual criteria.

The first meeting of the working group was held in June, at which its members proposed a change to the timetable for completing the measure, giving a reasoned statement for this.

In the school year 2009/2010 only the 2nd year of school reform is under way, in the framework of which the two-level model of education has begun to be applied and schools are carrying out the education process according to the newly created school education programmes. In order for it to be possible to compare the quality of individual schools, it is necessary to wait until at least one whole education cycle has been completed, which with regard to the eight-year length of study is 2016. The working group therefore proposed to move the selection of top grammar schools and the deadline for completing the measure to 2016. At the same time the group submitted the proposal that performance indicators currently under preparation be included in the criteria and that already-realised national projects – the national project of the State Schools Inspectorate (the project External Assessment of the Quality of a School Supporting Self-Evaluation Processes and School Development) and the national programme NÚCEM (a project with the working title Assessing the Quality of Education and Monitoring Development Trends in the Context of Curriculum Reform).

Reasoning for non-completion or -
completion with delay:

Compliance with the timetable for the measure		
Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. analysis of the initial state	30.9.2013	The aim will be to ascertain all initial values of output indicators.



2. collection of data on the results of the education process of individual secondary schools, which will be the source documentation for determining selection criteria	yearly		
		30.11.2015	
3. incorporation of projected financial costs into the Regional Education Section funding			
4. determining the selection criteria and selecting top grammar schools		30.11.2006	
5. support for top grammar schools	yearly from 2016		Support schools financially (from planned Regional Education Section funds) in the case of pupils' participation in nationwide and international rounds of competitions. Increase the number of teachers at top grammar schools participating in foreign study stays in the framework of lifelong learning.

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP				
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(2016)	(different year)	(different year)	
Output indicator												
1. success of school in nationwide testing in the external parts of school-leaving exams in individual subjects	%	-	-	-	-	0		0	75			
Performance indicator												
1. number of top grammar schools	pieces	-	-	-	-	-		0	8			

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:			0	0
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):			0	0



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Informatisation of education, creation of innovative study materials
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>Raising the ability of pupils to use ICT is achieved primarily in lessons of information studies, or informatics. The State Education Programme has been operating since 1.9.2008, guaranteeing teaching in the subject information studies in the 2nd to 4th years of primary school and the subject informatics in the 5th to 9th years of primary and secondary schools. Raising the ability of teachers to use ICT is achieved primarily by means of national projects that teachers can join. This concerns the following national projects: Modernisation of the education process at primary schools, Modernisation of the education process at secondary schools, Further education of primary school and secondary school teachers in the subject informatics, Further education of teachers of foreign languages.</p> <p>Participants in these projects receive a notebook and data projector for their school, thereby improving the equipment of schools with ICT aids. Schools can gain funding for the purchase of ICT aids, as well as for the creation of innovative study materials and aids, by entering various calls for financing development projects. This concerns the following calls: E-education for Pupils from a Socially Disadvantaged Environment and for Pupils with Health Disabilities 2009, Open School 2009, Language Laboratory 2009, Call for the Submission of Applications for Funding of a Development Project for Graphics Systems in Vocational Education and in Training for 2009, Electronisation and Revitalisation of Nurseries 2009, Electronisation and Revitalisation of School Libraries 2009.</p> <p>Informatisation of education in the field of secondary vocational schools is supported by an announcement of calls for the submission of development projects. Development projects for the introduction of graphics systems in vocational education and training in regional education are targeted at raising the vocational competences of secondary vocational school pupils in the use of graphics systems, incorporating labour market requirements for competences of secondary vocational school leavers in the field of using graphics systems into school education programmes, the training of teaching staff, the creation of teaching aids, teaching texts and methodological sheets, ensuring the corresponding software and creating a computer-supported solution to professional problems in connection with requirements in practice.</p>
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	-

Compliance with the timetable for the measure



Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Building an appropriate communications and information infrastructure in Slovakia at all types of schools and school facilities	2011	
2. Innovation in the content of education	2009	
3. Creation of new teaching materials		
4. Further education of teaching staff	2011	
	2011	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator											
1. Functional communications and information infrastructure at all types of school and school facilities											
2. Incorporation of the ICT issue into all school education programmes					25%	37.5%					
Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
1. Number of teachers using a PC regularly for the needs of teaching						22411					
2. The number of pupils who have completed a school education programme incorporating the ICT issue						233000					



Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Loans for university education abroad
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
Completion of the measure:	a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) not completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>On the basis of meetings at an interdepartmental commission the nature of the model has been designed and prepared. In the framework of this model key issues have been identified in these fields: Conditions for providing the loan (amount of the loan, eligible persons, time restrictions on drawing a loan, type and country of study, loan security), interest call and time for loan repayment (level of interest rates, interest accrual period, repayment term), repaying loans (level of instalments for borrowers working in Slovakia and those working abroad) Following agreement on the principal facts from among the key issues, the Ministry of Finance is processing an analysis of the cash flow model. The specific parameters will be set from the results of this analysis.</p> <p>A change to the statute of the Student Loan Fund will ensure: an increase in the amount of a loan for the academic year, as well as the total maximum amount of a loan, division of a loan into that part intended for a student's living costs and that part intended for school fees, extension of the loan repayment term, delimitation of those countries for which a loan is provided and a reduction in the percentage guarantee.</p> <p>Specifically: a loan will be split into that part intended for the student's living costs and that part for school fees and other fees connected with study. The part of the loan for school fees will be provided up to the provable amount of the school fee and fees connected with the study up to a maximum amount approximately €5000. The part of the loan for a student's living costs will be provided in a maximum amount of €1300 for a student in the Slovak Republic or the Czech Republic. For other countries the maximum loan will be approximately €5000 per academic year, and this according to indices of living costs of the respective state. These indices will be issued by the Student Loan Fund.</p> <p>The loan for living costs will not be provided to a student to whom the loans for living costs have already been provided up to the amount of €15 000 over the whole course of university study. The loan for school fees and study-related fees will not be provided to a student to whom loans for school fees and study-related fees have already been provided up to the amount of €10 000 over the whole course of university study.</p> <p>The longest term for repaying a loan will be 15 years from the date of concluding the loan contract. (This does not include the period of study, though at most 10 years). Loans will be limited to member states of the EU, OECD, EEA and Switzerland. The guarantee for the loan will be arranged so that the guarantor secures the loan only partially (up to the maximum 50% of the total sum of the loan).</p>



Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:

Compliance with the timetable for the measure		
Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. establishment of an interdepartmental commission	1.8.2008	Commission established from representatives of the SR Ministry of Economy, SR Ministry of Finance, Student Loan Fund, Social Insurance Agency.
2. detailed analysis of the system: setting method (present, ICL); risk assessment; manner of administration; possibilities of connecting to the databases of the tax authorities and Social Insurance Agency), cash flow estimate requirements of the loan provider	1.5.2009	Analysis discussed at working meetings of the commission
3. Change to the statute of the Student Loan Fund:	15.12.2009	
4. Start of paying out loans	30.9.2010	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure								
Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator			Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator								
1. maximum amount of loan per year	EUR	1327			approx. 10 000, according to country of study			
2. interest accrual on loan	%	3			according to analysis			



Performance indicator	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(2011)	(different year)	(different year)
1. Number of SR citizens using the student loan for study abroad	114	112				2 000		

Quantification of the budget impact (in EUR million)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	0	0	0	0

Note: Additional funds will not be necessary, since spare funds of the Student Loan Fund are used. In the case of greater interest in the loan than can be satisfied from spare funds in the Student Loan Fund, then only selected applicants according to set criteria (social and merit) will receive a loan. An amendment to the act on the Student Loan Fund should be submitted to the SR Parliament by the end of 2009, so that loans can be drawn at the start of the following academic year.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Introduction of a career system in the professional development of teaching staff in the regional education system
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	
Completion of the measure:	a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The draft Act on teaching staff and on the amendment of certain acts, which was prepared by the SR Ministry of Education as based on the legislative intention of the act approved by the SR Government and was drafted in connection to the White Paper for the Professional Development of Teachers in a Career System.</p> <p>The aim of the draft act is in particular to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• create a legislative and economic framework in which teachers and professional staff fulfil to the greatest possible degree the professional and moral prerequisites for performing their occupation,• ensure the professional growth of teaching staff who are already in practice by means of carrying out accredited education programmes for teaching and professional staff at all school levels,• create a motivating career system for the career growth of teaching and professional staff in regional education and in the framework of it, by means of continual education, bring about an increase in the professional competencies of teaching and professional staff.• create a career system for teaching and professional staff that ensures a salary progression in salary grades, the possibility of credit bonuses, specialisation bonuses, as well as the provision of leave to attend education or undertake attestation tests if connected with the performance of their current teaching or professional work. <p>The Act was approved by the SR Parliament on 24 June 2009 with the number 317 and enters into effect on 1 November 2009. Under Act no. 317/2009 Coll. on teaching staff and professional staff and on the amendment of certain acts the career system is a set of rules laid down for classifying a teaching employee or professional employee into a career grade and career position. A career grade expresses the degree of proven acquisition of professional competencies and the demands of performing teaching activity by the teaching employee and the demands of performing professional activity by a professional employee. A teaching employee and a professional employee irrespective of the grade of required education, unless the act stipulates otherwise, are classified into these career grades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) a beginning teaching employee or beginning professional employee,b) an independent teaching employee or independent professional employee,c) a teaching employee with first attestation or professional employee with first attestation,d) a teaching employee with second attestation or professional employee with second attestation,



The career position is the functional classification of a teaching employee or professional employee for the performance of specialised activities or management activities that require the acquisition and application of the respective professional competencies.

Career positions are:

- teaching employee specialist or professional employee specialist,
- a managing teaching employee or managing professional employee,

The structure of career positions in a school or school facility is set by the school head in an internal regulation following discussion at the teaching council and following discussion with the founder.

Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: Change in the personnel structure at the Ministry of Education

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Act on teaching staff	2008	Act No. 317/2009 Coll. on teaching staff and professional staff and on the amendment of certain acts was approved by the SR Parliament on 24.6.2009
2. SR Government Regulation on the catalogue of professional standards for teaching staff	2008	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
Output indicator												

1. Creation of professional standards

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2. Creation of a career system	Act No. 317/2009
3. Creation of a system of lifelong learning	
4. Creation of a credit system	Decree in process of preparation
5. Creation of a system of assessment and remuneration for teachers	Act No. 317/2009
	Article III Act no. 317/2008

Performance indicator	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
1. number of teachers engaged in further education										

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	More flexible forms of management at schools of higher education
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>For the purposes of preparing the legal regulation - the amendment to the Act on Schools of Higher Education, a matrix of responsibilities has been made covering all activities of public and private universities listed in the current wording of the Act on Schools of Higher Education. At the same time the acts on schools of higher education of five selected countries (and the Czechoslovak Act on Schools of Higher Education from 1990) have been processed for comparing the division of powers between individual bodies of academic autonomous administration and other managing bodies of schools of higher education abroad. An evaluation was then made of the responsibilities for activities concerning the direct decision-making of university bodies.</p> <p>Under the present wording of the Act on Schools of Higher Education it is required that all internal management acts of a public university that are denoted as being an "internal regulation" in its statute are approved by the academic senate. For making management more flexible a provision was added in the amendment to the Act on Schools of Higher Education, under which such approval would be necessary only for those "internal regulations" laid down by the statute (no. PT 1187 of the SR Parliament).</p>
Reasoning for non-completion or - completion with delay:	

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Drafting of a detailed analysis of the present law in the field of regulation of competences, decision-making processes in the framework of schools of higher education and the division of responsibilities	30.11.2008	Matrix prepared of responsibilities under the Universities Act and a comparison of the competences of the academic autonomous administration with the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Germany and Sweden
2. Draft of new model for division of competences and their legal arrangement	30.4.2009	Evaluation of responsibilities from the aspect of individual activities performed



3. submission of a draft legal regulation for interdepartmental comment proceedings 30.6.2009

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure									
Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator				Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator		2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Performance indicator		2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)

Quantification of the budget impact (in SKK million)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:			0	0
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):			0	0



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Differentiation of schools of higher education to universities, institutions of higher education and professional institutions of higher education
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	Accreditation Commission
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	Individual universities in 2008 and 2009 asked the Accreditation Commission in accordance with the Act on Schools of Higher Education to carry out comprehensive accreditation, one of the results from which is a proposal for reclassification to university status, or confirmation of the present classification. At present one comprehensive accreditation has been completed, namely UVL Kosice, and a further 3 proposals are being processed within the Ministry.
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Submission for approval of the Ministry's Long-Term Objective for Schools Of Higher Education	31.12.2009	The SR Government in resolution no. 317 of 29 April 2009 set the deadline for the submission of the Ministry's Long-Term Objective for December 2009.
2. Ensure measures relating to comprehensive accreditation	ongoing	The Accreditation Commission and members of its working groups are gradually processing applications from universities and submitting their opinions to the Minister of Education. The Minister of Education is issuing decisions in the matter on the basis of the Accreditation Commission's opinions.
3. In the methodology for the allocation of subsidies from the state budget to public schools of higher education for 2011 take account of the diversity of their mission resulting from their classification	31.12.2010	
4. Discussion of schools of higher education long-term objectives and updates to them	ongoing	Discussion is planned for the second half of 2009, with the aim of preparing a call for schools of higher education development projects financed in 2010.



Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	2011	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator											
1. Number of higher education schools' long-term objectives discussed			0	0	0						
2. Account taken of schools' of higher education classification in the methodology for the allocation of subsidies from the state budget								yes			
3. Number of schools of higher education and vocational schools of higher education					33/10	35/10					
Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
1.											
2.											

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge: Education
 Title of the measure: **Support for profession-oriented higher education programmes at the bachelor level**
 Sponsor of the measure: SR Ministry of Education
 Co-sponsors of the measure: SR Ministry for the Economy
 Completion of the measure: a) has been completed
b) is being completed according to the timetable
 c) is being completed with delay
 d) is not being completed
 Description of the measure's implementation: Activities relating to completion of the measure are planned for the second half of 2009.
 Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. defining the requirements for graduates of the first level of higher education	31.12.2009	In the form of an update to the system of study disciplines of the Slovak Republic with the participation of employer representatives.
2. Draft legislation for supporting cofinancing of higher education study by commercial companies	31.12.2009	
3. Update to the accreditation criteria of higher education study programmes	30.4.2010	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2009	(2010)	(2011)	(different year)
Output indicator											
1. share of profession-oriented bachelor study programmes in the total number of bachelor study programmes	%					0		50			
2. funds provided by organisations and employers for cofinancing education									500		



Performance indicator	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
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Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 EUR)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
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Impact on public finance income:

of which, finance from EU sources:

Impact on public finance expenditure:

of which, finance from EU sources:

Net budget impact (income - expenditure):

Note: Costs will be connected with updating the descriptions of study disciplines and with the creation of new criteria. Any consequences of stimuli for supporting the financing of study by the business sector will be a component of a schedule to the act. It is not at present possible to estimate expenditures for supporting the development of schools of higher education with the aim of modernising equipment so that it is at a level ahead of the current equipment in the business sector. It is also premature to calculate expenditures for supporting student internships and placements, which are a basic requirement.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Change to the accreditation process at schools of higher education, with a shift of emphasis to output indicators instead of inputs-focused criteria
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) not completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	The Slovak Republic is engaged in the Bologna Process, which influences development in higher education in the framework of engaged states. ENQA (the European Association for quality assurance in higher education) on the basis of a mandate from education ministers has drawn up European standards and recommendations for quality assurance at universities. These standards have particular guidelines for internal and external evaluation of schools of higher education, as well as the organisations that evaluate them. The SR Ministry of Education in the framework of the international project has drawn out an analysis of the implementation of the standards in the Slovak Republic and on the basis of findings and in accordance with the standards, further steps will be made in accordance with these measures so as to strengthen / introduce internal quality mechanisms at universities and create a comprehensible and transparent education environment.
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Analysis of the current state and systems for monitoring quality (practice to date in the SR and abroad)	31.10.2008	The SR Ministry of Education has joined an international project in the framework of which an analysis has been drawn up of the implementation of standards and guidelines for quality assurance in higher education in the countries of central and eastern Europe.
2. The Ministry's long-term objective for higher education submitted to a meeting of the SR Government	31.12.2009	The SR Government in resolution no. 317 of 29 April 2009 shifted the deadline for the submission of the Ministry's long-term objective to December 2009.
3. Submission of legislative proposal for interdepartmental comment proceedings	30.6.2009	



4. Search for good examples from practice at schools of higher education in quality assurance and support for universities in implementing them. 31.12.2009

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure											
Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator											
Performance indicator											

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 EUR)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:			1 992	2 778
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):			- 1 992	- 2 778

Note: In the case of a change to the standing of the Accreditation Commission, it will be necessary to set aside funds for ensuring its background and functioning, since these will require higher costs than the present system (today membership in the Accreditation Commission is alongside employment, whereas after a change work in the Accreditation Commission will be a main source of income)



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Support for demographic transition (generational exchange) at schools of higher education
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	-
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	Over September - December 2008 discussions and preparatory works were under way for drafting the theme of an analytical study aimed at mapping out the higher education environment in the field of human resources. Based on a decision of the Ministry's management a public procurement was issued, in which two institutions competed. The contract was signed with the winning tenderer and according to the contract conditions the basic input information was provided to it, the cooperation of schools of higher education with the solutionist was arranged (by a letter from the Minister to university rectors) and access was granted to the department's statistical information. As at today's date 3 working meetings have been held with the solutionist in accordance with the timetable of works for the study. <i>At present the solutionist is processing the results of surveys that it carried out at universities for the conclusions and recommendations of the analytical study, which the SR Ministry of Education plans to apply in its management practice.</i>
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	A delay in the implementation of the measure happened through the protracted search for an optimal manner of solving the task and subsequent slowness of the public procurement process for carrying out the analytical study.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Preparation of the analytical study: "Academic career of research and teaching staff at schools of higher education in the SR and possibilities for its optimisation"	18.12.2009	Result of public procurement for a tenderer to carry out the analytical study - the contract was signed for the SR Ministry of Education on 20.4.2009, whereby the date for task completion has been shifted to 18.12.2009. A sociological, economic and prognostic survey will be carried out in the scope of 3000 questionnaires.
2.		

