



Updating of the planned evaluations of the European Structural and Investment Funds for the years 2014 – 2020

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1 Introduction

Central Coordinating Authority (hereinafter as “CCA” only) has drawn-up Updating of the planned evaluations of the European Structural and Investment Funds for the years 2014 – 2020 (“updating of evaluations”) in line with point 8 of Chapter “4.2.2 Tasks of the CCA in the area of evaluation” of the Management System of the European Structural and Investment Funds for the 2014 – 2020 programming period, v. 4 (“management system”).

Updating of evaluations is drawn-up as a summary document containing evaluations of the European Structural and Investment Funds (hereinafter as “ESI Funds” only) which the CCA plans to perform in the 2014 – 2020 programming period. Document in question also includes evaluations focused on horizontal principles.

The purpose of the updating of evaluations is to obtain relevant and reliable information on the implementation of ESI Funds and, at the same time, improve the quality of evaluation during the 2014-2020 programming period. The planned evaluations will be carried out with a view to improving ESI Funds implementation and assessing the effectiveness, efficiency and impacts of the ESI Funds.

After assessing and analysing of individual evaluation plans of Managing Authorities for the operational programmes for the 2014 -2020 programming period, themes chosen for evaluation were taken into account in the submitted material.

Summary overview of the revised planned evaluations of the ESI Funds for 2014 – 2020 is in Chapter 2 of this document.

Indicative summary list of the ESI Funds evaluations for 2014 – 2020 is in Chapter 3 of this document.

Out of the Plan for the Evaluation of the European Structural and Investment Funds for the 2014 – 2020 Programming Period, approved by the National Monitoring Committee for the ESI Funds by NMC Resolution ESIF/2015/1 on 3 December, 2015, the following evaluations were deleted due to duplicity or out-of-date:

- Evaluation of the appropriateness of the setup of administrative capacities,
- Evaluation of the results of evaluations and of the evaluation activities of the ESI Funds/OP/HP for respective calendar years,
- Interim evaluation of progress in the implementation of HP at OP level (will be performed in 2017 and 2021 only),

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- Evaluation of the ESIF contribution towards meeting the Europe 2020 Strategy objectives,
 - Assessment of compliance with milestones of the performance framework,
 - Final evaluation of progress in the implementation of HP at OP level (the evaluation will be part of “Evaluation of the impacts of ESIF implementation” performance of which is planned for 2023).

Within the updating, the following evaluations were added to the submitted material:

- Evaluation of efficiency and effectiveness of instruments to support integrated territorial development,
- Assessment of results of performance framework and analysis of reallocation of performance reserve,
- Assessment of the ESI Funds influence on development of regional disparities (NUTS III and LAU1),
- Evaluation of the ESI Funds contribution to improving the quality of cooperation between entrepreneurial sector and R&D institutions,
- Evaluation of partnership in preparation and implementation of the Partnership Agreement of the SR.

After approval by the National Monitoring Committee for the ESI Funds, the revision of evaluations will be published on www.partnerskadohoda.gov.sk in section „Evaluation of the ESI Funds“.

2 Summary Overview of ESIF Evaluations in the 2014-2020 Programming Period

No.	Title of evaluation	Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Source of data	Timetable	Form	Commissioned by
YEAR 2015						
1.	Qualitative analysis of recommendations from performed evaluations NSRF/OP/HP in the 2007–2013 programming period and from the meta-evaluation performed	Subject of analysis: findings and recommendations from evaluations performed in the 2007-2013 programming period. Objective of the analysis: to elaborate on the findings and recommendations and specify the needs for the evaluation system, particularly when it comes to the implementation of the results of evaluation and the CCA tasks. Results of the analysis will be used to set up an efficient system for the taking of recommendations into account and for making the evaluation system run by the CCA more efficient, which is one of the conclusions of the meta-evaluation performed.	CCA, MA, HP coordinators, Summary reports and final reports from evaluations carried out in the 2007–2013 programming period, evaluator’s questionnaire survey	10/2015 – 06/2016	internally	CCA (DME)
YEAR 2016						
No.	Title of evaluation	Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Source of data	Timetable	Form	Commissioned by
2.	Structuring of the ESI Funds evaluation system (set up of evaluation concept including IT support)	Subject of evaluation: processes of evaluation. Based on evaluation results, objective of the structuring is to enable a set-up of system and structure of evaluation which will lead to more effective, transparent but mainly improved processes (activities) related to evaluation. This concerns processes influencing the level of fulfilment of requirements and expectations from the CCA as well as MA/CA and HP coordinators.	ESIF Management System for the 2014–2020 programming period, MI CCA, ITMS2014+ MA for OP,	In process of performance, anticipated termination 06/2017	internally/externally	CCA (DME)

