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## Ex post impact evaluation of the National Strategic Reference Framework implementation to achieve NSFR's strategic objective



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### FUND(S) COVERED

- Cohesion Fund (CF)
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- European Social Fund (ESF)

### PROGRAMMING PERIOD

- 2007-2013

### PROGRAMME(S) COVERED

- OP Research and Development,
- OP Transport, OP Environment,
- OP Employment and Social Inclusion

### THEMATIC OBJECTIVE(S)

- T001: Research and innovation
- T006: Environment and resource efficiency
- T007: Transport and key network infrastructures
- T008: Employment and labour mobility

### TYPE OF EVALUATION

- Impact



### YEAR OF COMPLETION

- 2018

### NSRF THREE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Infrastructure and regional accessibility – most of the objectives achieved except for the environmental infrastructure.
- Knowledge-based economy – successful in the field of university infrastructure, R&D projects faced a delayed implementation.
- Human resources – success in reducing unemployment except for the long-term one; deficiencies in the education system reforms and the Roma groups' integration.

### MAIN FINDINGS

#### Transport

- Improved economic and social indicators of districts connected to the TEN-T network.
- Indirect social, environmental and economic effects mostly positive except for emissions from transport, traffic intensity and noise.

### Research and development

- The technological lag of R&D facilities reduced through investment in science parks and research centres.

### Active labour market policy

- A growing need for life-long education support.
- Tools targeted to a group with a higher profile of education were more successful.
- Professional training underfunded compared to the EU average.

### Environment

- Investment in environment infrastructure indirectly and positively contributing to the development of towns, villages and tourism.
- Environment protection enhanced.

### CONCLUSIONS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- A conference on the evaluation findings held in Bratislava in 9/2018; possibility of tapping into design and data (indicators) for future evaluations (no specific action planned).

### PROBLEM SETTING

Assessment of the NSRF strategic objective fulfilment covering the areas of transport infrastructure, research and development, environment, and employment. **Evaluation questions:** effects and basic benefits of the NSRF resources spending; social and economic effects of interventions implemented.

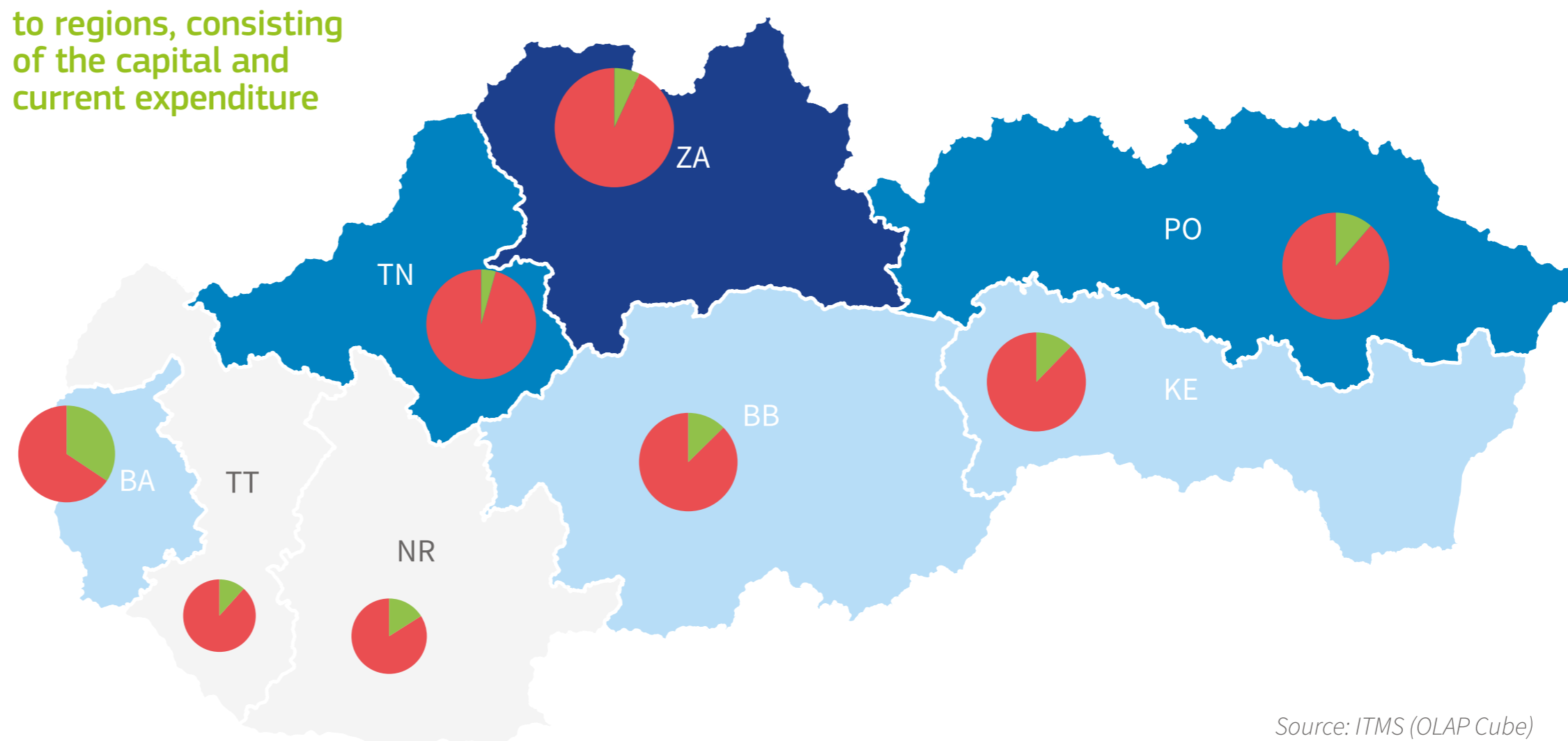
### METHODOLOGY USED

Quasi-experimental design, logistic regression, counterfactual impact evaluation methods, interviews, questionnaires.

### DATA SOURCES

ITMS financial data, program indicators, statistics.

Total SF/CF drawing when broken down to regions, consisting of the capital and current expenditure



Source: ITMS (OLAP Cube)