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP		
Output indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)



Performance indicator	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
	1. Increase in the number of senior lecturers aged up to 40 and professors aged up to 45				34	47			Senior lecturers aged under 40	
				3	4			Professors aged under 45		
1. Decrease in the average age of higher education teachers at public schools of higher education				33.1	34.07			% aged 55 and above		

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):		- 59	- 16	- 16
<i>Note:</i>				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Creation of a teacher training programme for PhD students
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>Meetings have been held with representatives of the academic community. A preliminary proposal of standards for ensuring the teaching skills of PhD students has been drawn up with the working title "teacher training course for PhD students". Experts from several schools of higher education will be involved in finalising the draft content aspect of the standards. In the framework of a call via the Agency for Structural Funds of the SR Ministry of Education, universities will be able to apply for funding. Calls for education programmes will be focused on the teaching skills of PhD students, where the content will be primarily the field of pedagogy, psychology, rhetoric, modern information-communication technologies, etc. This will be the training of PhD students for performing teaching activity, for the quality performance of the education process in the system of higher education.</p>
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. recommended standards for ensuring the teaching skills of PhD students	31.3.2009	A proposal of the standards has been prepared.
2. issuing a demand-orientated call	31.5.2009	The call will be published

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator				Planned value of indicator in the NRP				
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010 (different year)	(different year)	(different year)
1. share of the number of new day-form PhD students involved in education in the total number of new day-form PhD students					0	0				



Performance indicator	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)										
	2008		2009			2010			2011	
Impact on public finance income:										
of which, finance from EU sources:										
Impact on public finance expenditure:			1328			498			498	
of which, finance from EU sources:										
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):			-1328			-498			-498	
<i>Note:</i>										



Measure description

Title of the key challenge: Education
 Title of the measure: **Change of performance incentives at schools in the regional and higher education system**

Sponsor of the measure: SR Ministry of Education

Co-sponsors of the measure:

Completion of the measure:

- a) has been completed
- b) is being completed according to the timetable**
- c) is being completed with delay
- d) is not being completed

Description of the measure's implementation: The economy's transformation connected with the transition to a market economy has weighed most heavily on schools in the field of regional education, preparing pupils for their future occupations. The collapse of large and small enterprises, subsequent privatisation and also the related loss of a background for preparing pupils for occupations has created a new situation. The orientation and structure of production and employment has changed. The sectoral structure of vocational education and training has been insufficiently affected by businesses and is progressively inclining away from the needs of businesses, whereby this state is bringing about the need that public bodies, particularly those responsible for education, employment, industry and business, actively support vocational education and training. Act No. 245/ 2008 Z. z. on education (the Education Act) and on the amendment of certain acts as later amended entered into effect on 1.9.2008. Upon its entry into effect reform was started in regional education in the content of education, where this reform is based on two-level education programmes (state education programmes and school education programmes). School education programmes are a means by which schools, as well as school pupils themselves can promote their education objectives in the education process, which create motivating conditions for achieving better education results. Content reform has begun in the 1st, 5th years of primary schools and the 1st year of secondary schools.

At present university financing in the higher education system takes quality into account from the aspect of the qualification structure of higher education teachers and indicators expressing the university's success particularly in research and development (the number of publications, sum of funds gained from grants, etc). In 2008 account also began to be taken of the rate of registered unemployed graduates. At present there is no indicator of the quality of the teaching process itself at a school of higher education, where this is due in part to the autonomy of schools of higher education, and thereby the impossibility of central or uniform testing of graduates. It is therefore possible to identify the quality of graduates only indirectly - by means of employers' satisfaction, by means of the need for additional training after the recruitment, income achieved, the graduate unemployment rate, etc. Identifying possible indicators, or motivation for universities to implement comprehensible systems for measuring the success of their students will depend in particular on the ability to efficiently ensure the collection of the necessary data for their predicative ability, i.e. fulfilment of the measure Improving the Transparency of Highly Regulated Markets.

Reasoning for non-completion or - completion with delay:



Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Ongoing updating of priorities in the field of labour market needs	Ongoing	
2. Motivate employers to take at least a 25% representation on advisory bodies to the SR Ministry Of Education for vocational education and training.	2008	Act No. 184/2009 Coll. on vocational education and training and on the amendment of certain acts
3. Devote particular attention to the system of financing vocational education and training – apply a model of multi-source financing.	2008	
4. Create the legislative conditions for solving the specific inputs of the business sector in the field of providing technology and material-technical provision for teaching secondary school pupils by adjusting the wording of Act no. 596/2003 Coll. on central government in education and education autonomous administration and by amending Act no. 597/2003 Coll. on the financing of primary schools, secondary schools and school facilities as later amended.	2008	
5. Create the legislative conditions for solving the specific inputs of the business sector in the field of providing technology and material-technical provision for teaching secondary school pupils by adjusting the wording of Act no. 596/2003 Coll. on central government in education and education autonomous administration and by amending Act no. 597/2003 Coll. on the financing of primary schools, secondary schools and school facilities as later amended .	2008	



6. Identification of indicators of the quality of higher education provided.	31.12.2009	In fulfilling the task it is expected that use will be made of the measure Improving the Transparency of Highly Regulated Markets. With regard to the objective of reducing the administrative burden and conditions it is not desirable to introduce specific monitoring of data and conditions beyond the framework of the measure Improving the Transparency of Highly Regulated Markets. In the framework of higher education schools' development projects support will be provided for projects implementing quality management at schools of higher education, and this not just for education activities, but for all activities conducted at schools of higher education.
7. Support for ensuring the implementation of quality management systems at schools of higher education	31.3.2010	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator											
1. Active involvement of the business sector in the creation of schools' education programmes											
2. Number of proposed indicators expressing the quality of education provided											
Performance indicator											
1. Problem-free and flexible entry of labour market needs into the educational system of vocational education and training											
2. % unemployed university graduates as at 31.12.of the given year in the total number of unemployed persons			0.5	0.5	0.6						

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:			100	100
Impact on public finance expenditure:				



of which, finance from EU sources:		
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	-100	-100



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Support for entrepreneurial skills development and acquiring of basic knowledge about doing business and the economy at secondary-school level
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry for the Economy
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>In connection with the adoption of the medium-term objectives of the SR National Reform Programme for 2008 - 2010, the SR Ministry of Education adopted the following measures for supporting the development of entrepreneurial skills and learning of basic knowledge about enterprise and the economy at secondary-school level - Regional Education Section: The Ministry of Education adopted the first measure in this field by creating an elective subject for all groups of disciplines "entrepreneurship - project creation" Approval of the State Education Programme has created room for applying the given issue in all groups of study departments, where in the part key competences these are broken down under points (c) Ability to creatively solve problems and under point (d) Entrepreneurial skills. These skills allow for an orientation on starting one's own business, self-employment, the possibility to manage one's own "life portfolio" and help create new job opportunities. These are the competences to adapt to changes on the basis of analysing society-wide needs and to build one's own professional future. Pupils must be able to use information flows, take responsibility for their decisions, respect business ethics. Creative and innovative approaches to human resources are an integral component of developing a knowledge-based society. These competences arise in the context of a socio-economic crisis and transformation in the organisation of labour, a consequence of which is the new model of management.</p> <p>According to them the school leaver should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand the essence and principle of business, have an idea about the basic legal, economic, administrative, personality and ethical aspects of private business, - find one's way around in various statistical data and know how to use them for one's own business, - independently plan finance with regard to business needs and objectives, - keep a system of single-and double-entry bookkeeping and depreciation strategy, - know how to efficiently use all resources for achieving a favourable economic result, - understand legal regulations in the field of commercial and employment relationships, - work with basic information in two foreign languages, - identify and develop qualities of a managerial employee with regard to communication skills, assertiveness, creativity and resistance to stress, - have an understanding of the principles of the remuneration and appraisal of active and creative employees and how to motivate them, - understand the principles of continual oversight, diagnosis of the current state and level of business, - make use of the principles of constructive criticism, and know how to criticise appropriately, but also how to bear criticism from others, - influence others and coordinate their efforts,



- make decisions operatively and take measures,
- carry out unpopular, but correct measures and decisions, thinking systematically and comprehensively,
- respect the law and responsibility,
- have a responsible attitude to one's own professional future and further education,
- realise the importance of lifelong learning and be ready to adapt to changes in working conditions,
- monitor and evaluate one's own success in one's learning, accept evaluation of the results of one's own learning from the side of others,
- understand the possibilities of further education, particularly in the field of training and occupations,
- have an overview of the possibilities for applying oneself in the labour market in a given field, to deliberately and responsibly decide about one's future profession and education path,
- have a realistic idea about working and other conditions in a field, about employers' requirements for work activities and know how to compare them with their ideas and realistic assumptions,
- know how to look for and assess business opportunities in accordance with the reality of the market environment, its demands and other possibilities.

Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Incorporate the issue of supporting the development of entrepreneurial skills and the learning of basic knowledge about enterprise and the economy into state education programmes by implementing a content standard for the field of "entrepreneurship - project creation"	1.6.2009	SR Ministry of Education by means of the State Institute of Vocational Education
2. Incorporate the issue of supporting the development of entrepreneurial skills and the learning of basic knowledge about enterprise and the economy into the school education programmes	1.9.2009	Secondary school heads, on the basis of competence under § 7(2) of Act no. 245/2008 Coll. on education (the Education Act) and on the amendment of certain acts.



Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
Output indicator												
1. Number of state education programmes								361				
2. Education of teaching staff by means of a methodological guideline for the given issue												
3. Number of secondary schools having the issue of support for the development of entrepreneurial skills and learning of basic knowledge about enterprise and the economy incorporated into school education programmes								782				
Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
1. Number of secondary school pupils who have completed a school education programme incorporating the issue of developing business skills						294 000	73 000	147 000				

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				174 000
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Increasing the level of financial education and general public education in the field of finance
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Completion of the measure:	a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The measure will be realised by means of the draft act on consumer protection in the financial market. In connection with raising the level of financial education and general financial knowledge, an Academy of Financial Education will be established, an important function of which will be to provide specialised education for regulatory purposes connected with performing tests of professional competence under specific acts. Specialised financial education is systematic education and further improvement of the financial knowledge of persons who are or who may be pursuant to the respective legal regulations professionally competent for performing the licensed or registered activities in the financial market. General public financial education will be ensured and coordinated at two levels. At the level of primary and secondary schools the Academy of Financial Education will provide the necessary cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic in preparing and updating teaching curricula, teaching materials and will provide professional, methodological and teaching assistance. At the level of schools of higher education (public and private) this cooperation will concern more methodological and coordination activity, particularly in relation to the need for consistency between financial education at the level of primary and secondary schools on the one hand and higher education on the other hand. The Academy of Financial Education will independently ensure professional financial education intended for employees of financial institutions, employees of affected government departments and employees of the National Bank of Slovakia and other persons operating professionally in the financial market, and this for example by contracting experts from the market environment, the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the National Bank of Slovakia or foreign experts, or will intermediate this education at partner institutions in this field.</p> <p>For reason of greater consumer understanding about individual financial services, the possibility to compare their advantageousness and costs that the consumer must bear in connection with receiving services and ensuring the creation of an internet portal for financial services and financial education, on which there should be published in a clear and user-friendly manner regularly updated information on financial services provided and the costs connected with using them, with the possibility to compare the advantageousness, or disadvantageousness of the respective service by means of comparison with similar services of competitor companies and by means of simple modelling of possible situations, for example by using a financial calculator, basic information on the financial market and financial services with the aim of focusing basic financial education on this point, selected data on the economic performance of financial service providers for an appropriate period, possibly selected ratio indicators with reference to their critical values and with the respective commentary.</p>
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	See letter of the SR Prime Minister no. 10391/2008/KPV OSV in which he consents to a shift in the deadline to 31 October 2009 in the appendix.



Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Submit to a meeting of the Government the draft Act on consumer protection in the financial market	31.10.2010	The draft act on consumer protection in the financial market and on the amendment of certain acts is currently at the stage of interdepartmental comment proceedings with a deadline for completion of 21 August 2009.
2. Submit to a meeting of the Government a proposal of the material-technical provision for the system of consumer protection in the financial market	31.10.2010	
3. Creation of an Academy of Financial Education	30.4.2010	The Academy of Financial Education will begin activity in the full scope of its competence at latest on the first day of the calendar month in which 120 days will have passed since the day of electing members to the academy presidium.

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
Output indicator												
Performance indicator												

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:			1 650*	1 800*
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - <u>expenditure</u>):			1 650*	1 800*



Note: * These are preliminary projected claims on the state budget, which have been reassessed since the preceding projected claim on the state budget (€0.996 million in 2010 and €1.328 million in 2011) in connection with financing the institutional system of consumer protection. Financing will be met within the framework of the approved limits of the budgetary chapter.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Employment
Title of the measure:	Creation of a national flexicurity system
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education, SR Ministry of the Economy, SR Ministry of Finance, SR Ministry of Agriculture, SR Ministry of Construction and Regional Development, SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications
Completion of the measure:	a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The basic principles of flexicurity are to a large degree in accordance with the central element of the EU Strategy for Growth and Employment, and work to strengthen implementation of the Lisbon Strategy. Application of these principles creates a greater number and higher quality of jobs, modernises labour markets and supports good working conditions. The SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family is striving to preserve an appropriate balance between individual components of flexicurity and proceed with regard to the specific situation in the labour market, which is in accordance with the current recognition in the EU that it is not possible to try for measures and solutions that suit everyone. For creating a national-Slovak system of flexicurity the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family has so far focused both on examining the individual components and seeking an appropriate combination of measures. This action plan contains several measures that should contribute to creating a national flexicurity system, and this with regard to the present knowledge from the crisis with the aim of having in the Slovak Republic more new job opportunities, inclusive labour markets and more educated workforce, whereby the SR would be better prepared to meet the challenges of the global economy, as well as demographic and technological changes.</p>

The basic starting points for creating a National Flexicurity System are projects and related works that are currently in the following stages:

1.: National project XVII-2 National Flexicurity System: once certain adjustments activities in the framework of the project have been specified, including the project title, to national project "Readiness of the Slovak Republic to Create a National Flexicurity System", also with regard to the total sum of expenditures in the project (small order). It is projected that implementation will take six months. At present the project has been sent to the managing authority, which has decided to forward the project to the assessment process and subsequently on 3 September 2009 will be submitted to the internal supervisory monitoring committee. The results of the project will be the basic starting points for the subsequent national project, where the National Flexicurity System will be comprehensively prepared, in addition to the pertinent information systems needed, and the key milestones for measuring the sustainability of the National Flexicurity System will be created.

2.: National project XVIII-2 Improving Health and Safety at Work by Improving the Quality of Advice and Provision of Information by the Labour Inspectorate and by Creating a Certified Ergonomics Workplace will be realised in the form of three separate projects by the requester, which is the National Labour Inspectorate.. Project objectives have been submitted over the course of 2009 and the processing of comments is currently under way.



3.: National project XXI-2 Assessing the Effectiveness of Active Labour Market Measures: The project “Indicators and System for Assessing the Effectiveness of Active Labour Market Measures” was approved at the approval stage. The project’s requester was the Education Centre of the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, a contract has been signed for the project and the solution is under way. The deadline for completion according to the contract on the provision of an NFC is 28.2.2010. The contract sum from the Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion totals €346 034.16 (regions outside Bratislava county) and €59 956.71 (Bratislava county). The proportion of funding from EU and the state budget sources is 85:15, with 0% cofinancing by the beneficiary.

4.: Draw up a comprehensive analysis of the effectiveness of active labour market measure programmes and create a system of assessing the effectiveness of active labour market measures with the aim of achieving greater effectiveness: An ongoing analysis is being made in direct connection to national project XXI-2; the comprehensive analysis will depend on the fulfilment of the national project deadlines.

5.: Draw up the document National Gender Equality Strategy: On 8 April 2009 the SR Government in resolution no. 272 acknowledged the material submitted by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family “Draft National Gender Equality Strategy” for 2009 - 2013. The basic objective of the measure is to create an environment, effective mechanisms, instruments and methods for implementing gender equality in all spheres of social life, primarily, however, in the fields: economic, social, healthcare, family and state family policy, public, political life, participation, representation, research, education, school, media and culture.

The creation of a national flexicurity system requires more thorough preparation of the basic lines of approach for implementation as regards increasing the competitiveness of Slovakia’s economy and increased creation of better quality jobs, with an impact on the horizontal priority of the Slovak Republic.

Reasoning for non-completion or -
completion with delay:

Compliance with the timetable for the measure		
Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. 1.: National project XVII-2 National System of Flexicurity - analysis of external and internal flexibility and security, - after conducting an analysis of external flexibility consider legislation for a new category of employee - economically dependent employees, whose performance of work is independent, - in the analysis of internal flexibility reach an optimal legal model of worktime flexibility,	31.12.2010	In 2008 progressive steps were begun toward ensuring cooperation on the project. Following certain adjustments activities in the framework of the project have been specified, including the project title, to national project “Readiness of the Slovak Republic to Create a National Flexicurity System”, also with regard to the total sum of expenditures in the project (small order). This concerns the project Education Centre of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family for Measure 3.1 in the sum of €43 152 (Bratislava county) and for Measure 1.1 in the sum of €388 369 (SR regions outside Bratislava county), which was submitted to the managing authority for Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion on 10.8 2009, and which decided to forward the project to the assessment process, whereupon the project was then submitted on 7 September 2009 to the internal supervisory monitoring committee. The contract on the provision of a nonreturnable financial contribution was signed on 8 September 2009. Implementation will take six months.



- analysis of the current social protection of natural persons working in alternative employment relationships versus a comparison of the social protection of classic employment relationships with alternative relationships
- on the basis of outputs from the analysis design measures for improving the effectiveness of social protection of natural persons working in alternative employment relationships while taking regard of the outputs or recommendations resulting from the analysis of the possibilities and impacts of harmonising social insurance contribution rates and making them more realistic

2. 2.: National project XVIII-2 Improving Health and Safety at Work by Improving the Quality of Advice and Provision of Information by the Labour Inspectorate and by Creating a Certified Ergonomics Workplace.	31.12.2010	<p>The National Labour Inspectorate in July 2009 sent the ESF Agency of the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family for approval, or comment, the project objectives of three national projects with the titles:</p> <p>“Improving Health and Safety at Work by Raising the Quality of Advice and Information Provision by the Labour Inspectorate” (Measure 1.1 of Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion) allocation of €819 757.69,</p> <p>“Improving the Quality of Public Services Provided by Educating Labour Inspectorate Staff” (Measure 4.1 of Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion) - allocation of €654 761.76,</p> <p>“Improving the Quality of Public Administration in Bratislava County by Educating Labour Inspectorate Staff in Bratislava” (Measure 3.3 of Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion) - allocation of €65 399.29,</p> <p>At present the National Labour Inspectorate is preparing the national project strategy.</p>
3. National project XXI-2 Assessing the Efficiency of Active Labour Market Measures	31.12.2009	<p>The project “Indicators and System for Assessing the Effectiveness of Active Labour Market Measures” was approved at the approval stage. The project’s requester was the education centre of the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, a contract has been signed for the project and the solution is under way. The deadline for completion according to the contract on the provision of an NFC is 31.12.10. The contract sum from the Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion totals €346 034.16 (SR regions outside Bratislava county) and €59 956.71 (Bratislava county). The proportion of funding from EU and state budget sources is 85:15, with 0% cofinancing by the beneficiary. The indicators are a component of the project. At present partial results of the project have been processed, namely the activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Analytical study- Pilot surveys at selected Offices of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family. <p>Another project, proceeding in accordance with the timetable, is:</p>



- Reference Handbook and draft assignment for the software and hardware solution, Support activities for the project are proceeding concurrently.