3.	Evaluation of communication and information activities in the 2014 – 2020 programming period (first phase)	Subject of evaluation: Communication Strategy of the OP Technical assistance (OP TA) for the Partnership Agreement for the 2014 – 2020 Programming Period (PA SR) and Annual Communication Plans of the OP TA for the PA SR. Objective of the evaluation is to evaluate implementation of the Communication Strategy OP TA for the PA SR and activities of the Annual Communication Plan for the PA SR for 2016	ITMS2014+ MA for OP, CCA, OP TA Communication strategy for PA for the 2014-2020 programming period, Annual communication plans	In performance, anticipated termination 06/2017	externally	CCA (DME) and PD (GO of the SR))
4.	Methodology for the evaluation of synergic effects and interventions of ESIF	Subject of evaluation: synergic effects of the ESIF interventions. Objective: to develop a methodological manual for the evaluation of complementarities and synergies of interventions from the ESIF and other support instruments, and specification of the themes subject to further evaluation.	CCA, MA for OP, HP coordinators EVALSED	In performance, anticipated termination 12/2016	externally	CCA (DME)
5.	Evaluation of the efficiency of the setup of ESIF processes	Subject of evaluation: ESIF processes. Objective of evaluation: to assess the effectiveness of the setup of ESIF processes. Evaluation is needed in order to simplify the existing ESI Funds Management System and make it more efficient.	ITMS2014+ CCA, MA, IB	01/2016 – 09/2016	externally	CCA (DMC)
6.	Evaluation of the progress achieved in the implementation of Partnership Agreement by 31 December 2016	Subject of evaluation: Partnership Agreement (PA SR) and its progress towards the Europe 2020 Strategy and national strategies. Objective of evaluation: to assess progress achieved in implementing of the Partnership Agreement of the SR by 31 December 2016 as a necessary condition for the progress report in 2017.	PA SR for 2014-2020, Legislative, strategic and concept documents of EU and SR, National Reform Programme of the SR, ITMS2014+, IACS, AGIS, Annual reports on the implementation of OPs,	In performance, anticipated termination 06/2017	externally	CCA (DME)

			Reports on the implementation of the ESI Funds, MA for OP, SO SR, OECD			
YEAR 2017						
No.	Title of evaluation	Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Source of data	Timetable	Form	Commissioned by
7.	Evaluation of the impacts of NSRF implementation on meeting the NSRF strategic objective	Subject of evaluation: interventions supported from the SF and CF as well as evaluation of impacts of the NSRF targets implementation (Convergence Target and Regional competitiveness and employment Target). Evaluation will also focus on evaluation of the SF and CF contribution to meeting the NSRF strategic target, the NSRF strategic priorities and NSRF horizontal priorities. Evaluation will focus on quantification of effects of implementation of the SF and CF on the Slovak economy with emphasis on assessment of contribution to GDP and employment growth.	Document “NSRF for 2007-2013”, ITMS II, COLSAF, MA for OP / HP coordinators, Annual reports on the implementation of OP/HP, Eurostat, OECD, SO SR	01/2017 – 07/2017	externally	CCA (DME)
8.	Interim evaluation of the progress in the implementation of HP at OP level	Subject of evaluation: HP SD and HP EMaWaND at the level of OP. Objective of evaluation: to assess the functionality of mechanisms created to ensure application of horizontal principles within the ESIF implementation. Evaluation will focus on assessment of key measures adopted in relation to application of the horizontal principles within OPs.	Annual reports on the implementation of OP/HP, ITMS2014+, MA for OP/HP coordinators	In performance anticipated termination 06/2017	externally	CCA (DME) and HP EMaWaND/HP SD
YEAR 2018						
No.	Title of evaluation	Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Source of data	Timetable	Form	Commissioned by
9.	Evaluation of the Integrated Framework of Information and Advisory Centres	Subject of evaluation: The Integrated Network of Information and Advisory Centres (IN IAC). The DPMOII will support,	ITMS2014+, semi-annual evaluation by the MA of the	07/2018 – 08/2018	externally	CCA (DMC)

		<p>in line with the PA, IN IAC which will provide information on ESI Funds. Evaluation will be carried out after 2 years of IN IAC functioning.</p> <p>The results of the evaluation will serve as a basis for the decision on whether or not the IN IAC will be supported further and, if so, the evaluation will identify options for streamlining the IN IAC operation.</p>	<p>activities of individual IACs, semi-annual evaluation of the activities of the IN IAC coordinator, staff of the CCA, MA, IB, public, database of those interested in information on the ESI Funds, Annual Reports of IACs</p>			
10.	Evaluation of communication and information activities in the 2014 – 2020 programming period (second phase)	<p>Subject of evaluation: Communication Strategy of the OP Technical Assistance (OP TA) for the Partnership Agreement for the 2014 – 2020 Programming Period (PA SR) and Annual Communication Plan of the OP TA for the PA SR. Objective of the evaluation: to evaluate the fulfilment of the Communication Strategy of the OP TA for the PA SR and activities of the Annual Communication Plan OP TA for the PA SR for 2017 – 2018.</p>	<p>ITMS2014+, MA for OP, CCA, Communication strategy OP TA for PA for the 2014–2020 programming period, Annual communication plans</p>	2018	externally	CCA (GO SR - IPD)
11.	Evaluation of partnership in preparation and implementation of the Partnership Agreement of the SR	<p>Subject of evaluation: Involvement of partners in the implementation of the Partnership Agreement. Objective of evaluation: to assess partners' tasks in preparation of Progress Report of the SR, involvement of partners in process of programmes implementation and evaluation including their participation in Monitoring Committees of the OPs.</p>	<p>PA of the SR for 2014 – 2020, MA for OP, CCA, Monitoring Committee for OP, administrative data.</p>	2018	externally	CCA (DME)

		The performance of evaluation results from the need to provide information on partners' tasks in preparation of the Progress Report of the SR in connection with Article 5 of the general regulation ¹ .				
12.	Evaluation of the progress achieved in the implementation of Partnership Agreement by 31 December 2018	Subject of evaluation: Partnership Agreement of the SR and its progress achieved towards the Europe 2020 Strategy and national strategies. Objective of the evaluation: to evaluate the progress achieved in the implementation of the Partnership Agreement of the SR by 31 December 2018 as a necessary condition for the progress report of the SR in 2019.	PA SR for 2014–2020 Legislative, strategic and concept documents of the EU and the SR, ITMS2014+, IACS, AGIS, Annual reports on the implementation of OPs, Reports on the implementation of the ESI Funds, SO SR, MA of OP, Eurostat, OECD	06/2018 – 06/2019	externally	CCA (DME)
13.	Evaluation of efficiency and effectiveness of instruments for support of integrated territorial development	Subject of evaluation: efficiency and effectiveness of instruments for support of integrated territorial development. Objective of evaluation: evaluation of instruments for support of integrated territorial development. Evaluation results from the need to assess efficiency and effectiveness of instruments	Administrative data, ITMS2014+, IACS, AGIS, MA for OP, ITD coordinators and national coordinators,	2018 - 2019	externally	CCA (DME)

