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Address by the President of PSR

Dear fellow citizens,

Development planning is a necessary element of systematic management of regional development to assist economic growth of the region and increase the standard of living of its inhabitants.

In the Prešov Self-government Region, there have been made many changes since its creation in 2002, and many changes still have to be carried out in the next several years. In order to carry out all these changes in the right direction, to ensure balanced development of the entire region and consistent with the principles of sustainable development, it is necessary to coordinate the development of the region. The Economic and Social Development Program of the Prešov Self-governing Region for the period 2014-2020 (ESDP PSR 2014-2020) along with the Territorial Master Plan of the Region are the essential key documents for the management of self-government, based on knowledge of the situation and particular needs of citizens, businesses, interest groups and other entities active in this territory. Both documents represent the general framework for upcoming plans and projects and are an important basis for the regional self-government in its decision making and regulation of the regional development until 2020.

In drafting the Economic and Social Development Program we put a great emphasis on cooperation with socio-economic partners of the Prešov region, on cooperation with the professional and lay public within the region but also to its consistency with the other relevant strategic documents on regional, national and European levels.

By approving the ESDP PSR 2014-2020 by the Regional Assembly of the Prešov Self-governing Region the process of its drafting and negotiating has been completed but the most important work is still ahead of us. The regional self-government in cooperation with its partners on its territory will have to create conditions that will enable to meet the targets, measures and activities set by the efficient use of national, regional and European funds.

I wish the Economic and Social Development Program of the Prešov Self-governing Region for the period 2014-2020 is an important aid in decision making on the future direction of the region during this programming period.

Peter Chudík
President of the Prešov Self-governing Region

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Introduction

Basic task of self-governing regions is to provide all conditions for general development and fulfilment of needs of their inhabitants. **Economic and Social Development Program of Prešov Self-governing Region for the Period 2014 – 2020** (further on as “ESDP”) is an instrument which helps to accomplish this task. It is a **basic mid-term strategic planning document**. ESDP determines trends, priorities, aims and measures to reach defined targets in the development of Prešov Self-governing Region until the end of 2020.

Drafting of presented document is founded on definition of needs of inhabitants, municipalities, administration, economic entities; interest based groups, civil and non-profit sector and on analysis developed by experts in different fields.

Prešov Self-governing Region had received subvention in **2013 – non-refundable financial contribution through a project** filed in the framework of Regional Operational Program.

ESDP was created as a collective work by special experts from different domains, as well as by public which could express their opinion on the program document in different phases of its drafting by the means of comments to information published at self-governing region web site, or during media meetings organised in different towns of the region. Main goal of program drafting was to describe precisely present situation in the region, analyse advantages and disadvantages of the region, consider existing opportunities and threats for future development of the region and based on gathered facts to draft vision of regional development until 2020, to define development strategy, priorities and measures to reach targets oriented on long-term sustainable development of the region.

There were three expert work groups – social, economic and environmental – working on the document simultaneously. The list of all socio-economic partners which participated at program drafting in expert groups is mentioned in the Annex no. 1. Members of work groups had their opportunity to discuss and comment created document in work groups in person or in electronic version via sending proposals for drafting to project coordinator. They were actively participating at creating of program strategy by providing their ideas and data through questionnaires and planned project ideas. Their proposals and information were considered and verified by special experts who drafted the document and according to their relevance and importance they were included in the document.

1 BRIEF SUMMARY OF BASIC CONCEPTUAL DOCUMENTS

Drafting of ESDP is based on the **Act no. 539/2008 on Support for Regional Development** as amended. Pursuant to art. 5 ESDP of self-governing region serves as one of the main documents for support of regional development. Drafting of such document is based on recommendation and Guide to drafting of ESDP for municipalities and self-governing regions as amended in February 2015. ESDP is created in accordance with goals and priorities of the **National Strategy for Regional Development**

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of the Slovak Republic and the National Strategy for Sustainable Development of the Slovak Republic. The Program had considered also mandatory parts of documentation for territorial planning of self-governing region which was validated in 2014.

This document was drafted in coordination with other strategic documents of Prešov region, such as **Territorial Master Plan for Prešov Self-governing Region – phase I, Regional Investment Territorial Strategy** (further on as “RITS”) for Prešov Self-governing Region for Programming Period 2014 – 2020, **Program for Rural Development**, and it was interacted and influenced by drafting of other relevant development programs created on the territory of Prešov Self-governing Region (further on as “PSR”) at the same time. A complete list of documents and information sources used as a baseline for document drafting is presented in Annex no. 2 of the full version of the document.