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| 4. Draw up a comprehensive analysis of the effectiveness of active labour market measure programmes and create a system of assessing the effectiveness of active labour market measures with the aim of achieving greater effectiveness. | 31.12.2009 | An ongoing analysis is being made in direct connection to national project XXI-2; the comprehensive analysis will depend on the fulfilment of the national project deadlines. |
| 5. Draw up the document National Gender Equality Strategy | 31. 12. 2008 | In accordance with the approved postponement of the deadline for completion of the Plan of Work of the SR Government for 2000 made, the draft national strategy was submitted in March 2009. On 8 April 2009 the SR Government in resolution no. 272 acknowledged the material submitted by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family "Draft National Gender Equality Strategy" for 2009 - 2013. |

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
Output indicator												
1. Number of competitors in the competition "Best Employer for Family-Friendly, Gender Equality and Equal Opportunities" in the given year.					60				80			
Performance indicator												



1. This is a set of flexicurity indicators agreed in the framework of the EU Committee for Employment (EMCO) in June 2009. At present only tested data is available, in statistical data for 2004 – 2007. For this reason it is not possible to give here specific target / planned values.

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:		€2 377 430.80		
of which, finance from EU sources:		€2 020 815.70		
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				
<i>Note: Data for 2009 concern total allocated funds for the projects</i>				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Employment
Title of the measure:	Integration of long-term unemployed persons into the labour market
Sponsor of the measure:	Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family of the SR
Co-sponsors of the measure:	
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	Integration of Long-Term Disadvantaged Jobseekers into the Labour Market is ready for implementation by means of the national project, in which the Headquarters of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family is actively cooperating. With regard to changes in the labour market that have been under way due to the global financial and economic crisis, the project has been designed for two years, without a pilot project phase. The planned number of persons in the target group engaged in the project is 16 500, and where the share of jobseekers placed on the labour market out of the total number of jobseekers included in the national project is planned at 40%. The national project is in the stage of elaboration. The requester is preparing its new wording.
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	Structural changes in the labour market due to the global financial and economic crisis.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Selection of a project realiser to realise the pilot part of the national project "Integration of Long-Term Disadvantaged Jobseekers into the Labour Market" in selected districts.	31.5.2009	The beneficiary Head Office of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family has been charged with realising this task.
2. Prepare and realise the pilot project.	30.6.2011	
3. Hold a professional seminar and assess the fulfilment of the success criteria of the pilot part of the national project.	31.12.2010	
4. Draw up and realise the national project IV-2 Integration of Long-Term Disadvantaged Jobseekers Into the Labour Market in the case of a 40% share of	31.12.2012	Funds have been set aside from the Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion in the sum of €20 million (working meeting held on 01.10.2009); implementation is planned for the period of 24 months from the effective date of the contract. The requester is the Head Office of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family



jobseekers placed in the labour market out of the total number of jobseekers included in the project. In the case of a share of less than 40%, repeat the pilot part in other districts.

5. Organise an international conference after 12 months of realising the national project 31.12.2011

6. Organise a final professional seminar with the aim of assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the national project 31.12.2013

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
Output indicator												
Performance indicator												

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:		€20 million (for 24 months)	0	0
of which, finance from EU sources:		€17 million (for 24 months)	0	0
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				

Note: The delay in implementation of the action plan does not entail any additional need for funds.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Employment
Title of the measure:	Improving the quality of labour resources for the labour market
Sponsor of the measure:	Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family of the SR
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>Improving the Quality of Labour Resources for the Labour Market is realised by implementation of new active labour market policy instruments that have been instituted for the field of employment services by Act no. 139/2008 Coll. Employment services as a system of institutions and instruments for supporting and assisting labour market participants are now more responsive to the needs of the labour market and this in particular by means of programmes of education and training for the labour market. Programmes are oriented particularly on the purposes of supplementing, deepening or expanding vocational skills and practical experience of jobseekers, job applicants and employees so that they meet the requirements for the vocational skills and practical experience necessary for performing work activities in job positions according to employers' demands. In accordance with the defined objectives, education and training for the labour market is provided only for those jobseekers and job applicants who require this for their application in the labour market on the basis of an assessment of their abilities, work experience, vocational skills, education attained and health and fitness for work. For raising the motivation of the workforce to change their qualification according to the needs of the labour market, prioritised forms of education and training for the labour market have been provided in accredited education programmes of further education, accredited programmes for acquiring specific vocational skills or other accredited educational activities directed at the acquisition of a new qualification or extension of an existing qualification.</p>
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. National project I-2 - Support for employing the unemployed with an emphasis on disadvantaged groups in the labour market	31.12.2011	Support for employing jobseekers is carried out by means of providing contributions in the framework of active labour market measures under §49 (contribution for self-employment), §50 (contribution for supporting the employment of disadvantaged jobseekers), §50a (contribution for supporting maintenance in employment of low-wage employees), §50b-c (support for employment of disadvantaged jobseekers in a social enterprise), 51a (contribution for supporting the employment of graduates from education and training for the labour market), §53 (contribution for commuting), §53a (contribution for relocation for work), §53b (contribution for transport to employment) of the Employment Services Act. These contributions, with the exception of §53b of the Employment Services Act, are of a compulsory nature: providing the conditions set



		out by the act are met, there is a legal claim to their provision. The national project was contracted with the beneficiary Head Office for Labour, Social Affairs and the Family on 1.3.2008, with a implementation period to 31.12.2013. The contract sum from Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion totals €83 748 257.32 (for SR regions outside Bratislava County) and €1 327 756.75 for Bratislava County.
2. National project XIV-2 Statistical Sampling and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, Forecasts of the Need for Employees at Employer Organisations in Slovakia.	30.11.2011	The beneficiary of the project from the Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion is the Head Office for Labour, Social Affairs and the Family. For the national project “System of Sampling of Created and Cancelled Jobs and Forecasting of Labour Market Needs” a sum of €3 005 774.88 has been set aside (for SR regions outside Bratislava county) and €230 509.16 for Bratislava county. The national project will be submitted to a meeting of the Internal Supervisory Monitoring Committee on 8 October 2009.
3. Draw up a proposal for solving the field of education and training for the labour market by means of a national project	31.12.2008	A proposal for the solution of the field education and training for the labour market was submitted within the planned deadline for assessment to the economic units and management units of the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family ESF Agency and the Head Office of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family
4. Realise National project III-2 Education and Training for the Labour Market	30.11.2011	The national project “Education and Training for the Labour Market” is realised in the form of education and training of jobseekers, job applicants and employees. The beneficiary of the project from the Operational Programme Employment and Social Inclusion will be the Head Office for Labour, Social Affairs and the Family. National project III-2 is divided into national project III-A (Measure 1.1) and national project III-B (Measure 2.2). Funds of €16 942 260 have been set aside for national project III-A, and funds of €18 995 081 have been set aside for national project III-B. Calls have been sent to the Head Office of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family for the submission of applications for a nonreturnable financial contribution for these national projects.
5. Carry out an evaluation of education and training for the labour market and its effectiveness as an active labour market policy instrument.	30.6.2009	In 2008 in total 17 371 jobseekers and job applicants were assigned for education and training for the labour market, which was completed by 16 993 job applicants and jobseekers. In the first half of 2009 in total 11 502 jobseekers and job applicants were assigned for education and training for the labour market, which was completed by 2116 job applicants and jobseekers. Through the application of this active labour market policy instrument, so far 22 873 job seekers and job applicants have been assigned for education and training for the labour market, and which has been completed by 19 109 jobseekers and job applicants.
6. Conclude an agreement on employment, education and qualifications improvement policy	30.11.2010	In the framework of preparing a agreement on policy for employment, education and qualifications improvement, the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family in cooperation with the SR Ministry of Education is preparing a Memorandum on Cooperation in Creating a National System of Qualifications and National System of Occupations

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure



Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator					Planned value of indicator in the NRP				
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	2011	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator (2009 = as at 30.6.2009)											
1. Number of jobseekers included in education and training for the labour market		35351	6472	8823	17192	11400			9500		
2. Number of job applicants included in education and training for the labour market		-	3	21	179	102			25		
3. Number of jobseekers who completed education and training for the labour market		34097	5411	8268	16825	2113			9400		
4. Number of job applicants who completed education and training for the labour market		-	1	21	168	3			25		
5. Number of jobseekers who were employed within 1 month of completing education and training for the labour market		3548	736	1043	704	782			1400		
6. Number of jobseekers who were employed within 1 to 3 months of completing education and training for the labour market		4295	728	1396	711	1274			1800		
Performance indicator of national project I-2 (as at 30.6.2009)											
1. § 49 - Contribution for self-employment											
- number of agreements concluded						40890					
- number of jobs agreed						4884					
- total agreed contribution(€)						14832768					
2. § 50 - Contribution for supporting the employment of disadvantaged jobseekers											
- number of agreements concluded						55					
- number of jobs agreed						86					
- total agreed contribution(€)						158971					
3. § 50a - Contribution for supporting maintenance in employment of low-wage employees											
- number of agreements concluded						540					
- number of jobs agreed						745					
- total agreed contribution(€)						2937133					
4. § 50c – Contribution for supporting the creation or maintenance of jobs in a social enterprise for employees											
- number of agreements concluded						6					
- number of jobs agreed						65					



- total agreed contribution(€)	574616
5. § 51a - Contribution for supporting the employment of graduates from education and training for the labour market	
- number of agreements concluded	0
- number of jobs agreed	0
- total agreed contribution(€)	0
6. § 53 - Contribution for commuting to work	
- number of agreements concluded	6021
- number of jobs agreed	6141
- total agreed contribution(€)	1923783
7. § 53a - Contribution for relocation for work	
- number of agreements concluded	21
- number of jobs agreed	21
- total agreed contribution(€)	16188
8. § 53b - Contribution for transport to employment	
- number of agreements concluded	3
- number of jobs agreed	2
- total agreed contribution(€)	43016

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:		€124 250 310.11		
of which, finance from EU sources:		€105 612 763.59		
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Improving employability by better interlinking education content with labour market requirements
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The SR Ministry of Education with the aim of improving the employment rate of secondary vocational school leavers through better interconnecting the content of education with labour market requirements, pursuant to the SR Government's Plan of Legislative Tasks for 2008, and in connection to Act no. 245/2008 Coll. on education (the Education Act) and on the amendment of certain acts, drew up in 2008 in cooperation with social partners the Act on Vocational Education and Training and on the amendment of certain acts, which was passed by the SR Parliament on 23 April and will enter into effect on 1 September 2009.</p> <p>The Act on Vocational Education and Training and on the amendment of certain acts provides comprehensive legislative arrangement of the conditions for ensuring vocational education and training at secondary vocational schools and school facilities in the Slovak Republic, with the aim of preparing school leavers for life and work in the conditions of a knowledge-based society and the labour market. The Act creates the conditions for the creation of a functional system of coordinating vocational education and training for the labour market by means of establishing an SR Government Council for Vocational Education and Training, County Councils for Vocational Education and Training and a system of Sectoral Councils for Vocational Education and Training; the act sets out the rights and obligations of all parties in the system of vocational education and training and creates a motivating space for the entry of employers and employer associations into vocational education and training and for the entry of private capital into vocational education and training.</p>
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
Act on vocational education and training and on the amendment of certain acts	31.12.2009	The act was approved with the number of 184/2009 Coll.

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure



Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator											
Approval of the Act on vocational education and training and on the amendment of certain acts								1			
Performance indicator											
Active participation of the employer sector in the creation of secondary school education programmes and the formulation of specific requirements for the education system											

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:		0	0	
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Employment
Title of the measure:	White Paper for supporting housing with emphasis on raising workforce mobility
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Construction and Regional Development, SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	On the basis of cooperation of the SR Ministry of Finance and the SR Ministry of Construction and Regional Development with the OECD, a study of housing has been drawn up as a separate chapter to the Economic Survey of the Slovak Republic 2009, which the OECD published in February 2009. With the aim of assessing the effectiveness and targeting of existing state support instruments for housing, an analysis of the effectiveness and social focus of building-society saving and interest-rate subsidy on mortgage loans has been drawn up, using data from the SR Ministry of Construction and Regional Development. The main instrument for realising the measure will be the drafting of the State Housing Policy White Paper to 2015, which will be based on a comprehensive analysis of housing policy in the Slovak Republic and will contain specific tasks necessary for achieving the target state. That is a modern system of supporting housing that is flexible to the needs of the individual or family, as well as to the needs of the labour market with emphasis on assisting socially weaker layers and thereby raising social and geographical mobility of the population without undue market deformation that will not give preference to a specific form of housing solution (ownership versus rental).
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Cooperation with the OECD in creating the chapter on housing in the Economic Survey of the Slovak Republic 2008	31.10.2008	The SR Ministry of Construction and Regional Development and the SR Ministry of Finance has ensured the support of the OECD in obtaining data, in determining the aims and structure of the study, the result of which is the chapter on housing in the Economic Survey of the Slovak Republic 2009, which the OECD published in February 2009.



2. Drafting of an analysis of the effectiveness and social targeting of building-society saving and interest-rate subsidy on mortgage loans	31.1.2009	The SR Ministry of Construction and Regional Development and the SR Ministry of Finance provided the basic initial data on the construction and housing sector in Slovakia, which comprised the number of apartments (private and public total) for providing housing in Slovakia, broken down by individual purpose, and the volume of capital expenditure, broken down by individual purpose, as provided by mortgage banks and building societies. On the basis of available data the SR Ministry of Finance prepared an analysis and submitted it as a source document for the drafting of the State Housing Policy White Paper to 2015.
3. Drafting of the State Housing Policy White Paper to 2015	31.12.2009	A component of the White Paper will be a detailed timetable of tasks resulting from the conclusions and recommendations of the White Paper.

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
Output indicator												
1. Share of public resources directed at supporting rented housing in total public resources for supporting housing												
2. Share of apartments in personal ownership in the total number of apartments		89%							86%			
3. Number of rented apartments constructed with state support												
Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
1. Workforce mobility - the indicator will be specified later, since at present there is no relevant indicator in the SR.												

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				



Note: There is no direct financial impact, since this constitutes a reorganisation of the existing package of resources.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Education
Title of the measure:	Creation of a system of lifelong career counselling
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education
Co-sponsors of the measure:	Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family of the SR
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable (SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family) c) is being completed with delay (SR Ministry of Education) d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The objective of the measure is to create the conditions for the operation of a uniform system of lifelong career counselling so that citizens throughout their life can obtain comprehensive information about the possibilities for education and on the possibilities for their application in the labour market. The strategic objectives and targets in this field were set in the Draft Strategy of Lifelong Learning and Lifelong Career Counselling (adopted by SR Government Resolution no. 382/2007 of 25 April 2007). The SR Ministry of Education in fulfilling individual measures: (a) entrusted the implementation of the strategy of lifelong career counselling to the directly managed institution Academia Istropolitana (1.7.2008), (b) initiated and conducted the creation of a National Forum for Lifelong Career Counselling has an advisory body to the SR Ministry of Education for coordinating and developing the system of lifelong learning in the SR (October 2008), (c) drew up an analytical material on the actual state of lifelong career counselling in the SR and submitted it to the National Forum for Lifelong Career Counselling (October 2008), (d) the Minister of Education approved the draft White Paper on Lifelong Career Counselling, which had been drawn up and submitted by the National Forum for Lifelong Career Counselling, at the 12th advisory meeting on 16.6.2009. Other central government bodies are also involved as members of the national forum in fulfilling the objective of this measure (SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, SR Ministry of Health, SR Ministry of the Interior, SR Ministry of Justice).</p>
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	<p>Tasks 1 and 2 are completed and the other tasks 3, 4 and 5 will be solved in the framework of the national project, which the Academia Istropolitana will begin to solve only in the second half of 2009. The Minister of Education therefore asked the SR Prime Minister for an extension to the deadline for the completion of tasks 3 and 4, where the Prime Minister in letter no. 5790/2009/OHP approved the extension to the deadline for solving both tasks, by 30 November 2009.</p>

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Drafting of the analytical part of the system of lifelong career counselling	31.10.2008	The material was prepared by the relevant section of the SR Ministry of Education and provided to the National Forum for Lifelong Learning as the source document for preparing the design of the system



2. Drafting of the design for the system of lifelong career counselling	31.1.2009	Working groups of the National Forum and Academia Istropolitana prepared the draft White Paper on Lifelong Career Counselling, submitted it to the second meeting of the National Forum, which approved it on 2.2.2009. The material was submitted to a meeting of the 12 th Advisory Council to the Minister of Education and was approved on 16.6.2009.
3. Drafting of the design for the system of lifelong career counselling	30.11.2009	Deadline for the solution extended to 30 November 2009.
4. Implementation of the system of lifelong career counselling	30.11.2009	Deadline for the solution extended to 30 November 2009.
5. Creation of legislative conditions for the system of lifelong career counselling	31.3.2011	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
Output indicator												
Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)	
1. Participation of 25-64-year-olds in lifelong learning (%)				3.9			12.5					

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:		1610.348		
of which, finance from EU sources:		1368.796		
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Business environment
Title of the measure:	Improving the transparency of highly regulated markets
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Education, SR Ministry of Health, SR Ministry for the Economy, Healthcare Surveillance Authority, Regulatory Office for Network Industries
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	In the coming year the duty to collect, process and publish in a clear and comparable form for the public, other payers and regulatory bodies information necessary for the efficient functioning of highly regulated markets will be introduced. In the utility network industries this will concern the disclosure of comparable data on fees, total costs and unit prices, an overview of the current rates and prices of electricity and gas. Correct orientation of electricity and gas customers for choosing the best rates, or tariff products for electricity and gas consumption, and this according to the type of consumption. Primarily for electricity and gas customers who as a result of their consumption do not receive individual pricing for electricity and gas supply from the aspect of the level of their offtake. Subordinate legislative standards, or legislation defines the minimum framework of the collected and provided data, as well as the standards and processes of its collection and communication to the public and other interested parties. The communication of results to the public will be sufficiently specific so that non-quality provision of services by specific providers or their discriminatory pricing policy is duly planted in the public's consciousness. Certain tasks have not yet been fulfilled. They will be completed in the new deadlines set below.
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	In connection with this measure the Regulatory Office for Network Industries in cooperation with the Anti-Trust Authority and the SR Ministry of the Economy have drawn up the material Report on the Functioning of the Electricity Market and Gas Market in the SR pursuant to Act no. 276/2001 Coll., which the SR Government acknowledged at its meeting on 15.04.2009. The material describes the instruments that the SR Ministry for the Economy and the Regulatory Office for Network Industries uses for developing consumer understanding and also the duties of the market players in the field of consumer information, resulting from generally binding legal regulations with the fact that it may be said that electricity and gas market players fulfil their duties resulting from generally binding legal regulations in the field of consumer information on an ongoing basis. The deadline for the fulfilment of the tasks has been changed with regard to the new priorities that have arisen in connection with the financial crisis.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
Education		
1. Preparing indicators / information that is to be published.	31.5.2009	



2. Legal provision for ensuring the publication of the required information

31.8.2010

Health

1. Draft Edict of the SR Ministry of Health amending SR Ministry of Health Edict no. 428/2006 Coll. on minimum requirements for staffing and material-technical equipment of individual types of healthcare facility

30.9.2008

2. Amendment to Act No. 581/2004 Coll. on health insurance companies, health care supervision and on the amendment of certain acts as later amended.