¹ REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006

		for support of integrated territorial development.	data received targeted from RITS and ITS FUA, data from Partnership Councils created at level of RITS, strategic and programming documents for management and implementation of ITS, relevant annual and evaluating reports.			
YEAR 2019						
No.	Title of evaluation	Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Source of data	Timetable	Form	Commissioned by
14.	Assessment of the meeting of indicators' milestones of the performance framework and analysis of possibilities of reallocation of the performance reserve	Subject of evaluation: indicators milestones of performance framework. Objective of evaluation: to assess the meeting of indicators milestones of performance framework. Based on analysis performed and on OP absorption and performance capacity, evaluation shall serve for preparation of draft of reallocation of the performance reserve.	ITMS2014+, ESIF Management system, MA for OP, binding plans of OP, OP annual implementation reports, MI CCA, independent monitoring subject.	03-06/2019	internally/externally	CCA (DME)
15.	Evaluation of the meeting of objectives/action plans of the strategic document SD 2015+ from a viewpoint of the ESIF	Subject of evaluation: Objectives and action plans of the strategic document SD 2015+. Objective of evaluation: to assess the meeting of strategic document SD 2015+. According to the PA SR2014 – 2020, the strategic document SD 2015+ is mandatory for the implementation of the horizontal principle “Sustainable Development”. The	ITMS2014+, MA for OP, OP annual implementation reports SO SR Eurostat, OECD	2019	externally	CCA (HPD)

		coordinator of HP “Sustainable Development” is to evaluate its implementation and submit reports to the government. It will therefore be appropriate to perform at least one external evaluation during the period of implementation.				
16.	Interim impact evaluation of the meeting of HP objectives according to OP priorities at the level of Partnership Agreement	Subject of evaluation: HP objectives according to OP priorities and at the level of the Partnership Agreement. Objective of evaluation: to assess impacts of achieved HP objectives according to OP and at the level of the Partnership Agreement and to formulate recommendations should problems occur. Required under EU Regulation.	ITMS2014+, Annual reports on implementation of OP, HP coordinators, MA for OP, SO SR, Eurostat	2019	externally	CCA (DME) and HP EMaWaND/HP SD

YEAR 2020

No.	Title of evaluation	Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Source of data	Timetable	Form	Commissioned by
17.	Impact assessment of the ESI Funds on development of regional disparities (NUTS III and LAU1)	Subject of evaluation: Impact on development of regional disparities (NUTS III and LAU1). Objective of evaluation: to evaluate the development of regional disparities at the level of regions and counties during the last 10 years (specifically the least developed counties) and to identify main factors generating lower economic growth and to assess contribution of the EU support.	ITMS2014+, SO SR	2020	externally	CCA (DME)
18.	ESIF contribution towards the creation of jobs with emphasis on sustainable, inclusive and smart growth	Subject of evaluation: ESIF contribution towards the creation of jobs. Objective of evaluation: to evaluate the impact of ESIF interventions on the labour market, opportunities for job creation, and their impact on sustainable, inclusive and smart growth of the economy.	SO SR ITMS2014+, COLSAF, OP and their annual reports, EU and Slovak legislation	2020	externally	CCA (DME)

YEAR 2021

No.	Title of evaluation	Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Source of data	Timetable	Form	Commissioned by
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19.	Evaluation of communication and information activities in the 2014–2020 programming period (third phase)	Subject of evaluation: information and communication in the 2014 – 2020 programming period. Objective of evaluation: to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of information and communication in the 2014–2020 programming period by analysis of data and final opinion survey.	ITMS2014+, MA for OP, CCA, Communication strategy OP TA for PA for the 2014–20 programming period, Annual communication plans	2021	externally	CCA (OIP)
20.	Interim evaluation of progress in the implementation of HP at OP level	Subject of evaluation: HP SD and HP EMaWaND at the level of OPs. Objective of evaluation: to assess functionality of mechanisms created to ensure the implementation of horizontal principles within the ESI Funds implementation. Evaluation will focus on assessment of key measures adopted in relation to implementation of the horizontal principles within operational programmes.	Annual reports on the implementation of OPs/HP, ITMS2014+, MA for OP/HP coordinators	02/2021 – 04/2021	externally	CCA(DME) and HP EMaWaND/HP SD
21.	Evaluation of the ESIF contribution to increasing the quality of cooperation between entrepreneurial sector and research and development institutions	Subject of evaluation: ESIF contribution to entrepreneurial sector and research and development institutions. Objective of evaluation: to evaluate the results of cooperation between research institutions and entrepreneurial sector and to assess qualitatively and quantitatively the efficiency and effects of the ESIF interventions on this cooperation.	ITMS2014+, primary data from interviews with MA/IB and beneficiaries	2020 - 2021	externally	CCA (DME)
YEAR 2022						
No.	Title of evaluation	Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Source of data	Timetable	Form	Commissioned by
22.	Evaluation of the findings from the ESIF evaluations carried out in the 2014-2020 programming period	Subject of evaluation: findings and recommendations from the ESIF evaluations performed in the 2014 – 2020 programming period. Objective of evaluation: evaluation of findings and recommendations from the ESIF	Summary reports on evaluation activities and on the results of ESIF/OP/HP	09/2022 – 12/2022	internally/externally	CCA (DME)