ESDP document reflects to call for proposals and also to **priorities defined in different operational programs for the period 2014 – 2020** which are sourcing from individual objectives determined in **strategy Europe 2020**. Coherence of ESDP with the strategy Europe 2020 and priorities defined in different operational programs presents presumptions for future usage of supplementary sources from European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) via operational programs, which shall be provided to help achieve development priorities and targets stated in the ESDP document. Mutual interconnection of ESDP objectives with the objectives of operational programs and development strategies in selected areas is described further on in the chapter “Baseline for Definition of Priority Targets of Regional Development of PSR”.

2 DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

ESDP PSR is a mid-term programming document containing in its full version the following:

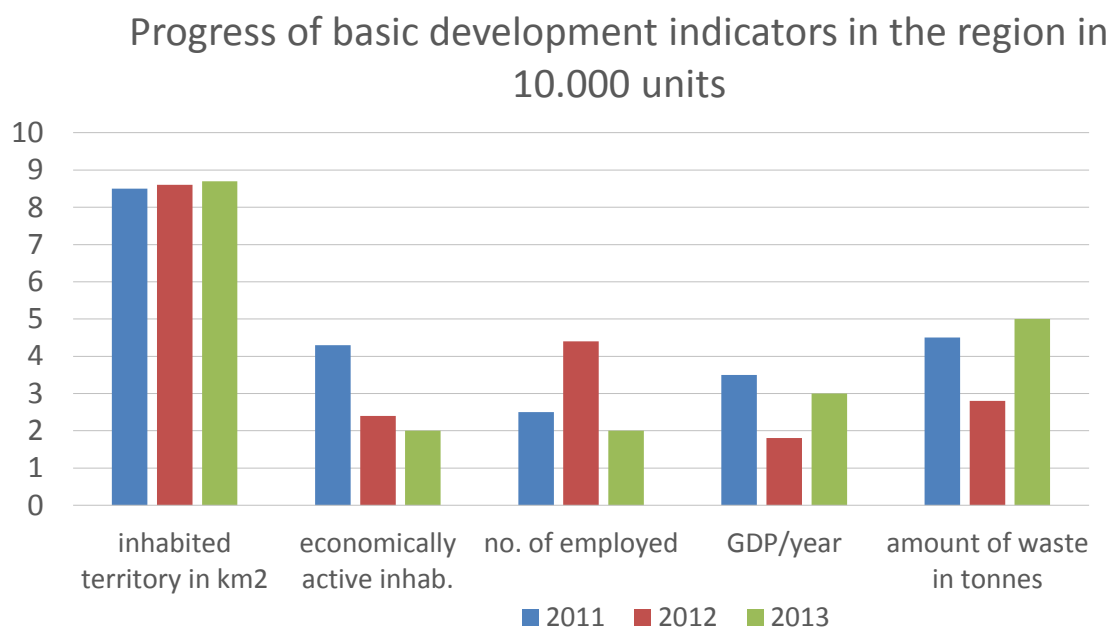
- **Analysis** of social, economic and environmental development throughout the territory of self-governing region based on description of current situation, assessment of implementation and achievement of goals from previous programming document, identification of problems and needs of the region and proposal of priority domains to reach solutions to the problems;
- **Strategy** of mid-term sustainable development of the region and main targets determined in the domain of developing education, social services, more effective services for inhabitants to gain more active and satisfactory social life, technical, transport and communication infrastructure, support to entrepreneurship and innovation, tourism and care for environment;
- **List of measures and activities** set to achieve determined targets of regional development in different fields described in programming part;
- **Type of institutional and logistic organisation for implementation** of ESDP, temporal and factual schedule of implementation of the document for current and up-coming period, output indicators and system of their monitoring in implementation part;
- **Proposal of financial provisions** for implementation of individual measures and activities of ESDP PSR in financial part of the document.

Presented shortened summary version of the program document follows here within the mentioned structure and represents the same content and break down to chapters and subchapters.

PART A – Analytical Part

1 ASSESSMENT OF PRESENT SITUATION IN THE REGION

Picture No. 1: Graphic expression of selected basic indicators of regional development in the period 2011 – 2013



1.1. SUMMARY SWOT ANALYSIS OF PREŠOV REGION

STRENGTHS

- 2nd largest region by its territory
- The most eastern region neighbouring with Ukraine and Poland
- Region with potential in the biggest number of protected territories and objects
- Region with the highest number of population
- Region with population of the youngest average age

WEAKNESSES

- Region with the highest rate of unemployment
- Region with negative balance in population migration
- Region with the worst economic balance
- Region with insufficient transport network and connections with main road networks and their interconnection with Prešov – regional metropolis
- Region with decreasing tendencies to recover and separate waste

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- Region with increasing tendencies in production of polluting emissions of COx and solid particles in the air
- Region with insufficient supplies of potable water and sewage infrastructure in smaller municipalities