31.12.2008

3. Monitoring of selected fields of healthcare provision - quality indicators

first time in 2011 and then regularly every further 3 years

4. Create a ranking of healthcare providers according to their success in fulfilling criteria relating to:

at least once every 12 months publish on an official table or other publicly accessible place and on its website

a) staffing and material-technical equipment of the health care provider,
b) quality indicators

Financial Markets

1. Preparation of an analytical study defining indicators that will be gathered and the methodology for their analysis and presentation

Partially 31.12.2008
Remainder 31.3.2010

The Regulatory Office in Network Industries has prepared an analysis describing the indicators and information that it plans to gather, and is preparing and putting into operation the information database of the Regulatory Office for Network Industries, it will publish on its website in a transparent and comprehensible form all information and procedures that are necessary for changing one's gas or electricity supplier, summary information will be published yearly in the framework of assessing compliance with quality standards for the preceding year. Information will be broken down according to the field (electricity, gas). A price calculator will also be placed on its website, for the field of electricity, gas.



2. Draw up data standards, data interfaces and procedural models for the collection and analysis of data by the responsible bodies. Disclosure to the public, regulatory bodies, payers, central and general government and other interested parties	31.3.2010	
3. Submit to a meeting of the Government the draft act on financial intermediation and financial advice	31.12.2008	The draft act was approved by the SR Government on 14.01.2009. On 24.04.2009 the Act on Financial Intermediation and Financial Advice and on the amendment of certain acts was passed by the SR Parliament and published in the Collection of Laws under no. 186/2009 Coll. The act entered into effect on the date of its proclamation.
4. Projected effective date of the act.	1. 1.2010	

Utility network industries

2. Draw up data standards, data interfaces and procedural models for the collection and analysis of data by the responsible bodies. Disclosure to the public, regulatory bodies and other interested parties	31.3.2010	
2. Start of collection of data on prices, tariffs and rates for electricity and gas.	1.5.2010	
3. Start of publication of data on prices, tariffs and rates for electricity and gas on the website of the Regulatory Office for Network Industries.	1.6.2010	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP		
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
Output indicator											
1. Overview of current rates and prices for electricity and gas (besides individual)					70%				100%		
2. Orientation of electricity and gas customers for choosing the best rates, or tariff products for electricity and gas consumption					70%				100%		
3. Procedure in changing electricity or gas supplier					70%				100%		
Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)



1. number of electricity customers who have changed their electricity supplier	545	1500
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Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:	66.3	165.6	33.2	33.2
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	- 66.3	- 165.6	- 33.2	- 33.2



Measure description

Title of the key challenge: Business environment

Title of the measure: **Reform of public procurement, including broad expansion of e-procurement**

Sponsor of the measure: Office for Public Procurement

Co-sponsors of the measure: SR Ministry of Finance

Completion of the measure:

- a) has been completed
- b) is being completed according to the timetable**
- c) is being completed with delay**
- d) is not being completed

Description of the measure's implementation: The implementation of all tasks in the framework of the measure Reform of Public Procurement, Including Broad Expansion of Electronic Procurement (e-procurement) is fully in accordance with Act no. 25/2006 Coll. on public procurement and on the amendment of certain acts as later amended (hereinafter simply the "Public Procurement Act"), whereby their fulfilment has not required new legislative amendment, since the field of electronic communication was already regulated in the transposition of European legislation (Directive 2004/17/EC of 31 March 2004 coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and Directive 2004/18/EC of 31 March 2004 on the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts. This field was arranged in greater detail in the amendments no. 102/2007 Coll., no. 232/2000 Coll., no. 442/2008 Coll. and in amendment no. 213/2009 Coll. to the Public Procurement Act.

For the purpose of the gradual transition from the traditional manner of public procurement to electronic public procurement and also in accordance with the expansion of its use in the framework of the Electronic Public Procurement system, further functionalities are being finalised according to the proposed timetable for the measures.

Re task 1

For the purpose of recording all procedural steps with the use of electronic records in the process of assigning an order, the logging functionality has been incorporated into the Electronic Public Procurement system. This functionality will ensure greater transparency in the public procurement process and at the same time will facilitate the control process and the solution of appeals. For carrying out a control and applying audit inspection procedures, it is possible to use a file containing a record of all user activities connected with a particular assignment (i.e. an audit record). This audit record may be provided at any time during the assignment of an order or after its completion for the purpose of an inspection of the steps performed, whereby it is possible to monitor not only all realised activities and their precise time, but also the IP addresses from which these acts were made.

Re task 2

The drafting of an analysis of the implementation and results of assigning orders via the Electronic Public Procurement system was made for the purposes of preparing source documentation for the "Report on the Activity of the Information Technology and Electronic Public Procurement Department" for 2008 and for the "Report on the Results of the Activity of the Public Procurement Office for 2008" (hereinafter simply the "Office") which is submitted to a meeting of the SR Government. The analysis provides a statistical overview of realised orders assigned by means of the electronic public procurement system and their results. The draft measures and steps for assessing the progressive transition to complete Electronic Public Procurement is contained in the "Concept for the Development of Information Systems of the Office" and also in the "Feasibility Study", which will be submitted to the steering committee for approval on 10 June 2009.

Re task 3

In the framework of the electronic dispatch of notifications used in public procurement the electronic public procurement system uses an interconnection with the



Office's systems in which notifications are filled out. For the complete arrangement of the online dispatch of notifications to the EU the Office in 2008 asked the Publications Office of the EC for registration for using the service OJS eSender for the electronic public procurement system (for sending notifications from the electronic public procurement environment in electronic form in the format and using the procedures required by the Publications Office methodology). During the approval period the Office tested the sending of XML format of notifications and the OJS eSender sending procedures required by the methodology. On 22 May the eSender service was made accessible on the electronic public procurement system production server.

Reasoning for non-
completion or completion
with delay:

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Finalise the functionality - user activity logging in the electronic public procurement system - recording of the set procedural steps in the process of assigning an order in a user-readable form	30.11.2008	The functionality was implemented into the production version of the electronic public procurement system in November 2008.
2. Draw up an analysis of the implementation and results of the assignment of orders via the electronic public procurement system in 2007 and draft measures and steps for ensuring the gradual transition to complete electronic public procurement	31.12.2008	Analysis drawn up for the needs of preparing source documentation for the "Report on the Activity of the Information Technology and Electronic Public Procurement Department" for 2008 and for the "Report on the Results of the Activity of the Public Procurement Office for 2008". The draft measures are contained in the "Concept for the Development of Information Systems", which was submitted to the SR Ministry of Finance in paper form and by means of a web application on 30 September 2008. The draft measures are also contained in the "Feasibility Study", which was approved on 29 June 2009 by the steering committee.
3. Incorporation of functionality for online dispatch of announcements to EU – the eSender	31.5.2009	OJS eSender service was made accessible on the electronic public procurement system production server on 22 May 2009.
4. Arrangement of encryption/decryption methods.	30.9.2009	The arrangement of encryption methods is realised in accordance with § 39(3) of the Public Procurement Act which lays down that an electronically submitted bid during the term for submitting bids be submitted in the notified formats for coding and encryption of documents and in the notified communication formats. To date bids submitted in the framework of the electronic public procurement system have been secured against access by unauthorised persons only with the aid of commonly available encryption functions of individual document security applications. At present the new encryption instrument qCrypt is in the testing phase on the development server of the electronic public procurement system, which will automatically encrypt all documents forming a part of bids sent by tenderers in the term for submitting bids in the framework of the electronic public procurement system. As at 15.08.2009 the qCrypt functionality was in the testing stage on the development server of the electronic public procurement system.
5. Finalise the functionality in connection to the	31.12.2009	Finalisation and further development of the functionalities is planned in the framework of the Concept for



<p>transition to secure electronic signature, adjustment of the electronic public procurement system in consequence of the further development of the internal public procurement office system Procurio/ZOVO, finalise multi-criteria search functions, adjust the electronic public procurement system and hardware in consequence of the development of ICT (new versions).</p>		<p>the Development of Information Systems and also in the framework of the “Feasibility Study” in the framework of priority axis 1 of Operational Programme Information Society (hereinafter simply “OPIS”) for the national project: Electronic public procurement services.</p> <p>Adjustments to the hardware in consequence of the development of ICT began in December 2008 in accordance with the Public Procurement Act. A contract on the supply and installation of a hardware platform was signed on 30 March 2009. At present testing of individual applications is under way and the planned date for the launching the electronic public procurement system after testing is set for 31 December 2009.</p>
<p>6. Create a methodology for semi-automated to automated assessment of bids by means of standard structured documents (forms) according to individual commodities.</p>	<p>31.12.2009</p>	<p>At present the electronic public procurement system is being expanded to include the finalisation of the higher version of the semi-automated to automated assessment of bids qMerge to qMerge2. The electronic public procurement system will make it possible by means of the application qDesigner to create standard structured questionnaires, and which, once properly filled out, may be automatically processed or evaluated with the aid of the function qMerge. As at 15.08.2009 the functionality qMerge2 was in the testing stage on the development server of the electronic public procurement system. Further development of the functionality has been reflected in the Concept for Development of Information Systems and in the Feasibility Study in the framework of OPIS for the national project: Electronic public procurement services.</p>
<p>7. Creation of a methodology for the implementation of electronic auctions</p>	<p>31.12.2009</p>	<p>The new functionality of the electronic public procurement system has been reflected in the Concept for Development of Information Systems and in the Feasibility Study in the framework of OPIS for the national project: Electronic public procurement services.</p>
<p>8. Finalisation of further procedure for public procurement - negotiated procedure with publication, finalisation of the next phase of public procurement - eOrdering - reopening a competition in the framework of a framework contract, finalisation of one-to-one communication, adjustments to the electronic public procurement system and hardware in consequence of ICT development (new versions)</p>	<p>31.12.2010</p>	<p>The new functionality of the electronic public procurement system has been reflected in the Concept for Development of Information Systems and in the Feasibility Study in the framework of OPIS for the national project: Electronic public procurement services.</p>
<p>9. Finalisation of further procedure for public procurement - dynamic purchasing system, eCatalogue, finalisation of the next phase of public Procurement - eAwarding, eInvoicing, adjustments to the electronic public procurement system and hardware in consequence of ICT development (new versions)</p>	<p>31.12. 2011</p>	<p>The new functionality of the electronic public procurement system has been reflected in the Concept for Development of Information Systems and in the Feasibility Study in the framework of OPIS for the national project: Electronic public procurement services.</p>



10. Implementation of training for work with the electronic public procurement system and promotion of electronic communication	31.12.2011	The new functionality of the electronic public procurement system has been reflected in the Concept for Development of Information Systems and in the Feasibility Study in the framework of OPIS for the national project: Electronic public procurement services.
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Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	Achieved value of indicator				Planned value of indicator in the NRP
	Initial value in 2007	Value in 2008	Value in 2009	Value in 2007 - 2009	Target value in 2011
1. Number of electronically assigned orders	14	47	40	101	140
2. Number of organisations registered in the electronic public procurement system	64	33	19	116	522
3. Number of users trained for the electronic public procurement system	724	70	60	854	900

Quantification of the budget impact

	2008 ('000 SKK).	2009 (€ '000)	2010 (€ '000)	2011 (€ '000)
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:	10.924	370.975	477.959	379.207
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	6.493	125.775		

Note:

In 2008 in budgetary measure 9/2008 the Office was permitted an overrun on the expenditure limit in the amount of 10 924 000 SKK in the field of capital expenditure. In letter no. 493-5000/2008 the Office notified the SR Ministry of Finance pursuant to the Act on Budgetary Rules for General Government of the amount of funds that the chapter would use in the following calendar year (4 430 386 SKK / €147 061.87). The SR Ministry of Finance in budgetary measure no. 11/2008 then approved the allocation of funds.

In 2008 in budgetary measure 1/2009 the SR Ministry of Finance notified the Office of the allocation of expenditure in category 700 in the volume of €245 199.35. Pursuant to resolution no. 93/2009 of the SR Government the Office was not permitted a budget overrun in the amount of €147 061, which the Office had set aside in 2008. For this reason the Office is financing activities in the field of electronic public procurement in 2009 only from the remaining amount of €125 775.

In later years there is the expectation of obtaining some funding also from EU sources, by means of the Structural Funds (OPIS), the amount of them cannot yet be precisely calculated.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Business environment
Title of the measure:	Creation of a functional system of preliminary and post-impact assessment of legislative measures
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry for the Economy
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance, SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, SR Ministry of the Environment
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) has been partially fulfilled and will be completely fulfilled with some delay d) is not being completed

Description of the measure's implementation: The uniform methodology for assessing selected impacts (hereinafter simply the "Uniform Methodology" was approved by SR Government Resolution no. 329 of 21 May 2008 as a universal manual, which was based on European Commission documents and has been adapted to the legislative environment of the Slovak Republic. Several contingencies result from the universal nature of this type of manual, and which the creator in preparing an analysis of impacts must give sufficient consideration to and design a procedure best suited to the issue being assessed. The aim of the Uniform Methodology is to contribute to the implementation of more effective and efficient regulation into practice. It does, nevertheless, require raising the awareness of the importance of the procedure, which will ensure its consistent performance, which itself requires the readiness of individual institutions from the organisational and professional aspect.

SR Government Resolution no. 329/2008 charged the Minister of the Economy in cooperation with the Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of the Environment (sponsors of individual methodologies for impact assessment) to submit within the deadline by 31 May 2009 and evaluation of the application of the Uniform Methodology for Assessing Selected Impacts following a implementation following the implementation of a pilot project with a proposal for updating process in connection to shortcomings identified. Specific legislative and non-legislative materials were selected for testing of the uniform methodology, in respect of which individual analyses of impacts were drawn up with regard to social impacts, impacts on public finance, impacts on the business environment, informatisation and environmental impacts. The conclusions from the testing highlighted the need to expand the range of tested materials submitted to the meeting of the SR Government. For the purpose of testing the Uniform Methodology efficiently, the Pilot Project was extended and split into two stages, where the evaluation of the first stage was approved by the SR Government on 1 July 2009 in resolution no. 481 regarding the material: "Evaluation of the First Phase of the Pilot Project for the Uniform Methodology for Assessing Selected Impacts". The Uniform Methodology was tested on a sample of specific legislative and non-legislative materials, which the sponsors of the methodologies had submitted. The first stage of testing the methodology assessed its practical use and application. The role of the first stage of the pilot project was to identify and remove any existing shortcomings of a technical, formal or application nature. Removal of shortcomings and an update to the Uniform Methodology used to be realised only following the completion of the second phase of the Pilot Project, implementation of which should last until 15.11.2009. Further testing will provide a more objective and reliable view of the Uniform Methodology from the aspect of its practical use.

Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: With regard to the fact that implementation of the Pilot Project has been under way for a short time period, as well as during the period of the financial and gas crisis, it was not possible to assign a sufficient number of draft materials to the Pilot Project on which the application of the Uniform



Methodology could be tested realistically and effectively. Most of the materials were adopted in shortened legislative proceedings, which did not make it possible to realistically test the methodology in an appropriate timeframe. The sponsors of the methodology need at minimum 30 working days prior to the commencement of interdepartmental comment proceedings for assessing potential impacts of the material submitted. Otherwise, it is not possible to correctly identify the nature and severity of potential impacts and to ascertain in what fields it will be necessary to conduct a more in-depth impact assessment, i.e. an impact analysis. For the purpose of testing the Uniform Methodology effectively the Pilot Project was extended and split into two stages, where the evaluation of the first stage of the pilot project has already been realised. The second phase of the Pilot Project will be completed on 15 November 2009 and the date for the deadline for launching the Uniform Methodology will be shifted to 1 February 2010.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. creation of generic e-mail addresses (dolozka@rezort.sk)	31.7.2008	The task results from Government Resolution no. 329 of 21 May 2008. The sponsors of the uniform methodology created generic e-mail addresses to which a submitter will send the schedule of the material as well as the impact clause and impact analysis.
2. launch of the pilot project's implementation	30.9.2008	The task results from Government Resolution no. 329 of 21 May 2008. The sponsors in cooperation with ministers and other central government bodies realised the Pilot Project with the aim of testing the Uniform Methodology from the aspect of its practical and realistic use.
3. evaluation of the Pilot Project for the Uniform Methodology and proposal of its updating in connection with shortcomings Identified	31.5.2009	The task was completed with delay pursuant to Government Resolution no. 329 of 21 May 2008. Implementation of the task will continue due to an extension of the Pilot Project to 15 November 2009.
4. ensure application of the Uniform Methodology in the framework of all central government bodies	1.2.2010	The task results from Government Resolution no. 329 of 21 May 2008. With regard to the extension of the duration of the Pilot Project the deadline for applying the Uniform Methodology has been changed to 1 February 2010.