		evaluations performed in the 2014 -2020 programming period. The evaluation outputs will serve as a basis for the preparation of the Summary Report on the Evaluation of ESIF Implementation in the 2014–2020 programming period.	evaluations, MA for OP, HP coordinators			
23.	Evaluation of the meeting of objectives/action plans of the strategic document SD 2015+ from the viewpoint of ESIF	Subject of evaluation: implementation of the ESI Funds in the 2014 -2020 programming period. Objective of evaluation: to assess the implementation of the strategic document SD 2015+. According to PA SR 2014–2020, the strategic document SD 2015+ is mandatory for the implementation of the horizontal principle “Sustainable Development”. The coordinator of HP “Sustainable Development” is to evaluate its implementation and submit reports to the government.	ITMS2014+, Annual reports on the implementation of OPs, MA for OP, SO SR Eurostat, OECD	2022	externally	CCA (HPD)
YEAR 2023						
No.	Title of evaluation	Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Source of data	Timetable	Form	Commissioned by
24.	Impact evaluation of the ESIF implementation	Subject of evaluation: ESI Funds implementation in the 2014 – 2020 programming period. Objective of evaluation: evaluation of the synergic effects and impacts of the ESI Funds on meeting the goals of the Europe 2020 Strategy. Horizontal evaluation is based on evaluation of results of programmes and operations since 2014 co-financed from the ESI Funds. Assessment of purpose, efficiency and economy of the 2014 – 2020 programming period and final evaluation of HP EMaWaND/HP SD objectives in the 2014 – 2020 programming period will be also part of the evaluation.	ITMS2014+, OP monitoring reports, SO SR, MA for OP/HP coordinators, CCA.	2023	externally	CCA (DME)

3 Indicative summary list of ESIF evaluations revision in the 2014–2020 programming period

1.	Qualitative analysis of recommendations from performed evaluations of NSRF/OP/HP in the 2007–2013 programming period and from the meta-evaluation performed
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of analysis: findings and recommendations from evaluations performed in the 2007-2013 programming period. Objective of the analysis: to elaborate on the findings and recommendations and specify the needs for the evaluation system, particularly when it comes to the implementation of the results of evaluation and the CCA tasks. Results of the analysis will be used to set up an efficient system for the taking of recommendations into account and for making the evaluation system run by the CCA more efficient, which is one of the conclusions of the meta-evaluation performed.
Source of data	CCA, MA for OP/HP coordinators, Summary reports and final reports from evaluations carried out in the 2007–2013 programming period, evaluator's questionnaire survey
Basic evaluation questions	What are the challenges and risks identified by evaluations (including the process and use of outputs) on which the future activities should focus? What are the needs of further development of the evaluation system with a view to the tasks and position of the CCA? What is the efficient mode of communication and support for the use of the findings and recommendations from evaluations?
Proposed methods	Desk research, questionnaire survey, multi-criteria methods, SWOT analysis
Timetable	Finished 06/2016
Form	Internally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Members of the Evaluation Supervision Working Group (set up within the CCA), Members of the Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	-
2.	Structuring of the ESIF evaluation system (set up of evaluation concept including IT support);
Subject, objective and	Subject of evaluation: processes of evaluation.

justification of the need for evaluation	Based on evaluation results, objective of the structuring is to enable a set-up of system and structure of evaluation which will lead to more effective, transparent but mainly improved processes (activities) related to evaluation. This concerns processes influencing the level of fulfilment of requirements and expectations from the CCA as well as MA/CA and HP coordinators.
Source of data	ESIF Management System for the 2014–2020 programming period, MI CCA, ITMS2014+, MA for OP
Basic evaluation questions	Is the ESIF evaluation system suitably applied from a viewpoint of providing evaluation of results and impacts of financial assistance from the EU funds? How are the proposed indicators, linked to investment priorities, thematic objectives, horizontal principles and the EU2020 Strategy, designed and evaluated? How do the proposed common evaluation questions reflect the need to coordinate evaluation in strategic areas (synthesis of several MAs)? What are the subsequent needs in terms of ensuring the availability of data on a continuous basis?
Proposed methods	benchmarking, brainstorming, delphi, focus group
Timetable	In process of performance, anticipated termination 06/2017
Form	internally/externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Members of the Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Members of the Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
3.	Evaluation of communication and information activities in the 2014-2020 programming period
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation: Communication Strategy of the OP Technical assistance (OP TA) for the Partnership Agreement for the 2014 – 2020 Programming Period (PA SR) and Annual Communication Plans of the OP TA for the PA SR. Objective of the evaluation is to evaluate implementation of the Communication Strategy OP TA for the PA SR and activities of the Annual Communication Plans for the PA SR.
Source of data	ITMS2014+, MA for OP,

	CCA, Communication strategy OP TA for PA for the 2014–20 programming period, Annual communication plans
Basic evaluation questions	How effective are the communication and information activities in the area of ESI Funds? To what extent have individual types of communication and information activities contributed towards raising awareness on the ESI Funds among professional/general public? Have the communication and information activities in the area of ESI Funds contributed towards raising awareness on their benefits among the population?
Proposed methods	Desk research, semi-structure (in-depth) interview, comparative method, questionnaire public opinion survey, theory based impact evaluation, synthesis
Timetable	1st phase - 2016 2nd phase – 2018 3rd phase – 2021
Form	Externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit in cooperation with the Information and Publicity Department (The Government Office of the SR)
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation, Working group for information and communication
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
4.	Methodology for the evaluation of synergic effects and interventions of ESIF;
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation: synergic effects of the ESIF interventions. Objective of evaluation is to develop a methodological manual for the evaluation of complementarities and synergies of interventions from the ESIF and other support instruments, and specification of the themes subject to further evaluation.
Source of data	CCA, MA for OP HP coordinators, EVALSED
Basic evaluation questions	What are the synergic effects resulting from interventions supported from EU sources? How do the synergic effects contribute towards the meeting the national objectives of the Europe 2020 and the main objectives of the smart, inclusive and sustainable growth?