OPPORTUNITIES

- Economic potential for active tourism between regions by the means of broader usage of the highest number of unique protected territories and historical objects
- Long cross-border territory with Poland and opened cross-border co-operation with Poland
- Strong representation of minority cultures in rural areas seen as a potential to develop rural area and promote cultural tradition in smaller municipalities
- Existence of many known and registered so called “brown-fields”
- Existence of Centre for Development and Innovation of Ecological Technologies in Power-supply Industry
- Platforms created to enhance co-operation of clusters in the domain of ecology and power-supply
- ELENA – an instrument of aid approved by EIB for Prešov region to become more ecologic in the domain of power-supply
- Opportunity to use complementary financial resources from ESIF and other financial instruments for regional development
- Airport in Poprad – opportunity for further economic development of the region
- Colleges as centre of opportunity to develop and innovate
- Strategy for integration of youth in Prešov region development

THREATS

- Negative value of population migration
- Trend of population aging
- Big distance between PSR and capital of the Slovak Republic – isolation
- Common border with Ukraine and eastern end of the EU
- Negative influence on environment because of quick population growth within ethnic groups
- Insufficient communication interconnections with other regions and their metropolis
- Insufficient transport serviceability of marginal smaller settlements
- Big ratio of II and III class roads and insufficient network of highways and roads of I class
- Insufficient capacity of maternity schools
- High schools structure reflects only partially needs of job market
- Insufficient application of innovation in industry/inadequate technology in industry
- Lacking project co-operation among private sphere entities and public sector in R&D and innovation area
- Lacking measures to adaptation to climate changes and to risk management
- Insufficient conception for systematic elimination of creation of waste and waste recovery
- Unstable legislative environment characteristic for its frequent changes

Here within stated facts focus attention to main problematic areas to work on: high unemployment rate, slow economic growth of the region, brain drain and aggravation of environmental situation.

1.2. IDENTIFICATION OF PRESENT SITUATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Based on the analysis of current situation in the PSR, assessment of reaching goals determined for previous period in ESDP and development trends of the region and following strategic documents of the region, Slovak Republic and European Union, three work groups had determined trends for future development of PSR until 2020. These trends shall promote regional development in accordance with National Strategy of Regional Development and would answer to the most serious problems of the region described in previous subchapter and shall search for solutions to them to support sustainable development of the region.

Substantial problems which restrain the region from its further development, and which should be coped with, were identified as follows:

- High unemployment rate of young people to 29 years of age and long-term unemployed
- Slow economic growth of the region
- Regional cross border outflow of work force
- Worsening environmental situation
- Unfinished transport infrastructure in the region.

These problems are caused by several aspects which influence on overall economic growth of the region and which are to be resolved concurrently in all areas – social, economic and environmental, to provide better conditions for:

- Creation of job opportunities for persons who are threatened by unemployment
- Improvement and attraction of living conditions in rural area to stop negative population migration
- Support to measures to increase economic growth in the most important economic domains with development potential
- Sustainable and rational usage of nature with focus on elimination of environmental pollution and higher rate of waste recovery.

Priority targets of regional development in PSR were selected not only through identification of main problems for development of the region, but also through their interconnection with National Strategy for Regional Development of the Slovak Republic and strategy Europe 2020 which is applicable by all EU Member States for the period 2014 – 2020. Coherence of ESDP PSR targets with herein listed strategies forms the premises for future usage of supplementary financial resources of ESIF for implementation of development projects supported within the framework of targets determined in ESDP PSR. Member States had defined 5 main targets of the document Europe 2020 (which replaces Lisbon strategy) during their negotiations for present program period. These targets

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cover strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. Priorities, which were considered by the Member States as the main ones are *green growth, innovation, education, elimination of poverty and employment*.

Cohesion of ESDP PSR Targets with Thematic Objectives ESIF 2014 – 2020

Main objectives of the EU which shall be fulfilled until 2020 are the following ones:

- **Target 1:** 75% of the 20 – 64 year-olds to be employed
- **Target 2:** 3% of the EU's GDP to be invested in R&D
- **Target 3:** greenhouse gas emissions 20% (or even 30%, if the conditions are right) lower than 1990 (20% of energy from renewables, 20% increase in energy efficiency)
- **Target 4:** Reducing the rates of early school leaving below 10%; at least 40% of 30-34-year-olds completing third level education
- **Target 5:** At least 20 million fewer people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion

While during previous program period 2007 – 2013 only growth and employment were focused on, present strategy and targets are oriented also on environment and population due to sharpening climate changes, power-supply absorption, aging population and developing social exclusion. Slovakia had engaged to contribute to Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth by focusing on 11 thematic objectives of ESIF 2014 – 2020, as proposed in position document by the means and to extent which takes into account territorial specificity of the Slovak Republic:

Thematic Objectives (TO) 2014 – 2020 pursuant to position document:

- TO 1** Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
- TO 2** Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information and communication technologies
- TO 3** Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises
- TO 4** Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors
- TO 5** Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
- TO 6** Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
- TO 7** Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
- TO 8** Promoting employment and supporting labour mobility
- TO 9** Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
- TO 10** Investing in education, skills and lifelong learning
- TO 11** Enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration

Prešov region is able to fulfil thematic objectives of ESIF 2014 – 2020 only to a certain extent acceptable in accordance with potential and specific conditions of the territory. Comparing PSR with other Slovak regions, it is considerable that Prešov region is lacking behind in applying thematic objectives in the domain of GDP production per capita, in the ratio of employed compared to overall number of economically active inhabitants, but on the other hand its territory is on the first rank in the number of protected natural territories and cultural heritage, it has got the highest number of

municipalities and its population is the youngest comparing to other regions due to the number of Roma ethnic group. This ethnic group is characteristic by population growth and birth giving in younger age and by lower standard of living which combines with poverty and low degree of education.

In comparison to the thematic objectives set for the Slovak Republic, a positive aspect for PSR development is a combination of rich cultural and natural heritage which cannot be found in such extent in any other Slovak region and therefore generates great potential for the development of the region. Promotion of cultural and natural heritage of the region shall be one of the main objectives of PSR development. Promoted activities will be oriented on building of awareness on protection and promotion of cultural heritage of the region, economic and social utilisation of this potential for an increase of quality of the life of citizens of the PSR in their working, relax and housing conditions.

The territory of PSR has the highest number of protected areas and therefore within TO 6 will greatly benefit from the measures to protect and conserve the natural and cultural wealth with continued support for entrepreneurship in tourism.

Within TO 7 in the PSR crucial investments will be made in a completion of key transport infrastructure and integrated transport systems, which will be carried out through integrated territorial investments of urban sustainable development. This will eliminate a major obstacle of the development in the region – a lack of transportation access from main roads. Through effective solutions of suburban transport and cycling lines it will increase the availability of a wider territory of the region for commuting to work and clients' access while contributing to the reduction of CO2 produced by transport.

In terms of applying TO 8 and TO 9, the PSR is one of the poorest regions with the highest unemployment rate and a serious problem of high rate of long-term unemployment. Therefore, supported activities will promote employment with an emphasis on inclusiveness of the labour market and the constitutional right to work applied to all categories of Slovak citizens who are willing and able to work and activities aimed at improving readiness for work and social aid to dependent people, including the improvement of the system of education and counselling and social services and increasing activation of unemployed. These activities will continue to be an important part of the development program of the region.

In relation to the TO 2, the availability of ICT in PSR comparing to other Slovak regions is the lowest one. Therefore, the region supports the introduction of internet connection to the maximum possible number of municipalities in its territory. Economic and geographical disadvantage is that this region together with Banská Bystrica region is a characteristic by a high number of small municipalities (up to 500 people), and a low population density.

This chapter represents only a selection of major mutual interconnection between ESDP PSR targets and ESIF objectives and the whole explanation of ESDP PSR cohesion with other strategic development documents is described in a separate annex of the document with the title „Baseline for Definition of Priority Targets of Regional Development of PSR“.

Based on the above mentioned information, the main thematic objectives, necessary to be met in the PSR, are the following:

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- GDP growth based on promotion of industry innovation (TO 1) and business competitiveness (TO 3) (in it tourism, industrial enterprises, energy, alternative use of agriculture)
- Completion of the main directions of transport infrastructure, promotion of integrated sustainable and accessible urban mobility of the population in suburban areas and settlements of 1st and 2nd degree aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions (CO₂) (TO 7),
- Promoting employment and supporting labour mobility, with specific measures for the young unemployed and the long-term unemployed in regions with the highest unemployment rate (TO 8),
- Measures to protect and conserve the natural wealth in all its components (TO 6), mainly increasing the efficiency of water supply and safety of waste water sewage system, efficient protection of drinking water sources and reconstruction of sewage systems, regulation of rivers, (construction of water reservoir Tichý potok), reducing air pollution, restoration of contaminated sites, conservation of biodiversity and natural areas of high value
- Measures for elimination of climate change negative effects (TO 5) in agriculture and forestry (anti-erosion measures), measures for regulation of water from precipitation, from water streams,
- Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty focusing on vulnerable members of society (TO 9) with an emphasis on groups at risk of multiple exclusion,
- Investments in the infrastructure for education and training (TO 10) for settlement centres in centres of municipalities
- Increasing efficiency of public administration operation (TO 11)

When considering the PSR specifics and the outcomes of SWOT analysis and taking into account the objectives of the NSRF and the Europe 2020 strategy, the suggested ways of dealing with the future development of the region of PSR are further specified as follows:

1. Creation of job opportunities for those most at risk of unemployment (young people without jobs, long-term unemployed and those dependent on welfare benefits, population of rural areas),
2. Quality improvement of living conditions in rural areas¹ to support inflow of inhabitants,
3. Promotion of measures supporting economic growth in industry production, tourism, services, forestry and agriculture,
4. Promotion of implementation of science and technology innovations and networking,
5. Development of culture and arts,

¹ (Measures aiming in increasing the quality of living conditions, interconnection of settlements, development of community services for the mobilization of communities for leisure and motivation activities, improved supply of education, especially pre-school facilities, social services for communities of people at risk of social exclusion due to health, age or social disadvantage, improving access to health care)

6. Sustainable use of all components of the environment with an emphasis on reducing environmental pollution, higher waste recycling and reducing energy consumption
7. Improving transport accessibility and connectivity of settlements

Innovation, inclusiveness and sustainable economic growth are the objectives which are also the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth for the period 2014-2020 and therefore their inclusion in the Regional Development Plan ensures synergy with pan-European strategies and also with the National Regional Development Strategy.

From the above specified TOs, seven thematic areas consistent with the nationwide strategy were set for the regional development of the PSR, to which one more regional specific theme important to increase the value and economic potential of the PSR has been added – the preservation and development of the cultural and historical potential of the region.

PART B – Strategic Part

Strategic part contains the strategy of the development of the region, taking into account its internal features and respecting the principles of regional policy identifying the main objectives and priorities for the development of the region. PSR development strategy is defined by its vision of development until the year 2020, the main strategic objectives, specific aims and priority areas which contribute to the balanced sustainable development of the region.

The vision describes an ideal state of the region in the target year 2020. It is a tool for motivation and envisaged projection by inhabitants of the region on their future.

Objectives that will lead to the ideal state defined by the vision, are created by inversion of major weaknesses identified in the analysis of PSR in the previous part of the document to the ideal target state.

ESDP as the development program of a self-governing region is formulated in consistency with the targets and priorities of the regional policy on national and EU levels and therefore has incorporated the selected priorities and thematic objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy, which can be met in the territory of the PSR taking into account regional specifics of development of the Prešov self-government region territorial unit. The new ESDP PSR 2014-2020 builds on the previous ESDP PSR 2008-2015, which was updated in 2010 and partially overlaps the first two years covered by the new development document. In consistency with the programming documents of wider scope applicable to the SR and EU there were defined for the territory of Prešov region **8 thematic areas of development**, which will be implemented as a priority in the territory of Prešov region in the period 2015-2020 and will be fulfilling the vision of PSR development:

- **Enterpreneuring & innovation;**
- **Tourism;**
- **Technical infrastructure;**
- **Education;**
- **Social services & health care;**
- **Efficient service to public for inclusive life of higher quality and higher participation;**
- **Development of cultural & creative potential of the region;**
- **Environmental care.**

Cross-cutting priorities are **promotion of economic growth, promotion of employment and inclusive society** which will be applied in the evaluation criteria for the selection of eligible activities, respectively projects for fulfilment of individual measures and specific objectives of the ESDP PSR.

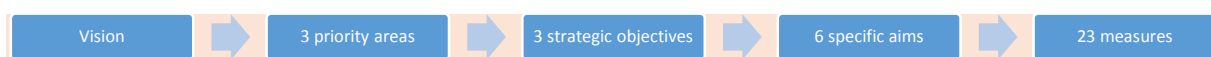
1 DEVELOPMENT VISION OF THE REGION

Competitive region attractive for preserved and responsibly managed natural and cultural richness of the region with high quality infrastructure for work, enterpreneuring and housing of citizens who do not leave the region, but actively look for ways of social, cultural and economic recovery of its territory potential and thus participate in improving the living conditions of all residents of the region without distinction of nationality, age or educational level, health status or gender.

2 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE REGION

In consistency with the programming documents of wider territorial applicability relevant to the Slovak Republic and EU countries and, including territorial features of the region, the PSR development vision will be completed in three priority areas – in economic, social and environmental. For every area individually one main strategic objective is set, that will be achieved through several specific aims, which are further broken down to more specific measures, that will have generally described eligible activities or planned projects for implementation in the years 2015 – 2020.

Picture No. 2: Scheme of structure of the development program strategy of PSR:



Next document chapters describe the development strategies for each priority area of the ESDP PSR 2014-2020 responding to the programming documents of the SR and EU for the period of 2014-2020.

2.1. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE REGION – I. ECONOMIC AREA

Vision:

Competitive economy of the region based on the development of tourism, agriculture, forestry, innovation in industry and services and cooperation, with high-quality technical infrastructure.