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator								Planned value of indicator in the NRP				
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)			
Output indicator														
Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)			
1. index of the legislative and regulatory environment (Government Resolution no. 466/2007)	Q4	123.7 points	125.5 points	120.9 points	113.3 points			130 points						



Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):				
<i>Note: On the basis of the medium-term measure of the Modernisation Programme Slovensko 21, in the framework of the Uniform Methodology currently under preparation for assessing selected impacts at individual ministries the competent analytical units will create and implement processes that will enable possible preliminary and post impact assessment of individual policies, white papers and strategic documents and of legislative and other measures in key challenges. These analytical units will have a close connection to budgetary units of individual ministries and to knowledge about an expert issue and priorities at the level of the public policymaker at the given department. Analytical units will be created primarily at ministries that will evaluate clauses prepared by the submitter assessing impacts on public finances, the social situation, employment, businesses, the functioning of markets, socio-economic development, environment and information society, i.e. the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Economy, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family and the Ministry of the Environment. According to the original plan 2 million SKK was to be set aside for creating and analytical centre from the budgetary chapter of the SR Ministry of the Economy, or to ensure the strengthening of the business environment department by 2-3 people, which currently due to the economic crisis and need for economy measures is not realistic.</i>				



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Business environment
Title of the measure:	Reform of tax and customs administration, unification of tax, customs and social security contributions' collection
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, SR Ministry of Health, SR Ministry of the Interior, SR Ministry of Justice
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The essence of reform of the tax and customs administration is to improve the efficiency of the system of management, where this lies in simplifying processes in the collection of taxes, customs and in future also insurance contributions, the creation of a new model of organisational structure, the creation of an SR Financial Administration by merging the tax and customs administration, as well as the optimisation of processes which will be achieved through the centralisation, concentration, specialisation of the management and performance of processes, electrification, change management and quality of internal performances, through the management and development of human resources and through the preparation of new legal regulations. The phase of unifying the collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions will ensure the preparation of the affected organisations for the transfer of competences and unification in the collection and harmonisation of procedural processes, whereby processes concerning the collection of tax, customs and insurance contributions will be simplified. The White Paper for Reform of the Tax and Customs Administration with a View to Unifying the Collection of Taxes , Customs and Insurance Contributions was approved by SR Government Resolution no. 285/2008 on 07.05.2008.</p> <p>The reform of the tax and customs administration is being prepared for 1.1.2012, and which is focused mainly on the reorganisation of tax bodies, optimisation of tax and customs processes, the gradual simplification of processes and increase in the quality of services provided at tax bodies and the customs administration. This is gradually being realised as a complex of projects organised in the framework of the UNITAS programme. Following interdepartmental comment proceedings, legislation for reform of the tax administration as at 01.01.2012 (Act on Tax/Financial Bodies, Act on Tax Administration) is currently in the legislative process, and which is the basic starting point of the whole process of unifying the collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions. Activities have begun on realising a study of the possibility of the feasibility of unifying the collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions, in the framework of which the first two stages have been realised and at present a draft model is being prepared of the optimal collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions. An economic system for tax bodies has been put into productive operation, and which has been in routine operation since the start of 2008 and is the starting point for the ongoing implementation of the economic system in the customs administration, thus gradually creating the basis for merging the economic processes of the tax authorities and customs administration. Selected ITIL processes have been put into practice at tax bodies, as a component of the change in the quality of IT services provided (Service Desk, Incident Management, Problem Management) and further processes are in the process of progressive implementation. The ITIL solution implemented at tax bodies will become the central solution for the tax and customs administration. In the environment of the Customs Administration there is gradually being implemented a joint central eLearning solution for tax bodies and the customs administration, based on open source standards, where it is presently at the stage of preparing a trial operation of eLearning, which is planned to operate from September 2009. Processes at tax bodies and at the customs administration are being updated and unified in the framework of these organisations, whereby the basis is being created for the uniform application of processes by these organisations'</p>



staff, for removal of duplication in processes; creating both a methodological basis and a basis for the functioning of the planned information systems.

Activities at tax authorities and the customs administration are ensured and coordinated so that the objectives of the reform are met through an improvement in the quality of ongoing processes, including their electrification. The activities realised in the period to date are briefly described in the part “Compliance with the timetable for the measure”

Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: The delay is caused largely by the application of audit inspection procedures in the public procurement process, a lack of personnel resources and the threat to funding, due to the effects of the financial crisis.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
UNITAS I.		
1. Reform of tax authorities and the customs administration as separate organisations	31.12.2011	
1.1 Internal administration system of the SR Tax Directorate	2.1.2009	In January 2008 a works contract was signed for the implementation of an internal administration system of the SR Tax Directorate. Over the course of 2008 detailed functional specifications were drawn up, followed by their implementation into the SAP environment, testing operation, including data migration from the original economic system into the new system, user training, trial operation, which ran from 16.10.2008 to 31.12.2008, performance tests, disaster recovery availability tests, euro changeover tests, change to the functionality in connection to legislation effective as of 01.01.2009 and tests of it, preparation of production operation, including integration with other systems of the SR Ministry of Finance and tax authorities. In December 2008 instructions were drawn up for the start-up and implementation of productive operation and methodological instructions relating to the changing processes and implementation of the new system. In realising the system it was essential to also make a change a change to processes, and this also in connection to the reform of the tax administration currently under preparation. The start-up of productive operation was realised from 02.01.2009 and data migration for productive operation ran progressively from 30 to 12.2008 to 06.02.2009 depending on the completion of year-end of works in the original economic software of the tax information system. The work, including the introductory support to the system operation, was accepted on 18.06.2009, since when the system has been in routine operation with ongoing provision for supporting it and further development realised in accordance with the parallel-implemented internal administration system of the SR customs administration.



1.2 New legal regulations and updating of present legal regulations	30.9.2009	Two draft new acts were drawn up, namely the Act on Tax Authorities (central government bodies in the field of taxes and fees) and the Act on Tax Administration and 11 amendments to related regulations, necessitated by the drafting of the new Act on Tax Administration. The acts were submitted for intradepartmental comment proceedings, beginning 27.05.2009 and ending on 04.06 to 2009. >From the intradepartmental comment proceedings the 2 new acts were submitted to the Advisory Committee of the SR Ministry of Finance and subsequently to interdepartmental comment proceedings, which were completed on 21.07.2009. At present they are in the legislative process. The objectives of tax and customs administration reform have been implemented on an ongoing basis in the framework of amendments to the tax and customs acts realised during 2008 and 2009, for example the amendment to Act no. 652/2004 Coll. on central government bodies in customs and on the amendment of certain acts as later amended, which provides for a new institute - customs authority investigator, which supplements the powers of customs authorities to include complete investigatory competences with effect as of 01.09.2009.
1.3. Process models	30.9.2009	Process models of the current state of all processes of the authorities (tax, economic, administrative, control, security, selected ITIL processes) and of the customs administration (customs, economic, administrative, control, selected tax processes) have been drawn up, the updating of which is being ensured by the SR Tax Directorate and the SR Customs Directorate. A methodology for the administration and maintenance of process models has been drawn up for the purpose of ensuring their mutual consistency and interconnection to the process model of the future state of the unified tax and customs processes. On the basis of a definition of introductory processes with a breakdown through to activities, these are gradually being optimised and updated with an affect on adjustments to the internal managing acts of the organisations, with the aim of ensuring the unification of equivalent processes in the organisations and their individual organisational units, of ensuring their uniform performance in practice, with the aim of creating a methodological basis for staff and for interlinking these processes and employees who realise them to the systematisation of positions and implementation of benchmarking. The SR Customs Administration was selected among six countries in the framework of the EU member states that in the framework of the EU are to draw up customs processes, where the source material for the decision was the existing state and progress in the field of processes in the Customs Administration of the SR.
1.4 Platform integration	31.1.2010	In 2008 competition documents were drawn up for a public procurement, the public procurement was declared in the Official Journal, which was cancelled by a decision of the Public Procurement Office due to the application of audit inspection procedures. In February 2009 the project was shifted into the purview of the Information Society section.
1.5 Internal administration system of the SR Customs Directorate	31.1.2010	In 2008 the source documents were prepared for the public procurement process with a definition of detailed user requirements, including a process model of the economic processes of the customs administration. A works contract for the implementation of an internal administration system at the SR Customs Directorate was signed on 05.03.2009. At present the first stage of the system's implementation is under way, namely drawing up a detailed functional specification while preserving the maximum degree of compatibility with processes realised in the environment of the tax authorities for reason of ensuring problem-free unification of the tax and customs administration as at 01.01.2013. Implementation of the required functionality in the system in the development environment has begun and procedures for testing the system's usability, including its introductory training are being prepared.



1.6 Documentation system	31.1.2010	In 2008 the detailed requirements of the tax authorities and the customs administration for a documentation system were drawn up. On 11.06.2009 an announcement was published on the declaration of public procurement for an administrative information system in the form of a competitive dialogue procedure. Activities relating to the public procurement process are currently under way.
1.7 Unification of the procedure for paying VAT in the case of importing goods and intra-Community trade	1.7.2010	The draft acts drawn up in 2009 solve also the field of the unification in the procedure for paying VAT in the case of importing goods and intra-Community trade with effect as of 01.01.2012. Contingent on budgetary possibilities it will be possible to consider a shift in the effective date to 01.01.2011.
1.8 Call Centre	31.7.2010	The project mandate for the project was drawn up in 2009. Preparations have begun for the call centre solution for the customs administration, for which the technical conditions are created by DataCentrum, and this in connection with the fulfilment of an EU task, on the basis of which the customs authority administration is obliged to make available call centre services for third parties. As of 01.07.2009 the call centre solution has been put into operation for supporting electronic communication of the commercial public with the customs authority, using the DataCentrum technical resources and infrastructure, and the input channels for central user support have been put into operation. On 1 July 2009 a “blue line” was put into operation, which serves as a communication interface for the public in the field of the introduction of electronic customs proceedings.
1.9 Project management	31.12.2010	Changes have been implemented at tax authorities in the framework of IT services management, in the framework of which a methodology was drawn up for the implementation of project management at tax authorities on the basis of the PRINCE2 methodology, while training sessions were realised for tax authority employees, including the creation of a project office. The internal management act “Directive for Project Management” was drawn up for the SR Tax Directorate. In the framework of the SR Tax Directorate intranet the application Projects DO SR was implemented and a knowledge database was created in the intranet application Projects DO SR. In 2009 a plan was drawn up for the further development of project management for 2009, which is being realised on an ongoing basis, focusing on the field of risk management and quality management. No activities have as yet been realised at the customs administration, since the project in 2009 passed into the competence of the Information Society Section, which will ensure its further continuation in accordance with the prepared project methodology supplied for DataCentrum. At the same time activities are being prepared for preparing the methodology for programme management.
1.10 SLA	31.12.2010	Process started at tax authorities in the framework of changing the management of IT services. In January 2009 process documents for the SLA process were accepted, on 07.04 2009 the implementation of the SLA process into the software tool was accepted. Support for productive operation will end during the course of June 2005. At present the SLA has been prepared and is in the consultation process. The SLA will be concluded between the Informatics Section of the SR Tax Directorate and the General Administration Section of the SR Tax Directorate and the Personnel Office of the SR Tax Directorate.



1.11 Balance Scorecard	31.12.2010	In 2008 an analysis was made of the balance scorecard introduced at the SR Tax Directorate and its evaluation, while training sessions were held for project teams of the SR Tax Directorate and SR Customs Directorate. In 2009 a new balance scorecard was prepared for the SR Tax Directorate for 2009, including the drafting of a manual to the balance scorecard. An evaluation of the balance scorecard was made for the first half of 2009. The adjustment of this project's objectives with its interconnection to the SLA and process models and with the proposal for its expansion also to the SR Ministry of Finance level is at the stage of preparation.
1.12 Central register of subjects	31.12.2010	
1.13 System of education	31.12.2010	An analysis was made of the current state of education in the environment of the tax authorities and customs administration. Other activities in the project were shifted to 2010.
1.14 eLearning	31.12.2010	Methodological and organisational preparation (analytical, planning processes, preparatory and development education processes, preparation of the implementation phase, evaluation of education processes), training, workshops for the field of eLearning were all realised in 2008. A source study material for the creation of an electronic book for the course "Entry-Level Education" has been processed. The central eLearning solution for the SR Customs Directorate has been realised jointly for the customs administration and tax authorities, from the hardware, software and methodological aspect. Several eLearning courses have been realised at the customs administration (eLearning testing of continual education in the field of commodity expertise), while at tax authorities source documentation is being prepared for learning courses for newly-recruited staff, comprising several modules. Source materials have been drawn up for each module, which are incorporated into the MOODLE environment with the cooperation of the customs administration (Computing Minimum, Information Security, Registry Code, Ethics, Anti-Corruption Programme, Standing and Competence of Tax Authorities, Taxes – System and Framework, Basic Knowledge about the EU, Administrative Code, Legal Code of the SR). The drafting of source documentation for the module Conditions for Performing State Service and Performance of Work in the Public Interest has been suspended due to the draft new Act on State Service. At present trial operation of eLearning is being prepared, which will begin in September 2009 and will be realised until July 2010, with subsequent assessment and application of conclusions into regular practice. An internal management act has been prepared for eLearning education, trial operation plans and an information campaign plan.
1.15 Mobile controller	31.12.2010	The project is in a preparatory phase. The project team is currently being created.
1.16 Service Desk	31.1.2011	Project started in the framework of changing the management of IT services. As of 01.11.2008 it has been implemented across-the-board in the framework of tax authorities in the field of IT services provision for tax authority staff. A continual improvement process is being realised on the basis of knowledge from actual operation. A knowledge database available for all users is progressively being created. In connection with its introduction into practice there has been a change in the organisational structure of the tax authorities' staff. An interconnection is being prepared to connect the internal service desk to ServiceDesk 3, where this is provided by suppliers performing support activities for the tax authorities. End-users of electronic communication with the customs administration were imported into the DataCentrum Service Desk system, while the solutionist groups created were trained in customs administration for work in the Service Desk system.



1.17 Standard tax system	31.12.2011	Introductory user requirements for the standard tax system were drawn up, which will need updating in connection with draft legal regulations. On 25.07.2009 an announcement was published on the declaration of a public procurement for the design and implementation of a comprehensive information system for the field of tax administration, in the form of a closed tender.
1.18 Modern Financial Office	31.12.2011	With regard to the non-adoption of a decision solving this project, it is projected that this project will not be realised on the basis of the planned intention of realising it by means of public-private partnership. For this reason proposals were submitted for the budgets for 2010 and 2011 on the estimated expenditure necessary for the reconstruction, building adjustments, extensions and modernisation of buildings or the construction of new buildings.
1.19 Organisational, technical, personnel and methodological provision for reform	31.12.2011	At present a detailed analysis of the state of properties of the tax authorities and customs administration is being made for the purpose of ascertaining the possibility of using them in the implementation of reform of the tax and customs administration as at 01.01.2012 and as at 01.01.2013. The source documentation is being finalised mainly regarding leased buildings.
1.20 Back-up workplace	31.12.2011	
2. Merger of the tax authorities and customs administration	31.12.2012	
2.1 Updating of legal regulations	31.5.2011	
2.2 Consolidation of excise duties into the standard tax system	31.12.2012	
2.3 Organisational, technical, personnel and methodological provision for the merger,	31.12.2012	
2.4 Unification of information systems of the SR Tax Directorate and SR Customs Directorate	31.12.2012	



3. Study of the possibility of the feasibility of unifying the collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions **31.12.2009**

The study of the possibility of the feasibility of unifying the collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions is being realised by a supplier as a result of a public procurement process. The works contract was signed on 27.05.2009 with a contract deadline for handing over the performance of 27.10.2009. The reason for the delayed signing of the contract, and thereby also delayed implementation of the object of the contract, that is the study of the possibility of the feasibility of unifying the collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions, was the application of audit inspection procedures in the public procurement process. For this reason a request was made to the SR Prime Minister for a change to the deadline for the completion of the task and in letter no. 8404/2009/OHP he consented to the deferral of the deadline for task completion to 31.12.2009. At present the supplier has realised two stages of the project, the content of which was the processing of project documentation, foreign experience and analysis of this, analysis of the current state and identification of bottlenecks, analysis of the objectives and a framework draft solution. At present the third stage is being realised, in the framework of which a draft model for the optimal system for the collection of taxes and insurance contributions and the design of substantive changes is being prepared.

UNITAS II.

4. White Paper for the unification of the collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions **31.12.2009 (31.03.2010)**

Preparatory works have begun for the purpose of analysing, preparing draft procedure and possible alternatives, and this with the cooperation of the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, the SR Ministry of Health, the Social Insurance Agency and selected health insurance companies. In connection with the change in the deadline for completing the task concerning the drafting of a study of the possibility of the feasibility of unifying the collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions, which is the input source document for drafting the White Paper on the Unification of the Collection of Taxes, Customs and Insurance Contributions, the SR Prime Minister in letter no. 8404/2009/OHP of 6 July 2009 consented to a deferral in the deadline for the completion of the task to 31.03.2010.

5. Unification of the collection of taxes, customs and insurance contributions **1.1.2014**

More detailed process steps are given in the document "White Paper on Reform of Tax and Customs Administration with a View to Unification of Tax, Customs and Insurance Contributions Collection"

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure											
Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	2011	2012	2013
Output indicator											
1. Drafting of new legal regulations and updating of present legal regulations	pieces			0	0	13		8	9	7	



2. Reduction in the administrative burden on subjects in the field of the tax and customs agenda and in the collection of insurance contributions	hours/year (%)		344 (100)	325 (94)		258 (75)
3. Percent of electronically submitted documents in the total number of documents submitted	%		12	23.5		50
4. Reduction in the level of tax and customs evasion*	mill. EUR	1 546.8	1 214.9 (-268.9)	1 296 (-310.6)		1 212.9 (-154.7)
5. Savings in the costs of subjects, tax authorities and the customs administration	mill. EUR		0	78**		200

Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	2011	2012	2013
1. Simplification of the payment of taxes measured by improvement in the ranking of 178 countries compared in the study "Paying Taxes 2008"	place			122	126***						60
2. Number of the services completely available via the Internet in the field of taxes and customs (4 th level - comprehensive electronic handling)	pieces			0	0						10
3. Improvement of legislation arranging taxes, contributions, fees, investment measured in the framework of the legislative and regulatory environment index	points			143	132						160

Note: The impact of the reform on the values of indicators will be seen mainly after its implementation, progressively from 2012 onward, when most of the legal regulations will enter into effect.

* The first figure represents an expert estimate of the level of tax and customs evasion calculated from GDP for the given year on the basis of the estimated grey economy of the EU countries as a percent of GDP reduced by the level of tax and customs evasion disclosed. Data in brackets represents the sum of tax and customs evasion disclosed in the given year.

** Saving concerns subjects' expenditures.

*** A comparison of 181 countries was made in 2008.

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:*	2 609	14 902	44 854	39 723
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	-2 609	-14 902	-23 800	-39 723

Note: Impacts on public finance income will begin to appear gradually in the years after 2012. Drawing of funds from the EU is contingent on the issuance of calls for the submission of projects in the framework of OPIS and subsequent approval of projects.

* Data represents actual drawing of public finance expenditures, or the sum of planned expenditures reassessed in connection to the current situation. The sum of expenditures also takes account of changes connected with the change in the manner of realising certain tasks. The sum of expenditures does not include finance from EU sources, which will be drawn from OPIS.





Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Improving the quality of the business environment, better regulation and greater transparency
Title of the measure:	Comprehensive assessment of the administrative burden and barriers to business and employment
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry for the Economy
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, SR Ministry of Health, SR Ministry of Finance, SR Ministry of the Interior, SR Ministry of Justice
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) has been partially fulfilled and will be completely fulfilled with some delay d) is not being completed

Description of the measure's implementation: The comprehensive evaluation of the administrative burden is being realised on the basis of the action plan for reducing the administrative burden on enterprise in the SR 2007 - 2012, which the SR Government approved in resolution no. 833 of 3.10.2007. The action programme for reducing the administrative burden in the SR was submitted as a component of fulfilling the agenda for better regulation in the SR. The objective of the action plan is to measure the administrative burden in the SR, adopt measures for reducing it and thereby create a better and higher quality business and regulatory environment, to support small and medium-sized enterprises and employment growth. The action plan for reducing the administrative burden sets out the specific procedures and the time framework for achieving the national objective of the SR for reducing the administrative burden resulting from the national legislation by 2012. In the framework of the action plan it is necessary to prepare tools and define the conditions for measuring the administrative burden in the SR, to quantify the administrative burden in the SR and to define measures for reducing the administrative burden and ensure their implementation. The project for measuring the administrative burden is being realised by an external subject, which was selected on the basis of a public procurement in December 2008. The project for measuring the burden has three stages.

The first stage of the project's implementation was aimed at preparing the methodology for measurement, forms, building internal structures, education, training seminars as well as advice and guidelines in selecting legislation. In the framework of this stage a definition of the target groups for mapping out and measuring the administrative burden was also made. The measurement project was also solved in the framework of the anticrisis measures adopted by the Government, i.e. the measure for reducing the administrative burden for entrepreneurs (sole traders), therefore the original measurement project focuses particularly on the entrepreneur segment. In cooperation with central government bodies as well as business associations a selection of legislation for businesses and entrepreneurs was prepared and discussed, particularly that legislation representing the greatest administrative burden for them. The selection of legislation for the segment entrepreneurs and businesses contains 48 acts, from the fields: commercial law, civil law, bankruptcy and restructuring, financial regulations, market regulation, investment incentives regulation, taxes, customs and fees, contributions, accounting, work and employment, intellectual property, the environment.

Works on the project are presently in the second implementation phase. In this phase the information duties for both target groups, resulting from the selected set of legal regulations, were mapped out. The identified information duties were verified by representatives of the sponsor institutions for the individual selected legal regulations. At present and in cooperation with the individual sponsors the selection of information duties is being completed, and which will then be the subject of measurement of the administrative costs and determining the level of the administrative burden. Selected businesses and entrepreneurs will be contacted for determining the real costs. They will be selected on the basis of identifying suitable subjects in



cooperation with associations, or organisations of entrepreneurs and businesses and on the basis of market research. In September 2009 the measured administrative costs will be evaluated, extrapolated to the level of the Slovak Republic and the administrative burden will be quantified.

Subsequently the project will move on to the third phase, in which measures will be formulated for simplifying the fulfilment of information duties. A Report on Proposed Recommendations and Improvements will be prepared by the end of 2009. Only the implementation of these recommendations will, nevertheless, have the consequence of reducing costs and the administrative burden in connection with the fulfilment of information duties by entrepreneurs and businesses in Slovakia. The selected framework of legal regulations is formed in total by 48 regulations, of which 36 are devoted to entrepreneurs and businesses together and the remaining 12 concern exclusively businesses. In total 1239 information duties have been mapped out in the selected 48 acts. The selection of information duties intended for measurement will proceed in cooperation with the sponsor institutes for the selected legal regulations, where the final number of information duties for measurement will be set by the sponsor institution by means of its statement. The number of information duties intended for measurement may be up to 50% of the total. Experience from other countries is various and the number of measured information duties ranges from 20% to 80%.

Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: The reason for the significant delay was the question of funding the commencement of implementation of measuring the administrative burden on enterprise in the SR. For this reason the implementation commenced in December 2008.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. measurement of the administrative burden	31.12.2009	
2. quantification of the administrative burden	31.12.2009	
3. draft measures for reducing the administrative burden	31.12.2009	
4. adoption of measures for reducing the administrative burden	31.12.2012	
5. monitoring, implementing and assessing measures adopted	31.12.2012	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator					Planned value of indicator in the NRP					
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010 (different year)	2012 (different year)			
1. reduction in the administrative burden on enterprise												by 25 %



Performance indicator	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	(different year)	(different year)	(different year)
1. index of the legislative and regulatory environment (Government Resolution no. 466/2007)	Q4 123.7 points	Q4 125.5 points	Q4 120.9 points	Q4 113.3 points			130 points			

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:	€1 659	€796	€132	€132
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	- €1 659	- €796	- €132	- €132

Note: With regard to the fact that measurement of the administrative burden began at the start of 2009, the money assigned for 2008 was shifted to 2009. The government set aside as part of its anticrisis measures the sum of €1.3 million for reducing the administrative burden on and entrepreneurs, which are on top of the funds approved in Government Resolution no. 833/2007.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Business environment
Title of the measure:	Informatisation of public administration
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
Co-sponsors of the measure:	Ministries, Government Office of the SR and other central government bodies
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>An important step toward successful fulfilment of the measure Informatisation of Public Administration was the adoption of the National Strategy for Information Security in the Slovak Republic and the Edict on Standards Supplemented by Data Standards for Data Exchange between Cooperating Public Administration Information Systems, and which create the conditions for strengthening information security, personal data protection and also the conditions for general and electronic access to basic public services with mutually interconnected registers. In accordance with Government Resolution no. 331/2008 obliged entities submitted to the SR Ministry of Finance White Papers for the Development of Information Systems of Obligated Entities, which are the basic strategic document in the field of the development of public administration information systems aimed at the digitisation of sections of government in accordance with their defined competences and architecture of the integrated public administration information system defined in the National White Paper for the Informatisation of Public Administration. All concepts for the development of information systems were subsequently assessed and approved by the SR Ministry of Finance, or returned to the departments for supplementing/reworking. Key to building electronic public administration in Slovakia is the successful implementation of the first priority axis of the <i>Operational Programme Information Society (OPIS)</i>, which was commenced with the announcement of public procurement for drawing up five feasibility studies. The feasibility studies are presently at various stages of preparation. The specific output will be the announcement of the first 17 calls for projects, which will be realised in the form of national and demand projects. The award of the contracts is being prepared between the SR Ministry of Finance and the respective departments for the implementation of projects for priority services.</p>
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	<p>Several tasks from the measure are being completed with delay.</p> <p>Task 1 – was completed with a delay of 24 days, reason: a minor delay was caused due to procedural reasons in realising the feasibility study</p> <p>Task 4 – as at 15.8.2009 is being completed with a delay of 46 days, reason: The completion of the task relates closely to the tasks B.1. and B.5. of SR Government Resolution no. 570/2008, which was completed only in additional deadlines, whereby the deadline for completing the task was shifted. In letter no. MF/019544/2009-132 a request was made to the SR Prime Minister for a deferral in the deadline for the completion of the task to 31.10.2009.</p> <p>Task 6 – as at 15.8.2009 is being completed with a delay of 46 days, reason: the delay is caused by the high demands and complexity of the task. Completion of the feasibility study solution is expected by 31.12.2009.</p> <p>Task 8 – as at 15.8.2009 is being completed with a delay of 137 days, reason: lack of agreement regarding a principal comment by the Office of the Government Plenipotentiary for Information Society. In letter MF/017766/2009-132 of 28 May 2009 an application was made to the SR Prime Minister for a deferral in the deadline for the completion of this task to 31 December 2009. The requested deferral was permitted in letter no. 7397/2009/SVL OVP of 4.6.2009</p>



Compliance with the timetable for the measure		
Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Issuance of public procurement for drafting 5 feasibility studies for the 1 st priority axis of eGovernment from OPIS	24.10.2008	Public procurement for drafting all five feasibility studies for the 1 st priority axis of eGovernment from OPIS was issued: 1.) Feasibility study of projects in the priority axis 1 Electronisation of Public Administration and Development of Electronic Services of the Operational Programme Information Society, focused on the overall architecture of eGovernment, was published on 31.5.2008 in the European Journal and published on 4.6.2008 in the Public Procurement Office Journal 2.) Feasibility study of projects in the priority axis 1 Electronisation of Public Administration and Development of Electronic Services of the Operational Programme Information Society, focused on the development of eGovernment, services at the central level was published on 17.06.2008 in the European Journal . 3.) Feasibility study of projects in the priority axis 1 Electronisation of Public Administration and Development of Electronic Services of the Operational Programme Information Society, focused on the development of eGovernment, services at the local authority level was published on 27.06.2008 in the European Journal and on 1.7.2008 in the Public Procurement Office Journal . 4.) 3.) Feasibility study of projects in the priority axis 1 Electronisation of Public Administration and Development of Electronic Services of the Operational Programme Information Society, focused on the ICT infrastructure in the central government level was published on 16.10.2008 in the European Journal and on 20.10. 2008 in the Public Procurement Office Journal .. 5.) Feasibility study of projects in the priority axis 1 Electronisation of Public Administration and Development of Electronic Services of the Operational Programme Information Society, focused on the ICT infrastructure in the local authority level was published on 24.10.08 in the European Journal and on 20.10. 2008 in the Public Procurement Office Journal .
2. Submission of the National Strategy for Information Security in the Slovak Republic to a meeting of the Government	27.8.2008	The National Strategy for Information Security in the Slovak Republic was approved at a meeting of the Government on 27.8.2008, resolution no. 570/2008.
3. Submission of the Edict on Standards Supplemented by Data Standards for Data Exchange between Cooperating Public Administration Information Systems to the Standing Working Commission of the SR Government Legislative Council for Technical Legal Regulations	8.9.2008	The Edict on Standards Supplemented by Data Standards for Data Exchange between Cooperating Public Administration Information Systems was approved at the Standing Working Commission of the SR Government Legislative Council for Technical Legal Regulations on 8.9.2008.



4. Submit to a meeting of the SR Government the draft Action Plan for 2008 to 2013 concerning the document "National Strategy for Information Security in the SR"	31.10.2009	In letter no. MF/019544/2009-132 an application was made to the SR Prime Minister for a deferral of the deadline for completion of the task to 31.10.2009, since its completion is closely connected with tasks B.1. and B.5. of the SR Government Resolution no. 570/2008, which were completed only in additional deadlines, whereby the deadline for the fulfilment of the task was also shifted.
5. Submit to a meeting of the SR Government the draft legislative intention of the Act on Information Security of Public Administration in the SR	31.12.2009	
6. Feasibility studies are being drawn up	Is being completed with delay	<p>Five feasibility studies will be drawn up in the framework of OPIS Priority Axis 1 Electronisation of Public Administration and the Development of Electronic Services.</p> <p><u>Feasibility study 1 is aimed at the overall architecture of eGovernment:</u> The process of creating Feasibility Study 1 has several phases, which mutually interlink. Throughout the whole period of contract performance the Catalogue of Services is updated, which is supplemented on an ongoing basis also by outputs from Feasibility Studies 2 and 3. The Catalogue of Services represents a tool for the uniform and consistent registration of eGovernment services identified in the process of forming individual realisability studies and for describing key relationships mutually between these services, as well as their relations to other key entities of eGovernment. From the aspect of the first three studies, for which the Catalogue of Services is relevant, the Catalogue is at present filled approximately as follows: Feasibility Study 1: 95%; Feasibility Study 2: 90% ; Feasibility Study 3: 100% of the total number of services that will be the subject of projects.</p> <p>In the framework of Feasibility Study 1 the methodological frameworks have been created. This represents a basic definition of the principles that should be taken into account in preparing the methodologies that will be applied during building and operating the public administration information system for the following fields: Cost Benefit Analysis, Process Modelling, Integration Architecture, Information Security Management, Programme Management, Software Development and ICT Operation. A further important output are the partial feasibility studies for joint modules of the central portal for public administration (8 feasibility studies), basic access components (3 feasibility studies), other components (4 feasibility studies), basic identifiers (2 feasibility studies), basic registers of the public administration information system (4 feasibility studies) that are the subject of approval by the steering committee and the calls corresponding to this. The solution will be completed by approval of the outputs by the Steering Committee, which is planned for the start of September 2009.</p> <p><u>Feasibility study 2 is focused on the development of eGovernment services at the central level:</u> The steering committee approves the prioritisation of obliged entities that will be the subject of a solution. The output comprises partial feasibility studies and 15 calls for the following obliged entities: SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, SR Ministry of Health, National Audit Office, Social Insurance Agency, SR Ministry of Finance, SR Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SR Ministry of the Interior, SR Ministry of Construction and Regional Development, SR Statistics Office and the Public Procurement Office, which were approved by the Steering Committee. The solution will be completed by approval of the remaining outputs by the Steering Committee, which is planned for the start of September.</p> <p><u>Feasibility study 3 is focused on the development of eGovernment services at the local authority level:</u> Feasibility study</p>



7. Issuance of the first calls for the submission of projects for the 1 st priority axis of OPIS – electronisation of public administration	18.11.2008	<p>3 is focused on the development of eGovernment services at the local authority level: Feasibility study 3 is being realised in the form of partial outputs. The supplier has split the manner of contract performance in a sequence of submitting partial feasibility studies and calls for: Higher territorial units, county towns, municipalities and the data centres of municipalities and towns. Partial feasibility studies and calls for higher territorial units and county towns have been approved by the steering committee. A further important element has been the creation of a number code of life situations and eGov services. Calls in the framework of this study will be realised in the form of demand-oriented calls, in contrast to feasibility studies 1 and 2, which are realised in the form of national projects. The solution will be completed by approval of the remaining outputs by the Steering Committee, which is planned for the start of September. <u>Feasibility studies 4 and 5 are focused on the development of communication–technology infrastructure of public administration information systems at the central level / at the local authority level:</u> Introductory analyses have been drawn up, along with a proposal of framework alternative solutions; a detailed elaboration of a detailed draft solution is being prepared. It is expected that the solution will be completed on 8.12.2009 in accordance with the applicable contract.</p> <p>In the framework of OPIS Priority Axis 1: Electronisation of Public Administration and the Development of Electronic Services, Measure 1.1 Electronisation of Public Administration and the Development of Electronic Services at the Central Level calls were issued for national projects and demand projects defined in the list of national projects approved by the OPIS managing authority.</p> <p>18.11.2008 Electronisation of registrar office services (closed), 22.12.2008 Electronisation of Social Insurance Agency services (closed), 22.12.2008 Electronic services of the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family at the section for administration of state social benefits, social aid and aid in material need (closed), 30.1.2009 Information system of the register of natural persons (closed), 30.1.2009 Information system of the identifier of natural persons (closed), 30.1.2009 Electronic land registry office services (closed), 24.3.2009 Audit Information System of the National Audit Office (closed), 4.5.2009 Information system of the register of addresses (closed), 7.5.2009 Electronic land registry office services – basic GIS base, 19.5.2009 Electronic healthcare services 2.6.2009 Electronisation of higher territorial unit services 18.6.2009 Electronic identification card 30.6.2009 Electronic services for vehicle registration certification 30.6.2009 Electronic services of the SR Statistics Office 17.7.2009 Electronic services of the national vehicles register 17.7.2009 Electronic services of mobile units of the SR Ministry of the Interior 17.7.2009 Electronic services of the central reporting point</p>
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8. Submit to a meeting of the Government the draft wording a draft act amending Act no. 275/2006 Coll. on public administration information systems and on the amendment of certain acts in the wording of Act no. 678/2006 Coll.	31.12.2009	The draft act amending Act no. 275/2006 Coll. on public administration information systems and on the amendment of certain acts in the wording of Act no. 678/2006 Coll. was discussed at the Legislative Council of the Government on 19.5.2009, which recommended it for submission to the SR to a meeting of the SR Government. Since, however, as at today's date it has not been possible to overcome a conflict with the SR Government Plenipotentiary for information Society, a request was made to the SR Prime Minister in letter no. MF/017766/2009-132 of 28 May 2009 for a deferral in the deadline for completion of this task to 31 December 2009. The requested deferral was permitted in the letter no. 7397/2009/SVLOVP of 4.6.2009.
9. Conclusion of a contract between the intermediary body and the SR Ministry of the Interior for implementation of a project for priority services in the competence of the SR Ministry of the Interior for the following fields: - registration of vehicles, announcements of moving address, official statements from the registrar office	31.3.2010	<p>Priority services in the competence of the SR Ministry of the Interior include:</p> <p><u>National project: Electronisation of registrar office services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 18.11.2008- Date of closing the call: 18.2.2009- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). The application for an NFC was approved by the selection commission's decision on 28.5.2009. At present the process of preparing the contract on the NFC for signing is at the stage of finalisation. Due to the need to define new appendices and the need for time-demanding negotiations with the final beneficiary to the contract on the NFC, it is expected that the contract will be concluded by the end of August 2009, or the start of September 2009. <p><u>National project: Information system of the register of natural persons</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 30.1.2009- Date of closing the call: 30.4.2009- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). The application for an NFC was approved by the selection commission's decision on 29.06.09. At present the process of preparing the contract on the NFC for signing is at the stage of finalisation. Due to the need to define new appendices and the need for time-demanding negotiations with the final beneficiary to the contract on the NFC, it is expected that the contract will be concluded by the end of August 2009, or the start of September 2009. <p><u>National project: Information system of the identifier of natural persons</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 30.1.2009- Date of closing the call: 30.4.2009- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). The application for an NFC was approved by the selection commission's decision on 29.06.09. At present the process of preparing the contract on the NFC for signing is at the stage of finalisation. Due to the need to define new appendices and the need for time-demanding negotiations with the final beneficiary to the contract on the NFC, it is expected that the contract will be concluded by the end of August 2009, or the start of September 2009. <p><u>National project: Information system of the register of addresses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 4.5.2009- Date of closing the call: 4.8.2009



		<p>- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). The application for an NFC was received on 4.8.2009. At present a formal check of the correctness of the application for an NFC is under way.</p> <p><u>National project: Electronic identification card</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 18.6.2009- Date of closing the call: 18.9.2009- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). <p><u>National project: Electronic services for vehicle registration certification</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 30.6.2009- Date of closing the call: 30.9.2009- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). <p><u>National project: Electronic services of the national vehicles register</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 17.7.2009- Date of closing the call: 19.10.2009- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). <p><u>National project: Electronic services of mobile units of the SR Ministry of the Interior</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 17.7.2009- Date of closing the call: 19.10.2009- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). <p><u>National project: Electronic services of the central reporting point</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 17.7.2009- Date of closing the call: 19.10.2009- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). <p><u>National project: Electronisation of Social Insurance Agency services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of declaring the call: 22.12.2008- Date of closing the call: 23.3.2009- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). The application for an NFC was approved by the selection commission's decision on 29.06.09. At present the process of preparing the contract on the NFC for signing is at the stage of finalisation. Due to the need to define new appendices and the need for time-demanding negotiations with the final beneficiary to the contract on the NFC, it is expected that the contract will be concluded by the end of August 2009, or the start of September 2009.
10. Conclusion of a contract between the intermediary body and the Social Insurance Agency for the implementation of a project for priority services in the competence of the Social Insurance Agency and the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family for the following fields: - unemployment benefits, child benefits, student benefits,	30.10.2009	



healthcare cost reimbursements and social benefits for employees

National project: Electronic Services of the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family at the section of administration of state social benefits, social aid and aid in material need. In the framework of the national project: Electronic Services of the SR Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family at the section of administration of social state social benefits, social aid and aid in material need there will also be solved fields from the National Reform Programme Measure no. 10 (child benefits, student benefits, healthcare cost reimbursements and social costs for employees)

- Date of declaring the call: 22.12.2008

- Date of closing the call: 23.3.2009

- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). The application for an NFC was approved by the selection commission's decision on 29.06.09. At present the process of preparing the contract on the NFC for signing is at the stage of finalisation. Due to the need to define new appendices and the need for time-demanding negotiations with the final beneficiary to the contract on the NFC, it is expected that the contract will be concluded by the end of August 2009, or the start of September 2009.