	Which areas of the ESI Funds implementation are key for the evaluation of contribution of interventions towards meeting the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy?
Proposed methods	survey, interview, questionnaires, quantitative and qualitative methods, desk research
Timetable	In process of performance, anticipated termination 12/2016
Form	Externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
5.	Evaluation of the efficiency of the setup of ESIF processes
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	<p>The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the efficiency of the setup of selected processes within the ESI Funds Management System and propose measures to increase their efficiency. At the moment, the following processes appear to be suitable: 1. Phase of the publication of calls, 2. Preparation of applications by potential beneficiaries, 3. Formal evaluation of applications for grants, 4. Evaluation of the content of grant applications and of the system for project selection, plus other processes.</p> <p>The objective is to provide detailed analysis of selected ESIF processes based on the data from the processes implemented within the 2007–2013 operational programmes and compared against the presently applicable management documentation for the 2014-2020 programming period. Due to the implementation of new projects, the analysis will also include the processes implemented during the 2014-2020 programming period. The main output will be a proposal for measures to be adopted by the managing authorities in order to fine-tune their processes and, where necessary, proposals to cancel inefficient processes. The evaluation is needed in order to simplify the existing ESI Funds Management System and make it more efficient.</p>
Source of data	ITMS2014+ CCA MA/IB
Basic evaluation questions	<p>What is the efficiency of the selected processes?</p> <p>How can the efficiency of the selected processes be increased?</p> <p>What are the recommendations and proposals to improve the performance of the ESI Funds Management System?</p> <p>Further questions will be formulated depending on the selection</p>

	of processes.
Proposed methods	SWOT analysis, Balanced Scorecard, questionnaire surveys, field qualitative research
Timetable	01/2016 – 09/2016
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	DMC
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	DMC
Evaluation coordinator	DMC
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
6.	Evaluation of the progress achieved in the implementation of Partnership Agreement by 31 December 2016
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation is the Partnership Agreement (PA SR) and its progress towards the Europe 2020 Strategy and national strategies. Objective of evaluation is to assess the progress achieved in implementation of the Partnership Agreement of the SR by 31 December 2016 as a necessary condition for the progress report in 2017.
Source of data	PA SR for 2014–2020, legislative, strategic and concept documents of the EU and Slovakia, National Reform Programme, ITMS2014+, IACS, AGIS, annual implementation reports of OPs, reports on progress in the implementation of the ESI Funds, MA for OP Eurostat, SO SR, OECD
Basic evaluation questions	How did the development need in economic, social and territorial development of Slovakia as well as the relevance of the expected results of the thematic objectives change in comparison to base-line situation since the adoption of the PA SR? What were the gross effects of interventions implemented within the thematic objectives of the PA in relation to the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the meeting of the National Reform Programme and the Council and the Commission specific recommendations for Slovakia and, if suitable, to the needs at regional level?

Proposed methods	analysis of time series, desk research, regression analysis
Timetable	in process of performance, anticipated termination 06/2017
Form	Externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	CCA departments, Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
7.	Evaluation of the impacts of NSRF implementation on meeting the NSRF strategic objective
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation are the interventions supported from the SF and CF as well as evaluation of impacts of the NSRF targets implementation (Convergence Target and Regional competitiveness and employment Target). Evaluation will also focus on evaluation of the SF and CF contribution to meeting the NSRF strategic target, the NSRF strategic priorities and NSRF horizontal priorities. Evaluation will focus on quantification of effects of the implementation of the SF and CF on the Slovak economy with emphasis on assessment of contribution to GDP and employment growth.
Source of data	Document “NSRF for 2007–2013”, ITMS II, COLSAF, MA for OP, HP coordinators Annual reports on the implementation of OPs/HPs Eurostat OECD, SO SR
Basic evaluation questions	What was the impact/effect of the contribution granted from the SF and CF on the implementation of the NSRF targets (Convergence Target and Regional competitiveness and employment Target)? What was the impact/effect of the contribution granted from the SF and CF on meeting the NSRF strategic objective? What was the impact/effect of the contribution granted from the SF and CF on reducing regional and social disparities (GDP, unemployment rate, poverty rate, infrastructure provided, etc.) at level of NUTS III? Have the context indicators of the strategic objective of the