By summarising the most important proposed solutions for future development of the Prešov region in the economic area, the following major strategic objective was defined:

Strategic objective I: Increasing innovation potential and economic efficiency of business in the region

- **Specific aim I.1: Promotion of enterpreneuring and innovations**
 - Measure I.1.1: Promoting entrepreneurship and employment (simplification of access to financial resources)
 - Measure I.1.2: Support for research, development and introduction of technological innovations
 - Measure I.1.3: Development of tourism as an important economic sector of the region
 - Measure I.1.4: Promoting entrepreneurship in rural areas (including investments in forestry and agriculture)

- **Specific aim I.2: Completion of safe and high-quality technical infrastructure of the territory**
 - Measure I.2.1: Optimization of transport infrastructure for better accessibility of regions
 - Measure I.2.2: Expansion of communications infrastructure and increasing the security of data transmission
 - Measure I.2.3: Modernization and completion of other technical infrastructure, including energy from renewable sources

2.2. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE REGION – II. SOCIAL AREA

Vision:

Higher quality human resources actively participating in sustainable development of the territory, development of cultural potential and inclusive civil society

Strategic objective II: Improvement of living conditions in the region and development of an inclusive civil society

- **Specific aim II.1: Modernisation of education with focus on quality of life**
 - Measure II.1.1. Supporting the completion of missing facilities of pre-primary education
 - Measure II.1.2: Improving the quality of education in primary and secondary schools and its approximation to labour market needs
 - Measure II.1.3: Promoting new forms of lifelong learning and recognition of competencies, with emphasis on vulnerable groups
 - Measure II.1.4: Promotion of adult continuing education for the changing needs of the labour market

- **Specific aim II.2: Building and development of health centres, social and community services for inclusive civil society**
 - Measure II.2.1: Increasing the availability of social services for dependent persons
 - Measure II.2.2: Supporting the prevention of health and improving the provision of health care
 - Measure II.2.3: Promotion of active involvement of citizens in the area of quality of life improving, work habits restoration, development of cultural wealth and social inclusion
 - Measure II.2.4: Improvement of existing working conditions and support for creation of new jobs for building an inclusive labour market

- **Specific aim II.3: Sustainable development of the territory with focus on promotion of cultural potential**
 - Measure II.3.1: Promotion of strategic planning of development and sectoral cooperation
 - Measure II.3.2: Protection and promotion of dissemination of cultural heritage and regional cultural identity
 - Measure II.3.3: Promotion of securing the safety of residents and housing

2.3. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE REGION – III. ENVIRONMENTAL AREA

Vision:

Well-preserved rich natural heritage and wisely used natural resources contributing to sustainable growth of the quality of life in the region

Strategic objective III: Protection of environment & human health and more efficient use of natural resources securing sustainable development of the territory

- **Specific aim III.1: Protection of environment and lowering environmental burden**
 - Measure III.1.1: Protection of fauna and flora diversity and of protected natural and historic areas (for conservation and enhancing the natural heritage for future generations)
 - Measure III.1.2: Management of risks caused by climate change and revitalization of urban areas with positive impact on environmental quality and human health (reduction of noise, dust, energy intensity, soil and water pollution, landslides)
 - Measure III.1.3: Quality improvement and completion of the network of drinking water supply and sewerage minimizing negative impacts on the environment
 - Measure III.1.4: Increasing the rate of waste separation and recovery
 - Measure III.1.5: Promotion for establishing effective and environmentally friendly modular passenger transport systems

3 DEFINITION OF CONDITIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable development (SD) in the Slovak Republic is legally defined by § 6 of the Act No. 17/1992 of Coll. on the environment. In accordance with it, this is such a "development that sustains the chance to satisfy basic living needs to present and future generations without lowering the diversity of nature, while preserving natural functions of ecosystems." Development Program of the PSR is to be implemented in consistency with the SD, therefore during the process of approving activities and projects focusing on achievement of ESDP PSR will be assessed compliance with 16 principles and criteria of SD. The key to achieve SD is the rational management of natural, cultural and economic resources and human potential at the local level. Integrated approach to the protection and appropriate use of cultural heritage and natural heritage, as well as the preserved part of the cultural landscape should become self-evidence in ensuring SD in the PSR.