11. Conclusion of a contract between the intermediary body and the SR Geodesy and Land Registry Authority for implementation of a project for priority services in the competence of the SR Geodesy and Land Registry Authority

30.1.2010

National project: Electronic land registry office services

- Date of declaring the call: 30.1.2009

- Date of closing the call: 30.4.2009

- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). The application for an NFC was approved by the selection commission's decision on 29.06.09. At present the process of preparing the contract on the NFC for signing is at the stage of finalisation. Due to the need to define new appendices and the need for time-demanding negotiations with the final beneficiary to the contract on the NFC, it is expected that the contract will be concluded by the end of August 2009, or the start of September 2009.

National project: Electronic land registry office services – basic GIS base

- Date of declaring the call: 7.5.2009

- Date of closing the call: 7.8.2009

- Expected date of concluding contract: Pursuant to the system of management of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund for 2007 to 2013, within 150 days of receipt of the application for a nonreturnable financial contribution (NFC). The application for an NFC was received on 05.08.2009. At present a formal check of the correctness of the application for an NFC is under way.

12. Submit to a meeting of the Government the draft act on electronic public administration and on public administration registers

31.12.2012



13. Submission of White Papers for the Development of Information Systems to the SR Ministry of Finance by obliged entities in accordance with Government Resolution no. 331/2008	30.9.2008	White Papers for the Development of Information Systems were submitted to the SR Ministry of Finance by all obliged entities in accordance with Government Resolution no. 331/2008 by 30.9.2008.
14. Approval of the submitted White Papers for the Development of Information Systems or request sent for supplementing or reworking	31.3.2009	Number of White Papers for the Development of Information Systems submitted for approval: 37 Number of White Papers for the Development of Information Systems approved or for which supplementing or reworking is requested: 37
15. Reconstruction of the presentation layer of the basic access component of the central public administration portal	30.9.2011	In the framework of ongoing feasibility studies for Priority Axis 1, projects focused on electronisation of public administration and the development of electronic services a partial feasibility study is also being prepared for the Central Public Administration Portal, which comprehensively defines the main principles for building the presentation layer of the Central Public Administration Portal.
16. Verification of data following interconnection of registers	30.6.2013	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure											
Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2008	2010	2013	(different year)
Output indicator											
1. number of implemented electronic services available on-line (ITMS)					0			0	12	192	
2. number of general government organisations implementing eGovernment systems (ITMS)					0			0	220	1224	
3. number of integrated service points made available (ITMS)					0			0	210	1200	
4. share of inhabitants with access to integrated service points in the total number of inhabitants in % (ITMS)	%				0			0	25	85	
5. number of obliged entities that have submitted White Papers for the Development of Information Systems to the SR Ministry of Finance in accordance with Government Resolution no. 331/2008 (in total 24) (SR Ministry of Finance)					0	37	-	-	24	-	-
Performance indicator		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	2013	(different year)	(different year)
1. E-government - on-line availability (Eurostat)				35				50	100		
2. Use of e-government by individuals (Eurostat)				24	30			30	40		
3. Use of e-government by businesses (Eurostat)				85	88			90	95		



4. Share of entrepreneurs using the Internet for communication with public authorities - for obtaining information (Eurostat)	78	82	85	95
5. Share of entrepreneurs using the Internet for communication with public authorities - for obtaining forms (Eurostat)	80	81	90	95
6. Share of entrepreneurs using the Internet for communication with public authorities - for sending completed forms (Eurostat)	56	51	65	75
7. Share of individuals using the Internet for communication with public authorities - for obtaining information (Eurostat)	20.1	26	30	40
8. Share of individuals using the Internet for communication with public authorities - for obtaining forms (Eurostat)	14.5	18.6	25	40
9. Share of individuals using the Internet for communication with public authorities - for sending completed forms (Eurostat)	7.9	11.6	14	20

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:	0.00 (OPIS)	44 827.34 (OPIS)	203 156.76 (OPIS)	166 061.72 (OPIS)
of which, finance from EU sources:	2 877.92	4 774.91	1 896.10	2 110.10
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	0.00	35 275.94	160 545.96	133 428.48
	-2 877.92	- 49 602.25	-205 052.86	-168 171.82

Partial estimate of expected expenditures for OPIS priority axis 1, current as at 30.6.2009 plus expenditures on related projects and activities from the SR Ministry of Finance - SIS budget - allocated in the framework of existing expenditure limits according to source documentation from July 2009.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Business environment
Title of the measure:	Development of one stop shops for entrepreneurs (2nd stage of one stop shops)
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry for the Economy, SR Ministry of Finance, SR Ministry of the Interior (SR Government Resolution no. 294/2007)
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications, SR Ministry of Education, SR Ministry of the Environment, SR Ministry of Agriculture, SR Ministry of Justice, Regulatory Office for Network Industries, 6 district mining authorities, Audit Performance Inspection Authority, Aviation Authority, and Chamber of Defence Lawyers, Chamber of Architects, Chamber of Civil Engineers, Chamber of Patent Representatives, Chamber of Veterinary Doctors, Chamber of Tax Advisers, Chamber of the Geodesists and Cartographers.
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) has been completedb) is being completed according to the timetablec) is being completed with delayd) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The establishment of one stop shops (OSSs) is one of the projects of Directive no. 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, that all Member States are obliged to transpose by the end of 2009. The basic document forming the starting point for the creation of OSSs in Slovakia is the "White Paper for the Establishment of OSSs in the SR" (SR Government Office no. 324/2006). This is one of the tools for improving conditions in the business environment, from the aspect of improving the efficiency of access to services in the competence of the directive on the market in the SR. OSSs should serve both domestic and foreign businesses (natural persons and legal entities) from EU member states who intend to pursue business on a permanent or cross-border basis. OSSs create the possibility for businesses to arrange at one point as many of the formalities necessary for pursuing business, and this in relation to multiple institutions with the possibility of submitting an application to the OSS electronically. A OSS will ensure the sending of applications, or other particulars on the business electronically to the respective offices concerned particularly in the case of business start-ups. Following the launch of the 1st stage of OSSs (OSS 1) at all trade licensing authorities in the competence of the SR Ministry of the Interior on 1.10.2007 for entrepreneurs pursuing business only in the regime of the (sole trader) Trade Licensing Act, attention was focused on the 2nd phase of OSSs: OSS 2. OSS 2 should ensure analogous acts as in the case of OSS 1 for other businesses, with a regime of issuing authorisations according to various separate regulations by various institutions (ministries, other bodies, professional chambers). The sphere of businesses for OSS 2 corresponds to the provision of § 2(2)(b) and (c) of the Commercial Code. It may be said that the task of establishing OSSs was fulfilled to 90% by the construction of OSS 1, since some 90% of the services falling within the scope of the Services Directive are covered by the Trade Licensing Act. OSS 1 may thus help up to 90% of all businesses. A OSS does not have legal personality. Their use is non-obligatory for businesses.</p> <p><u>Steps made over the past period:</u> Profiling of the sphere of services falling within the scope of the Directive that are affected by OSS 2; an analysis of the institutions and conditions of permission procedures for issuing institutions' authorisations; selection of the most suitable institution for the functional provision of OSS 2; preparation of technical implementation of OSS 2, which will be at the trade licensing authorities of district authorities at county head offices, and which will concurrently serve as OSSs for applicants and entrepreneurs from other EU member states for the field of business and services, either under the Trade Licensing Act or other specific regulations. A draft technical implementation of OSS 2 has been processed, with the projected total financial impact for implementation of OSS 2.</p> <p>For the legal framework of OSS 2 the SR Ministry for the Economy has prepared a draft Act on Services in the Internal Market and on the</p>



	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:		- 1 075	- 430	- 400
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):		- 1 075	- 430	- 400

Note: At present the funding for the task is being solved, as well as the subsequent manner of financing. Against the original estimate (from May 2009) the sum has been made more accurate (reduced) on the basis of source documentation received from institutions affected by the implementation of OSS 2.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Business environment
Title of the measure:	Consistent implementation of e-register services and their interconnection
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of the Interior, SR Ministry for the Economy, SR Ministry of Justice, SR Government Office, Geodesy, Cartography & Land Registry Authority of the SR, Social Insurance Agency, SR Tax Directorate, SR Customs Directorate, SR Ministry of the Environment.
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	The basic prerequisites for interconnection of public administration registers includes approval of the Edict on Standards Supplemented by Data Standards for Data Exchange between Cooperating Information Systems between Cooperating Public Administration Information Systems, which was approved at the Standing Working Commission of the SR Government Legislative Council for Technical Legal Regulations on 8.9.2008. The measure Consistent Implementation of e-Register Services and their Interconnection will be realised in the framework of implementation of the 1 st priority axis of Operational Programme Information Society (OPIS), which was commenced through the issuance of a public procurement for the drafting of 5 feasibility studies. The feasibility studies are presently at various stages of preparation. The specific output will be the announcement of the first 17 calls for projects, which will be realised in the form of national and concluded projects. Calls for national projects relating to the implementation of electronic registers services are the Information System of the Register of Natural Persons (call issued on 30.1.2009), Information System of the Identifier of Natural Persons (call issued on 30.1.2009), the Information System of the Register of Addresses (call issued 4.5.2009).
Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay:	

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Submission of the Edict on Standard Supplemented by Data Standards for Data Exchange between Cooperating Public Administration Information Systems to the Standing Working Commission of the SR Government Legislative Council for Technical Legal Regulations.	8.9.2008	The Edict on Standards Supplemented by Data Standards for Data Exchange between Cooperating Public Administration Information Systems was approved at the Standing Working Commission of the SR Government Legislative Council for Technical Legal Regulations on 8.9.2008.
2. Submit to the Government the draft act on electronic public administration and	31.12.2012	



on public administration registers.

3. Implementation of the single identifier of natural persons	30.7.2011	A call for the national project was announced on 30.1.2009 and was closed on 30.4.2009. The projected date for concluding a contract according to the system of Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund management for 2007 to 2013 is within 150 days from receipt of the application for an NFC. The application for an NFC was approved by the selection commission's decision on 29.06.09. At present the process of preparing the contract on the NFC for signing is at the stage of finalisation. Due to the need to define new appendices and the need for time-demanding negotiations with the final beneficiary to the contract on the NFC, it is expected that the contract will be concluded by the end of August 2009, or the start of September 2009. The project implementation period will be 24 months.
4. Establishment of a register of natural persons	30.9.2011	A call for the national project was announced on 30.1.2009 and was closed on 30.4.2009. The projected date for concluding a contract according to the system of Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund management for 2007 to 2013 is within 150 days from receipt of the application for an NFC. The application for an NFC was approved by the selection commission's decision on 29.06.09. At present the process of preparing the contract on the NFC for signing is at the stage of finalisation. Due to the need to define new appendices and the need for time-demanding negotiations with the final beneficiary to the contract on the NFC, it is expected that the contract will be concluded by the end of August 2009, or the start of September 2009.
5. Establishment of a register of legal entities and entrepreneurs	31.12.2011	The call for the project is being prepared.
6. Establishment of a register of addresses	31.1.2012	A call for the national project was announced on 04.05.09 and was closed on 04.08.09. The projected date for concluding a contract according to the system of Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund management for 2007 to 2013 is within 150 days from receipt of the application for an NFC. The application for an NFC was received on 04.08.09. At present a formal check of the correctness of the application for an NFC is under way.
7. Establishment of a register of spatial information	31.5.2013	The call for the project is being prepared.
8. Physical interconnection of basic registers	30.6. 2013	
9. Verification and cleaning of data in registers	30.6.2013	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator							Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2008	2011	2013	(different year)	
Output indicator												
1. Number of public registers operating on compatible standards and technologies, and which can be simply and easily mutually interconnected					0			0	2	4		



Performance indicator	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	2013	(different year)	(different year)
1. E-government - on-line availability (Eurostat)			35				50	100		
2. Use of e-government by individuals (Eurostat)			24	30			30	40		
3. Use of e-government by businesses (Eurostat)			85	88			90	95		

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011

Impact on public finance income:

of which, finance from EU sources:

Impact on public finance expenditure:

of which, finance from EU sources:

Net budget impact (income - expenditure):

A more accurate estimate of projected expenditures will be made only in the phase of assessing the feasibility studies for the 1st OPIS priority axis. These expenditures are allocated in the framework of existing expenditure limits and do not represent expenditures above the approved budget.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Business environment
Title of the measure:	Raising the availability and support for broadband access infrastructure
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Government Office, SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications, SR Ministry of Education
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) has been completedb) is being completed according to the timetablec) is being completed with delayd) is not being completed
Description of the measure's implementation:	<p>The objective of this measure is to support private sector investment in developing broadband access infrastructure through the consistent application of the European Regulatory Framework for Electronic Communications and principles of European broadband policy. On 13.5.2009 the National Policy for Electronic Communications for 2009 – 2013 was passed by the Government, which follows on from results achieved through the fulfilment of the objectives of the National Policy for Electronic Communications to 2008 and takes account of the main objectives of initiative i2010 European Information Society for Growth and Employment and the main strategic documents of subjects operating in the framework of their competences in the field of information society in the SR. The aims of the National Policy for Electronic Communications for 2009 - 2013 with an Outlook to 2015 are focused on satisfying the needs of Slovakia's economy, the requirements of individuals and legal entities and the interests of the state by means of broadly available quality, reliable and secure electronic communications services in a scope corresponding to that of the advanced economies of the European Union. Among the key challenges the policy emphasises, are the convergence of information and communication technologies with the media; the harmonisation of the regulatory framework and development of competition; efficient use of the frequency spectrum; privacy protection and security of electronic communications; crisis management and critical infrastructure; and international cooperation and development of innovative services utilising ICT. In the framework of the plan for using the 3600 MHz - 3800 MHz section of the frequency spectrum a National Table of the Frequency Spectrum (NTFS) has been drawn up. At present the respective appendix to the plan for use of the frequency spectrum is at the stage of preparation. The Slovak Republic after concluding an agreement with neighbouring countries on the preferential division of channels, will be ready to start allocating frequencies from the 3600 MHz - 3800 MHz frequency band. The SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications over the course of 2008 expanded the database of Internet and broadband availability to include data on service providers and their services offered at the regional and local level. The SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications is mapping out the geographical availability of broadband access, which will allow it to determine those fields into which support from public funds may be directed. The development of access networks in rural areas will be significantly helped by the implementation of the 3rd priority axis of the Operational Programme Information Society (OPIS), which will support activities for stimulating households' demand for broadband technologies. In November 2008 works began on a feasibility study, which were split into 3 mutually interlinking and related parts. The first part Description of Starting Points maps out in detail the broadband internet environment in the Slovak Republic. This part has been completed. The second part Analysis of the Actual State, which deals with the analytical possibilities in connection with fulfilling the priority axis objectives, has also been completed. The third part Draft Solutions is presently being finalised.</p>



The fields mapped out by the study on the construction of broadband infrastructure, the portfolio and availability of services, draft standards and methodologies pursuant to the requirements of the Structural Funds and legislative regulation. The following step will be to issue the first calls for the submission of projects for the 3rd priority axis of OPIS. The first call for demand-oriented projects is planned for September 2009. The calls for national projects will be announced in the first half of 2010.

Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: Two tasks from the measure are being completed with delay:

Task 5 – has not been completed. Reason: The feasibility study impinged on a timeframe during which substantial changes occurred in the field. The projected delay in the case of task 5 is 2.5 months.