	<p>NSRF been met? If not, specify for what reasons given indicators have not been met.</p> <p>To what extent have the objectives of the NSRF priorities and objectives of the horizontal priorities been met?</p> <p>Were the funds from the SF and CF used purposefully, effectively and efficiently in the implementation of the NSRF? If not, describe why.</p> <p>To what extent did the implementation of the NSRF contribute to the Lisbon process/the Europe 2020 Strategy?</p>
Proposed methods	time series analysis, regression analysis, econometric model Hermin
Timetable	01/2017 – 07/2017
Form	Externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation Working group for monitoring
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
8.	Interim evaluation of the progress in the implementation of HP at OP level
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	<p>Subject of evaluation are HP SD and HP EMaWaND at the level of OP.</p> <p>Objective of evaluation is to assess the functionality of mechanisms created to ensure application of horizontal principles within the ESIF implementation. Evaluation will focus on assessment of key measures adopted in relation to application of the horizontal principles within OPs.</p>
Source of data	Annual reports on the implementation of OP/HP, ITMS2014+, MA for OP HP coordinators
Basic evaluation questions	<p>Can the mechanisms set up at national (the Partnership Agreement) level achieve to effectively enforce the application of HP SD principles in the ESI Funds implementation?</p> <p>What is the efficiency of measures adopted for supporting and monitoring the application of HP SD principles within individual operational programmes?</p> <p>To what extent did the implementation of interventions supported from the ESI Funds contribute to the meeting of the objectives defined for HP SD in national strategic document?</p> <p>Can the mechanisms set up at national/the PA level achieve to</p>

	<p>effectively enforce the application of HP SD principles in the ESI Funds implementation?</p> <p>What is the effectiveness of measures adopted for supporting and monitoring the application of HP EMaWaND principles within individual operational programmes?</p> <p>To what extent did the implementation of interventions supported from the ESI Funds contribute to the meeting of the objectives defined for HP EMaWaND in national strategic document?</p>
Proposed methods	administrative data analysis, case studies, interview, benchmarking
Timetable	In performance, anticipated termination 06/2017, 02/2021 – 04/2021
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit in cooperation with HP SD and HP EMaWaND coordinators
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation Coordination Committee HP EMaWaND
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
9.	Evaluation of the Integrated Network of Information and Advisory Centres
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	<p>Subject of evaluation is The Integrated Network of Information and Advisory Centres (IN IAC).</p> <p>The DPMOII will support, in line with the PA, the Integrated Network of Information and Advisory Centres (IN IAC) which will provide information on ESI Funds. Evaluation will be carried out after 2 years of IN IAC functioning.</p> <p>The results of the evaluation will serve as a basis for the decision on whether or not the IN IAC will be supported further and, if so, the evaluation will identify options for streamlining the IN IAC operation.</p>
Source of data	<p>ITMS,</p> <p>Semi-annual evaluation by the MA of the activities of individual IACs,</p> <p>Semi-annual evaluation of activities of IN IAC coordinator, CCA, MA, IB staff</p> <p>public,</p> <p>Database of the persons/entities requesting information on ESI Funds,</p> <p>Report on the activities of the Information and Advisory Centre</p>

Basic evaluation questions	<p>Is the provision of information by one centre in each region efficient?</p> <p>Would it be appropriate to set up an IAC also in the Bratislava Self-Governing Region?</p> <p>Are the entities involved in the management and control of the ESI Funds satisfied with the functioning of IN IAC?</p> <p>Are the persons/entities seeking information on the ESI Funds satisfied with the activities of individual IACs?</p>
Proposed methods	desk research (analysis of reports), survey, interview, benchmarking
Timetable	07/2018 – 08/2018
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	DMC
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	DMC
Evaluation coordinator	DMC
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group all MA for OP Information and Publicity Department
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
10.	Evaluation of the partnership in preparation and implementation of the Partnership Agreement of the SR
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	<p>Subject of evaluation is the involvement of partners in the implementation of the Partnership Agreement.</p> <p>Objective of evaluation is to assess partners' tasks in preparation of Progress Report of the SR, involvement of partners in process of programmes implementation and evaluation including their participation in Monitoring Committees of the OPs.</p> <p>The performance of evaluation results from the need to provide information on partners' tasks in preparation of the Progress Report of the SR in connection with Article 5 of the general regulation.</p>
Source of data	PA of the SR for 2014 – 2020, MA for OP, CCA, MC for OP, administrative data
Basic evaluation questions	<p>To what extent were the partners involved in preparation and implementation of the ESI Funds in the 2014 – 2020 programming period?</p> <p>To what extent did the involvement of partners make the implementation of the ESI Funds in the 2014 – 2020 programming period more efficient?</p>
Proposed methods	semi-structure (in-depth) interview, questionnaire survey
Timetable	2018

Form	Externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation partners ²
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
11.	Evaluation of the progress achieved in the implementation of Partnership Agreement by 31 December 2018
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation is the Partnership Agreement of the SR and its progress achieved towards the Europe 2020 Strategy and national strategies. Objective of the evaluation is to evaluate the progress achieved in the implementation of the Partnership Agreement of the SR by 31 December 2018 as a necessary condition for the progress report of the SR in 2019.
Source of data	PA SR for 2014–2020 Legislative, strategic and concept documents of the EU and the SR, ITMS2014+, IACS, AGIS, Annual reports on the implementation of OPs, Reports on the implementation of the ESI Funds, SO SR, MA of OP, Eurostat, OECD
Basic evaluation questions	How did the development need in the economic, social and territorial development of Slovakia as well as the relevance of the expected results of the thematic objectives change in comparison to base-line situation since the adoption of the PA SR? What were the gross effects of interventions implemented within the thematic objectives of the PA in relation to the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the meeting of the National Reform Programme and the Council and the Commission specific recommendations for Slovakia and, if suitable, to the needs at regional level?
Proposed methods	time series analysis, desk research, regression analysis
Timetable	06/2018 – 06/2019
Form	externally
Responsible for the	Evaluation Unit