Picture No.3: Scheme of linkage between the main vision of ESDP and partial visions of its priority areas:

<p>Regional development vision:</p> <p><i>Competitive region attractive for preserved and responsibly managed natural and cultural richness of the region with high quality infrastructure for work, enterpreuring and housing of citizens who do not leave the region, but actively look for ways of social, cultural and economic recovery of its territory potential and thus participate in improving the living conditions of all residents of the region without distinction of nationality, age or educational level, health status or gender.</i></p>		
<p>Economic area vision:</p>	<p>Social area vision:</p>	<p>Environmental area vision:</p>
<p><i>Competitive economy of the region based on the development of tourism, agriculture, forestry, innovation in industry and services and cooperation, with high-quality technical infrastructure</i></p>	<p><i>Higher quality human resources actively participating in sustainable development of the territory, development of cultural potential and inclusive civil society</i></p>	<p><i>Well-preserved rich natural heritage and wisely used natural resources contributing to sustainable growth of the quality of life in the region</i></p>

Picture No.4: Scheme of the hierarchy of objectives and measures of the PSR development strategy: 23(Broken down by priority areas of top-level strategic objectives across specific aims to individual measures)

Priority area ECONOMIC		Priority area SOCIAL			Priority area ENVIRONMENTAL
<i>Strategic objective I.</i> Increasing innovation potential and economic efficiency of business in the region		<i>Strategic objective II.</i> Improvement of living conditions in the region and development of an inclusive civil society			<i>Strategic objective III.</i> Protection of environment & human health and more efficient use of natural resources securing sustainable development of the territory
Specific aim I.1 (SA I.1) Promotion of enterpreneuring and innovations	SA I.2 Completion of safe and high-quality technical infrastructure of the territory	SA II.1 Modernisation of education with focus on quality of life	SA II.2 Building and development of health centres, social and community services for inclusive civil society	SA II.3 Sustainable development of the territory with focus on promotion of cultural potential	SA III.1 Protection of environment and lowering environmental burden
Measure I.1.1 Promoting entrepreneurship and employment (simplification of access to financial resources)	I.2.1 Optimization of transport infrastructure for better accessibility of regions	II.1.1 Supporting the completion of missing facilities of pre-primary education	II.2.1 Increasing the availability of social services for dependent persons	II.3.1 Promotion of strategic planning of development and sectoral cooperation	III.1.1 Protection of fauna and flora diversity and of protected natural and historic areas
I.1.2 Support for research, development and introduction of technological innovations	I.2.2 Expansion of communications infrastructure and increasing the security of data transmission	II.1.2 Improving the quality of education in primary and secondary schools and its approximation to labour market needs	II.2.2 Supporting the prevention of health and improving the provision of health care	II.3.2 Protection and promotion of dissemination of cultural heritage and regional cultural identity	III.1.2 Management of risks caused by climate change and revitalization of urban areas with positive impact on environmental quality and human health
I.1.3 Development of tourism as an important economic sector of the region	I.2.3 Modernization and completion of other technical infrastructure, including energy from renewable sources	II.1.3 Promoting new forms of lifelong learning and recognition of competencies, with emphasis on vulnerable groups	II.2.3 Promotion of active involvement of citizens in the area of quality of life improving, work habits restoration, development of cultural wealth and social inclusion	II.3.3 Promotion of securing the safety of residents and housing	III.1.3 Quality improvement and completion of the network of drinking water supply and sewerage minimizing negative impacts on the environment
I.1.4 Promoting entrepreneurship in rural areas		II.1.4 Promotion of adult continuing education for the changing needs of the labour market	II.2.4 Improvement of existing working conditions and support for creation of new jobs for building an inclusive labour market		III.1.4 Increasing the rate of waste separation and recovery III.1.5 Promotion for establishing effective and environmentally friendly modular passenger transport systems

PART C – Programming Part

Programming part of the ESDP PSR 2014-2020 follows the Strategic part and contains mainly a description of the measures and the method of selecting the recommended activities and the project plans to ensure the implementation of the Regional Development Program. Here explained measures will implement the here below following three strategic objectives and six specific aims of Prešov self-government region development for the years 2014-2020:

- I. Increasing innovation potential and economic efficiency of business in the region
 - I.1 Promotion of enterpreneuring and innovations
 - I.2 Completion of safe and high-quality technical infrastructure of the territory
- II. Improvement of living conditions in the region and development of an inclusive civil society;
 - II.1 Modernisation of education with focus on quality of life
 - II.2 Building and development of health centres, social and community services for inclusive civil society
 - II.3 Sustainable development of the territory with focus on promotion of cultural potential
- III. Protection of environment & human health and more efficient use of natural resources securing sustainable development of the territory;
 - III.1 Protection of environment and lowering environmental burden

In order to monitor the fulfilment of specific objectives, this part of the document defines a set of indicators of results and impacts, including the way they are defined. The list of measurable indicators of the ESDP PSR with specification of their available initial and the planned target values is attached to this document in a separate annex.