Task 6 – has not been completed. Reason: issuance of the first calls for the submission of projects for the 3rd OPIS priority axis is directly connected to the drafting of the feasibility study – task 5, which is being completed with delay. The projected delay in the case of task 6 is 3 months.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Issuance of public procurement for drafting the feasibility study for the 3 rd OPIS priority axis	16.7.2008	Public procurement - competition for proposals for drafting in a feasibility study for the third opus priority axis was published on 16.7.2008 European Journal and 16.7.2008 in the Public Procurement Office Journal .
2. Decision of expert panel on the public procurement result	26.9.2008	Decision of expert panel on the public procurement result was made on 26.9.2008.
3. Conclusion of the contract with the feasibility study contractor in the process of a negotiated procedure without publication	11.11.2008	The contract with the feasibility study contractor was concluded in the process of a negotiated procedure without publication on 11.11.2008.
4. Submit to a meeting of the SR Government the National Policy for Electronic Communications for 2009 - 2013	30.4.2009	The National Policy for Electronic Communications for 2009 – 2013 was submitted to a meeting of the SR Government on 30.4.2009 and was approved in SR Government Resolution no. 360 of 13.5.2009. It follows on from results achieved through the fulfilment of the objectives of the National Policy for Electronic Communications to 2008 and takes account of the main objectives of initiative i2010 European Information Society for Growth and Employment and the main strategic documents of subjects operating in the framework of their competences in the field of information society in the SR. The aims of the National Policy for Electronic Communications for 2009 - 2013 with an Outlook to 2015 are focused on satisfying the needs of Slovakia's economy, the requirements of individuals and legal entities and the interests of the state by means of broadly available quality, reliable and secure electronic communications services in a scope corresponding to that of the advanced economies of the European Union. Among the key challenges the policy emphasises, are the convergence of information and communication technologies with the media; the harmonisation of the regulatory framework and development of competition; efficient use of the frequency spectrum; privacy protection and security of electronic communications; crisis management and critical infrastructure; and international cooperation and development of innovative services utilising ICT.
5. Drafting and acceptance of feasibility study results		In November 2008 works began on the feasibility study of the 3 rd OPIS priority axis. The fields that are the subject of the study are the construction of broadband infrastructure, the portfolio and availability of services, draft standards and



		<p>methodologies pursuant to the requirements of the Structural Funds and legislative regulation. Works on the study were split into 3 mutually interlinking and related parts. The first part Description of Starting Points maps out in detail the broadband internet environment in the Slovak Republic. This part has been completed; the results were accepted on 20.1.2009. The second part Analysis of the Actual State began in January 2009 and deals with the analytical possibilities in connection with fulfilling the priority axis objectives. Results were accepted on 20.3.2009. The 3rd part Draft Solutions is presently in comment proceedings from the side of the SR Government Office. The date for completion (approval by the SR Government Office) of the design part of the study was set for 15.8.2009.</p>
6. Issuance of the first calls for the 3 rd OPIS priority axis.	30.6.2010	<p>Based on the feasibility study drawn up for the OPIS 3rd priority axis the Intermediary Body for the Operational Programme Information Society (SR Ministry of Finance) will issue calls. The first call for the demand-oriented projects is planned for September 2009. The calls for national projects will be declared in the first half of 2010. With regard to fulfilling this task meetings have been held with both the professional and broad public concerning the information and publicity, and further seminars and working meetings are being prepared.</p>
7. Submit to a meeting of the SR Government the updated wording of the National Strategy for Broadband Access in the SR	31.5.2010	
8. Support further development of competition – allocate frequencies from the 3 600 MHz – 3 800 MHz frequency band	31.12.2010	<p>In connection with the processing of the plan for use the frequency spectrum for the 3 600 MHz– 3 800 MHz section a decision was adopted in March 2007 at the level of the Electronic Communications Committee. Subsequently the European Commission, by means of the Radio Spectrum Committee, prepared and on 21 May 2008 adopted a decision on harmonisation in use of the frequency band 3400 MHz – 3800 MHz. The decision charges the EU Member States with the task of setting, within the period to 1 January 2012, the 3 600 MHz – 3 800 MHz band on an unreserved basis and on subsequently make the band available for terrestrial electronic communications networks in accordance with the parameters set out in the appendix to the decision.</p> <p>The Slovak Republic has implemented the European Commission decision by means of the National Table of Frequency Spectrum (NTFS). At present the respective appendix to the plan for use of the frequency spectrum is at the stage of preparation. The Slovak Republic is ready to start to allocating frequencies from the 3 600 MHz – 3 800 MHz frequency band to each applicant. The allocation of frequencies must however be preceded by the conclusion of an agreement with the neighbouring countries on the preferential division of channels. In neighbouring countries use of the 3600 MHz - 3800 MHz frequency band is prevented by its occupation by other services, for example fixed point-to-point service connections. The Slovak Republic is endeavouring to reach agreement with neighbouring countries as soon as possible.</p>
9. Connect schools to broadband Internet	31.12.2011	<p>As at 31.12.2008 the share of schools connected to the Internet was 99.53%. Some 32.94% of connected schools had an insufficient connection (ISDN, 128 kbps) with regard to the optimal parameters. Some 66.59 % of connected schools had high-speed internet connections (aSDL, 1536/256 kbps and better). There are 14 schools not connected to the Internet.</p>
10. Expand the database of the availability of broadband internet access to include	31.12.2013	<p>The SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications over the course of 2008 expanded the database of Internet and broadband availability to include data on service providers and their services offered at the regional and</p>



data on service providers and their service offers at the regional and local level, and to subsequently update it regularly.

local level. The SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications is mapping out the geographical availability of broadband Internet access. This will enable it to identify those fields into which support from public funds may be directed. In total there are 2924 municipalities, towns, including town quarters. In 2008 some 1771 were covered by fixed access (DSL, CM, WiFi, WiMAX, FTTx), i.e. 59.2% and 1193, i.e. 40.8% of municipalities, including town quarters were not covered. In total 2012, i.e. 68.8% were covered by fixed broadband access (DSL, CM, WiFi, WiMAX, FTTx) or mobile broadband access (Flash-OFDM, 3G/HSxPA) and 912, i.e. 31.2% of municipalities including town quarters were not covered.

In 2008 coverage was as follows:

- by DSL technology 893 towns and municipalities, i.e. 30.5%;
- by cable modem CM technology 57 towns and municipalities, i.e. 1.95 %;
- by WiFi technology 1097 towns and municipalities, i.e. 37.5 %;
- by WiMAX technology 850 towns and municipalities, i.e. 29 %;
- by FTTX technology 108 towns and municipalities, i.e. 3.7 %;

Information from the [Database of Broadband Internet Access Availability in the SR](#) and the [Database of Internet Service Providers](#) is available by means of the web application on the SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications Website.

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP			
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2008	2010	2011	2013
Output indicator											
1. number of projects realised in the framework of the 3 rd OPIS priority axis (ITMS)					0			0	70		200
2. connection of schools to high-speed Internet in % (SR Ministry of Education)	%			63	66.59				90	100	
3. number of households newly-connected to broadband internet (ITMS)					0			0	50 000		200 000
4. number of inhabitants newly-connected to broadband internet (ITMS)					0			0	175 000		700 000
Performance indicator											
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010	2013	(different year)	(different year)
1. % of households with broadband Internet access (Eurostat)	%			27	35			35	55		
2. households in sparsely populated areas (fewer than 100 inhabitants per sq km ²) with broadband Internet access (Eurostat)	%			24	33			30	40		
3. % of businesses with broadband Internet access (Eurostat)	%			76	79			83	90		



4. broadband penetration rates (connections per 100 inhabitants, Eurostat)

6.9 9.6 15 30

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 €)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:	0.00 (MinFinance - OPIS)	58 823.53 (MinFin - OPIS)	25 150.92 (MinFin - OPIS)	25 014.83 (MinFin - OPIS)
	0.00 (MinEducation)	23 401.71 (MinEduc.)	25 990.84 (MinEduc.)	24 629.89 (MinEduc.)
	135.50 (MinTrans.&Telecom)	130.00 (MinT&Telecom)	130.00 (MinT&Telecom)	130.00 (MinT&Telecom)
of which, finance from EU sources:	0.00 (OPIS)	50 000.00 (OPIS)	21 378.28 (OPIS)	21 262.60 (OPIS)
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	- 135.50	- 82 355.24	- 51 271.76	- 49 774.72

The sum stated represents the current state for 2008 plus an estimate of expected expenditures on OPIS priority axis 3 for 2009 to 2011, current as at 30.6.2009 (allocated in the framework of existing expenditure limits) + an estimate of expenditures by the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications for ensuring tasks (allocated in the framework of existing expenditure limits) + budget claims for the SR Ministry of Education task are planned at €74 022 440 from the state budget (the sum is given in the table), where this sum includes infrastructure at schools and internet connection, setup and operating costs for the 4-year period 2008-2011. These funds will be spent from the state budget up to the level of the approved limits of the approved planned expenditure limits of the Education Department. In the case that the feasibility study and further development of informatisation brings higher claims on the state budget, it will be necessary to ask the SR Ministry of Finance for an increase.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge:	Business environment
Title of the measure:	Intensive construction of motorways and high-speed communications
Sponsor of the measure:	SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications
Co-sponsors of the measure:	SR Ministry of Finance
Completion of the measure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been completed b) is being completed according to the timetable c) is being completed with delay d) is not being completed

Description of the measure's implementation: Programme for the preparation and construction of motorways and high-speed roads (SR Government Resolution no. 1084/2007) projects that by the end of 2010 approx. 165 km of motorways and 86 km of high-speed roads will have been handed over. Financing will be realised from: (1) public sources (OP Transport 2007 - 2013 and the state budget), (2) incomes from fee-charging of selected infrastructure (electronic system of toll collection), (3) cooperation of the public and private sector (PPP). For the successful implementation of the measure transport projects financed from EU funds are being prepared and realised on an ongoing basis; the launch of the electronic toll system and selection of concession licensees for realising the three PPP project packages is being realised.

>From July 2006 to the end of 2008 in total 86.8 km of motorways and high-speed roads have been handed over into operation. In this period several road infrastructure of sections have been put into operation, for example the section D1 Vrtižer - Hričovské Podhradie (12.9 km, full profile), D1 Važec - Mengusovce (7.7 km, right side – half profile), D1 Važec - Mengusovce (4.2 km, full profile), D2 Lamačská cesta - Staré Grunty (3.7 km, Sitina tunnel), D3 Hričovské Podhradie - Žilina Strážov (7.5 km), R3 Oravský Podzámok – Horná Lehota (6.4 km), R1 Rudno nad Hronom – Žarnovica (10.2 km), R2 Ožďany obchvat (6.1 km, half profile and R2 Tornaľa bypass (11.2 km half profile). At present the following constructions are under way: D1 Sverepec – Vrtižer, R1 Žarnovica – Šášovské Podhradie, R4 Svidník rerouting, R3 Trstená – bypass (April 2008) in a length of 7.2 km in half profile, motorway intersection D2 and D4 Stupava.

So far two concession contracts have been signed between the SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications and the winning tenderer for the second package of PPP projects for the high-speed roads section R1 Nitra – Tekovske Nemce and the northern bypass around Banska Bystrica in a total length of 55 km and for the first package of projects for the motorway D1 Dubna Skala – Ivachnova, Janovce – Jablonov, Fricovce - Svinia. Financial conclusion has been achieved for the second package of PPP projects. The concession contract has not yet been signed, but the tenderer for the third package has been chosen. At present the task of the SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications is to engage international banks: the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Investment Bank in financing projects with the aim of supporting the entry of commercial banks into financing PPPs so as to complete as soon as possible the financial conclusion of the concession contracts signed. The national motorway company after assessing the public procurement, on 13 January 2009 signed a contract with the winner from the public procurement for the supply of electronic toll collection services with the company SkyToll, which is formed by members of the winning consortium Ibertax – SanToll. The electronic toll collection system will be put into operation on 1 January 2010. At present the company SkyToll is preparing the construction of toll gates, which will serve for checking the collection of fees for using motorways and other selected roads.



Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: In consequence of the global financial crisis it has so far been possible to financially include the concession contract only for the second package projects in the high-speed roads section R1 Nitra – Tekovské Nemce and the northern bypass around Banská Bystrica. The concession contract was financially concluded on 28 August 2009. So far two signed concession contracts have not been financially concluded and it has not been possible to choose a concession licensee within the term set for the third package of PPP projects.



Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1. Implementation of projects according to the approved documents		
▪ completion of selected sections of motorway D1 in the section Bratislava – Košice;	2010	
▪ completion of high-speed road R1 in the section Trnava - Banská Bystrica;	2010	
▪ completion of motorway section D3 Svrčinovec – state border with Poland;	2010	
2. Implementation of PPP projects		
▪ signing of concession contract package 1 – sections on motorway D1,	15.4.2009	The concession contract for the first package of projects has been concluded between the SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications and the company Slovenské diaľnice, a.s.
package 2 – sections on motorway D1,	23.3.2009	
package 3 – sections on motorway D1,	30.6.2009	
▪ date of commencing project implementation	31.3.2009	The concession contract for the second package of projects has been concluded between the SR Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications and the company Granvia, a.s. It has not been possible to choose a concession licensee for the third package of PPP projects within the set deadline.
package 1 – sections on motorway D1,	31.3.2009	
package 2 – sections on motorway D1,	30.9.2009	
package 3 – sections on motorway D1,		In consequence of the global financial crisis it has so far as at 28 August 2009 been possible to financially conclude a concession contract only for the second package of projects, on the basis of which the R1 high-speed road will be built, so only preparatory works have begun in the framework of the PPP projects.
3. Implementation of the system of electronic toll collection		
▪ signing of concession contract	13.1.2009	The contract for the supply of electronic toll collection services was signed on 13 January 2009 between National Motorway Company and the winner of the public procurement, SkyToll, a.s. (Ibertax – SanToll). The electronic toll collection system will be put into operation on 1 January 2010.
▪ project launch date	31.12.2009	



Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator	Planned value of indicator in the NRP
Output indicator		Initial value (31.12.2006)	Achieved value (1.1.2009)
1. Length of constructed motorways and high-speed roads (km)		349 km of motorways, 136 km of high-speed roads	369.3 km of motorways, 213.6 km of high-speed roads
Performance indicator		Initial value (31.12.2006)	Achieved value (1.1.2009)
1. Density of motorways and high-speed roads per 1000 km ²		7.11 km of motorways/1000 km ² (including high-speed roads 9.89 km/1000 km ²)	11.88 km/1000 km ² (motorways and high-speed roads)

Quantification of the budget impact (ESA 95; in SKK million)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:				
Impact on public finance expenditure:	10 442 ¹	12 000		16 110
of which, finance from EU sources:	1 300	3 600		7 700
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	- 10 442	- 12 000		- 16 110

¹ The National Motorway Company had available from the state budget (following adjustments over the course of the year in the form of budgetary measures) and from European Union funds in total SKK 10 442 million. Together with the company's own funds, this figure was SKK 14 130 million.



Measure description

Title of the key challenge: Business environment (law enforcement)

Title of the measure: **Informatisation of the judicial system**

Sponsor of the measure: SR Ministry of Justice

Co-sponsors of the measure:

Completion of the measure:

- a) has been completed
- b) is being completed according to the timetable**
- c) is being completed with delay
- d) is not being completed

Description of the measure's implementation: The measure designated as task 1, i.e. adjustment of the concept for the informatisation of the department has been carried out according to requirements.

Act no. 99/163 Coll. the Civil Court Code has been supplemented on the basis of requirements. Specific changes can be seen directly in amendments to acts, namely:

1. Act no. 384/2008 Coll. (effective as of 15 October 2008) - major amendment to the Civil Court Code

One of the objectives of the changes made was to strengthen electronic communication between the court and the parties to proceedings. In this regard the following provisions of § 42(1) were affected: "(1) A submission may be done in writing, verbally into minutes, by electronic means or fax. A submission containing a petition on merits or a petition for ordering a preliminary court ruling that has been made by electronic means must be supplemented in writing or verbally into minutes not later than within three days; a submission signed by secure electronic signature need not be supplemented. A submission by fax must be supplemented within three days by submission of the original. Petitions not supplemented within this term shall be disregarded."

Reasoning:

An expansion of electronic communication, including that without secure electronic signature, is possible with significant safeguards, among which is also the compulsory written confirmation of a submission on merits. This means that if a submission on merits (e.g. an accusation, change to accusation, or retraction of an accusation) and likewise also a petition for ordering a preliminary court ordering is not confirmed within the three-day period also by a written submission, then it shall be disregarded. Supplementing means supplementing by a submission on merits in writing or verbally into minutes. The legal amendment has responded to the requirements of application practice by exchanging obsolete telegraphic communication for electronic communication

-§ 45(3) to (6):

(3) Apart from decisions, the court in written materials delivered to a party to the proceedings or his representative, shall state the address for sending documents by electronic means.

(4) Documents may be delivered by electronic means, if the party to the proceedings or his representative requests so and provides an address for sending written materials by electronic means. A court document shall be considered delivered on the fifth day from its sending, even if the addressee has not read it.

(5) Delivery under paragraph 4 is excluded in the case of the delivery of court decisions and documents that are to be delivered to the recipients own hands.

(6) A submission made by electronic means that does not contain the file reference to court proceedings shall be returned by the court stating the reason for which it cannot accept such a submission.



Reasoning:

The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic has considered it appropriate to react to the development of means of communication, particularly internet communication, which is cheap, effective and efficient. In these dimensions of understanding procedural regulations, procedural regulations should be as flexible as possible, enabling the court while respecting the guaranteed right to court protection and the principles of due process, to decide on an applied claim resulting from standards, of substantive law as quickly as possible and thus to provide efficient and effective legal protection to a jeopardised or violated right.

One of the most significant problems in procedural standards may be considered to be that of effectively familiarising the parties with the decision and proceedings of the court, or efficient communication with the court, where it is this that most frequently frustrates the provision of effective legal protection to parties' jeopardised substantive rights. There would clearly be no point or purpose to procedural standards without the existence of parties' material rights. It is in this field therefore that the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic has expanded the means of communication possible in approaching the court, by introducing the delivery of certain court documents, by the more efficient form of electronic communication with parties to proceedings.

The essence of the risk in the case of delivery has been shifted to the addressee, where the court after sending a message containing, for example, a summons to a defence lawyer as a party's representative to proceedings will mark this fact in the minutes and the summons as such is deemed delivered as at the fifth day from its sending, irrespective of whether it is read. This has reduced the redundant and formal administration necessary for the due holding of proceedings.

Court decisions cannot be delivered electronically. The same applies also for documents that are to be delivered to the recipient's own hand (for example, an instruction under § 49(5) of the Civil Court Code). As regards parties' submissions on merits, these may also be submitted electronically and for their submission to be effective, it is necessary that they be done in writing within 3 days (§ 42(1)).

Delivery of a document by electronic mail from the side of the court (if it does not have a secure electronic signature available) shall be considered, for example in the case of:

- demand for payment of a court fee,
- demand for removal of deficiencies in an application,
- summons to proceedings,
- demand for calculation of the costs of proceedings (§ 151(4) of the Civil Court Code),
- demand in the framework of conducting proceedings, etc.

If the party does not state the file reference, the court registry shall return the submission.

Reasoning for non-completion or completion with delay: Tasks are being completed according to the set timetable. Since the timetable contains also future deadlines, further tasks set shall be realised progressively in accordance with the timetable.

Compliance with the timetable for the measure

Task	Completion deadline	Description of task implementation
1 Adjustment of the concept for informatisation of the department	30.9.2008	
2. Supplementing of Act No. 99/1963 Coll. the Civil Court Code	1.12.2008	
	15.12.2008	
	1.1.2009	



3. Creation of a portal for receiving electronic documents	15.10.2008	The SR Ministry of Justice realised Task no. 3 in the form of electronic submission of a document to the court by means of e-mail, but further development is needed, which will continue from the effective date of the amendment to the Civil Court Code No. 99/1963 Coll.
4. Creation of an archive process and archiving of electronic submissions	31.12.2009	
5. Analysis of archiving processes, harmonisation with the current state and creation of an implementation plan	31.3.2010	
6. Implementation of electronic archives	31.12.2010	
7. Creation of a study of electronic court record	30.6.2011	
8. Creation of an electronic record of subjects entered in the Commercial Register	30.6.2011	

Fulfilment of measurable output indicators for the measure

Title of indicator	unit of measure	Achieved value of indicator						Planned value of indicator in the NRP		
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010 (different year)	(2013)	(2014)
Output indicator										
1. Receipt of electronic submissions at court	%									
2. keeping files electronically	%							x		
Performance indicator										
1. receipt of submissions at court electronically	%					approx 12000				
2. keeping files electronically	%									10 000 files

Quantification of the budget impact (in '000 EUR)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Impact on public finance income:				
of which, finance from EU sources:	0			
Impact on public finance expenditure:	0.332	6 664	4 980	3 332
of which, finance from EU sources:	0	4 980	3 332	2 490
Net budget impact (income - expenditure):	- 0.332	- 6 664	- 4 980	- 3 332



Note: Financial resources have not yet been provided from the EU, in the framework of OPIS the SR Ministry of Justice will request the allocation of these funds for the development of eGovernment.