² According to Art. 5 of the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council

preparation of the terms of reference	
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	CCA departments Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
12.	Evaluation of efficiency and effectiveness of instruments for support of integrated territorial development
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Until now, support of integrated territorial development from the EU funds was implemented in Slovakia mainly in area of rural development (LEADER). In the 2014 – 2020 programming period integrated territorial development has been extended also to other areas of support. Therefore, it is necessary to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of applied instruments also with regard to preparation of this instrument type application after 2020.
Source of data	administrative data, ITMS2014+, IACS, AGIS, MA for OP, ITD coordinators and national coordinators, data received targeted from RITS and ITS FUA, data from Partnership Councils created at level of RITS, strategic and programming documents for management and implementation of ITS, relevant annual and evaluating reports.
Basic evaluation questions	Which instruments are in place to support the integrated territorial development within the ESI Funds? What is the effectiveness of the integrated territorial development instruments or, respectively, which are their strengths and weaknesses under the conditions of the 2014 – 2020 programming period? What is the quality of management and methodological instruction for individual integrated territorial development instruments? How it is possible to strengthen the support of integrated territorial development after 2020?
Proposed methods	qualitative analysis, quantitative analysis, management systems analysis, focus group, interviews
Timetable	2018/2019
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public

takeover and acceptance of the Works	Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
13.	Assessment of the meeting of indicators' milestones of the performance framework and analysis of possibilities of reallocation of the performance reserve
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation are indicators' milestones of performance framework. Objective of evaluation is to assess the meeting of indicators milestones of performance framework. Based on analysis performed and on OP absorption and performance capacity, evaluation shall serve for preparation of draft of reallocation of the performance reserve.
Source of data	ITMS2014+, ESIF Management system, MA for OP, binding plans of OP, OP annual implementation reports, MI CCA, independent monitoring subject.
Basic evaluation questions	Have the performance framework milestones been achieved? Is there a possibility and are there reasons for the reallocation of the performance reserve?
Proposed methods	Time series analysis, regression analysis, calculation of indicators and indices
Timetable	03/2019 – 06/2019
Form	internally/externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
14.	ESIF contribution towards the creation of jobs with emphasis on sustainable, inclusive and smart growth
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation is the ESIF contribution towards the creation of jobs. Objective of evaluation is to evaluate the impact of ESIF interventions on the labour market, opportunities for job

	creation, and their impact on sustainable, inclusive and smart growth of the economy.
Source of data	ITMS2014+, SO SR, COLSAF, OP and their annual reports, EU and Slovak legislation
Basic evaluation questions	Did the modular-education programmes and activities focus on the development of soft skills and support of professional competencies and their development? Have the set objectives been achieved mainly thanks to the better focused public services of employment of higher quality? What role did the social partners play and how active were they? Did the support of projects focus on the strengthening of professional and analytical skills? Did the support of projects focus on the building of infrastructure and communication platform at both national and international level in addressing the issues of employment development and in removing regional disparities? Which sectors of the national economy have a long-term potential for the creation of jobs?
Proposed methods	statistical analyses (regression analysis), surveys, case studies
Timetable	2020
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
15.	Evaluation of the meeting of objectives/action plans of the Strategic Document SD 2015+ from the viewpoint of ESIF
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation are the objectives and action plans of the Strategic document SD 2015+. Objective of evaluation is to assess the implementation of the Strategic document SD 2015+. According to PA SR 2014–2020, the Strategic document SD 2015+ is mandatory for the implementation of the horizontal principle “Sustainable Development”. The coordinator of HP “Sustainable Development” is to evaluate its implementation and submit reports to the government.
Source of data	ITMS2014+,

	Annual reports on the implementation of OPs, MA for OP, SO SR Eurostat, OECD
Basic evaluation questions	To what extent does the set of applied policies of the Slovak Republic in the economic, social and environmental fields contribute towards meeting the main priorities which represent the vision of the Slovak Republic in the area of sustainable development by the year 2030 pursuant to the Strategic Document SD 2015?
Proposed methods	qualitative analysis of the effects and policies contributing towards SD 2015+, calculation of indicators and indices
Timetable	2019 and 2022
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit in cooperation with the Horizontal Priorities Department, Analytical Unit of the Government Office, and other central bodies of state administration (CBSA)
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Horizontal Priorities Department
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working group for the implementation of HP SD, Working Group for Synergies, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
16.	Interim impact evaluation of the meeting of HP objectives according to OP priorities at the level of Partnership Agreement.
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation are the HP objectives according to OP priorities and at the level of the Partnership Agreement. Objective of evaluation is to assess impacts of achieved HP objectives according to OP and at the level of the Partnership Agreement and to formulate recommendations should problems occur. Required under EU Regulation.
Source of data	ITMS2014+, Annual reports on the implementation of OPs/HPs, MA for OP/coordinators of HP SO SR Eurostat
Basic evaluation questions	What are the results at the level of OPs and projects in relation to HP objectives? What is the quality of projects in view of the implementation of HP within them? What are the socio-economic trends in the area of HP

	objectives and what potential impact do the ESI Funds have on them? What are the recommendations for changes in the HP Implementation System?
Proposed methods	analysis of administrative data, analysis of context indicators, survey, interview, case studies
Timetable	2019
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit in cooperation with representatives of Horizontal Principle "Equality of Men and Women and Non-discrimination" and Horizontal Principle "Sustainable Growth"
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation, Coordination Committee for HP EMaWaND
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
17.	Impact assessment of the ESI Funds on development of regional disparities (NUTS III and LAU I)
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Regional disparities represent one of the basic problems of the development of the Slovak Republic. Despite significant investments from the EU cohesion policy funds, there is no decrease in regional disparities at level of regions and counties. Objective of evaluation is to evaluate the development of regional disparities at level of regions and counties during the last 10 years, specifically of the least developed counties, to identify main factors generating lower economic growth and to assess contribution of the EU support.
Source of data	ITMS, ESI Funds Management System, MA for OP, MI CCA, Risk analysis "Traffic Lights", Independent monitoring entity
Basic evaluation questions	What is the tendency of regional disparities at the level of NUTS III and LAU I in selected areas of social and economic development during the last 10 years? What position did have the least developed counties in the period under consideration? How important were the EU cohesion policy investments into the least developed regions and what was their thematic concentration? Which factors affect the slower growth of the least developed regions?
Proposed methods	analysis of regional disparities (methods to be chosen according

	to applicability), quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis
Timetable	2020
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
18.	Evaluation of the ESIF contribution to increasing the quality of cooperation between entrepreneurial sector and research and development institutions
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Increasing intensity and quality of cooperation of research and development institutions and entrepreneurial sector is one of important factors to increase the innovation of the Slovak companies. In this programming period, objectives in this area are directly supported by ESIF, mainly within OP Research and Innovations. Objective of the evaluation is an independent assessment of results of cooperation between research institutions and enterprises.
Source of data	ITMS2014+, primary data from interviews with MA/IB and beneficiaries
Basic evaluation questions	To what extent have the ESI Funds support created conditions/environment for cooperation between research institutions and enterprises? Which groups of research institutions and entrepreneurial sector did receive support to increase mutual cooperation? What are the main results of supported interventions in the area of increasing the quality of cooperation and how did they become evident in the functioning of enterprises? Which factors do positively/negatively influence the level of cooperation between entrepreneurial sector and research&development institutions?
Proposed methods	quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis, cluster analysis, interviews, mapping of effects
Timetable	2020/2021
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement

acceptance of the Works	
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
19.	Evaluation of the findings from the ESIF evaluations carried out in the 2014-2020 programming period
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation are the findings and recommendations from the ESIF evaluations performed in the 2014 – 2020 programming period. Objective of evaluation is to evaluate the findings and recommendations from the ESIF evaluations performed in the 2014 -2020 programming period. The evaluation outputs will serve as a basis for the preparation of the Summary Report on the Evaluation of ESIF Implementation in the 2014–2020 programming period.
Source of data	Summary reports on evaluation activities and on the results of ESIF/OP/HP evaluations, MA for OP, HP coordinators
Basic evaluation questions	Is there a relationship between the quality of evaluation reports and the application of the results of evaluation? What are the key lessons learned in relation to the system of evaluation?
Proposed methods	survey, case studies, meta-analysis
Timetable	09/2022 – 12/2022
Form	internally/externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group Working Group for Evaluation
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA
20.	Evaluation of the impacts of ESIF implementation
Subject, objective and justification of the need for evaluation	Subject of evaluation is the ESI Funds implementation in the 2014 – 2020 programming period. Objective of evaluation is to evaluate the synergic effects and impacts of the ESI Funds on the meeting the goals of the Europe 2020 Strategy. Horizontal evaluation is based on evaluation of results of programmes and operations since 2014 co-financed from the ESI Funds.

	Assessment of purpose, efficiency and economy of the 2014 – 2020 programming period and final evaluation of HP EMaWaND/HP SD objectives in the 2014 – 2020 programming period will be also part of the evaluation.
Source of data	ITMS2014+, Monitoring reports of OPs, SO SR, MA for OP/HP coordinators, CCA
Basic evaluation questions	What were the synergic effects resulting from the interventions supported from EU funds? To what extent have the identified synergic effects contributed towards the meeting of the national objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy?
Proposed methods	survey, interview, questionnaires, quantitative and qualitative methods of impact evaluation
Timetable	2023
Form	externally
Responsible for the preparation of the terms of reference	Evaluation Unit
Responsible for the takeover and acceptance of the Works	Pursuant to a partial Contract for Works or under the Public Procurement Act or the EU directive on public procurement
Evaluation coordinator	Evaluation Unit
Invited to comment	Evaluation Supervision Working Group, Working Group for Evaluation, Working Group for Monitoring
Financial management of the project	Project Preparation and Implementation Unit, CCA

4 List of acronyms used

CBSA	Central Body of the State Administration
CCA	Central Coordinating Authority
CF	Cohesion Fund
COLSAF	Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family
DMC	Department of Methodology and Coordination
DME	Department of Monitoring and Evaluation
EC	European Commission
EC	European Communities
EMFF	European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
ESF	European Social Fund
ESIF, ESI Funds	European Structural and Investment Funds
EU	European Union
EU	Evaluation Unit
HP	Horizontal principle

HP EO	Horizontal priority ‘Equality of Opportunities’
HP EMaWaND	Horizontal principle ‘Equality of Men and Women and Non-discrimination’
HP SD	Horizontal principle ‘Sustainable Development’
HPD	Horizontal Priorities Department
IAC	Information-Advisory Centre
IB	Intermediate body
IN	Integrated Network
IPD	Information and Publicity Department
ITMS2014+	Information Technological Monitoring System 2014-2020
LAU1	Local Administrative Unit (county level)
MA	Managing authority
MI	Methodological Instruction
MC	Monitoring Committee
NMC	National Monitoring Committee for the ESIF
NUTS III	Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics – 8 self-governing regions
NSRF	National Strategic Reference Framework
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OP	Operational programme
OP TA	Operational Programme ‘Technical Assistance’
PA	Partnership Agreement
SD	Sustainable development
SF	Structural Funds
SO SR	Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic
SR	Slovak Republic