1 DESCRIPTION OF MEASURES AND SELECTION OF ACTIVITIES

1.1. SPECIFICATION OF FOCUS OF GENERAL ACTIVITIES AND MEASURES ACCORDING TO PRIORITY AREAS

Priority area I

Promoting entrepreneurship in the broadest sense, support of economic growth by supporting the integrated territorial investment projects focused on construction, reconstruction and modernization of business infrastructure with the business plan measured by the amount of envisaged revenues in five years period after the completion (e.g., project plan of the built road infrastructure to brownfields with the envisaged creation of jobs for vulnerable population groups - young people without work experience, long-term unemployed people and the creation of added value)

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Promotion of cooperation, creation and enlargement of networks in innovative fields in various sectors measured by the number of networks created, clusters, partnerships and growth of promotion of PSR

Construction, reconstruction and modernization of technical infrastructure - roads, telecommunications, internet, heat and light distribution, electrification

Construction of connecting terminals for the various modules of transport, parking areas, electronic provision of public open information about the region, services, security contact points, a map and the distance measurement to the selected points and electronic services provision - telephone, bank, post office, reporting to the police, labour office, information on transport connections, available accommodation, coming events, the current state of pollution

Priority area II

Focusing on improvement and development of human resources and their mobilization through the modernization and improvement of infrastructure in educational, cultural, community (sports, professional - research, creative, historical), health and social areas, youth activation, validation of competences for the labour market

Priority area III

Focus on measures protecting the environment, its promotion, prevention of climate change and disasters effects, reconstruction and upgrading of local infrastructure in the field of waste management, drinking water assurance and local measures aimed at pollution reduction, transition to a low carbon economy, reducing the energy intensity, improving of the environment and health protection and local investments

1.2. SPECIFICATION OF MEASURES AND THEIR AIMS

Under the name of each measure is listed a description of its objectives to be met by the implementation of the specific measure, an explanation of focus of the measure, what activities, or projects can be implemented under this measure:

Measure I.1.1 Promoting entrepreneurship and employment

- Create conditions for the operation of competitive businesses in the region with an emphasis on support for business start-ups;
- Develop business and innovation environment in the region establishing the functional innovation system and to strengthen the knowledge-based economy;
- Increase competitiveness of businesses operating in the region, increase the share of innovative companies;
- Build conditions for creation of new jobs;
- Develop cross border and international cooperation in economic field;

Measure I.1.2 Support for research, development and introduction of technological innovations

- Increase the proportion of R&D results use in practice;
- Develop competitiveness of the region in the spirit of smart specialization concept;
- Develop cooperation in research and development across sectors, ministries, between academia and industry;

- Promote qualitative development of tertiary education institutions and research centres operating in the region;
- Develop innovation potential of human resources and promote the networking of good practice transfer

Measure I.1.3 Development of tourism as an important economic sector of the region

- Improve efficiency, develop and stabilise the framework of tourism including the necessary legislative framework and funding securing;
- Improve and extend the tourism infrastructure and the scope of services and to secure their sustainability;
- Create and promote a competitive offer in order to prolong the tourist season and increase the number of visitors;
- Promote employment and improve the quality of education and qualification of human resources in tourism

Measure I.1.4 Promoting entrepreneurship in rural areas

- Increase support to agricultural and forestry entities in consulting and promotion;
- Create conditions for optimal usage of country;
- Stabilize inhabitants in rural areas;
- Support development of local economies with the use of their local potential;
- Support creation and implementation of documents of municipalities regional development;
- Ensure streamlining of public institutions in rural areas;
- Promote inter-sectoral communication and cooperation in rural areas

Measure I.2.1 Optimization of transport infrastructure for better accessibility of regions

- Improve and develop transport connectivity of settlements and economic centres in Prešov region;
- Prepare and implement construction of the missing sections of first class roads;
- Improve the technical condition of the roads of 2nd, 3rd class and local roads and bridges and eliminate dangerous areas and congested traffic on the road sections, including improvement of road signs;
- Encourage the creation of conditions for improvement of the technical state of railway lines, bridges and stations, shortening of travel time, including improvement of cross-border connections;
- Implement and enhance traffic construction solutions interconnecting automotive transport infrastructure with non-automotive transport infrastructure, including the expansion of individual bicycle lanes at sites which do not allow the use of automobiles;
- Minimize the impact of climatic conditions on the quality of transport;
- Support the development of integrated transport systems linking different modes of transport and the construction of transfer terminals;
- Support the development of air transport;
- Support the development of electromobility;
- Maintain the scope of transport serviceability by public transport and develop it in response to the needs of the territory of the Prešov region;
- Increase the attractiveness and reliability of public transport

Measure I.2.2 Expansion of communications infrastructure and increasing the security of data transmission

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- Make electronic communications and information technologies available to all citizens and in all areas of the Prešov region;
- Increased use of ICT in the public, private and business sector;
- More effective use of ICT through integrated multimodular ICT solutions

Measure I.2.3 Modernization and completion of other technical infrastructure, including energy from renewable sources

- Build high quality, reliable and efficient energy supply in the whole territory of the Prešov region with consideration of the expected needs of the territory;
- Increase the use of energy and environmentally friendly technologies and renewable energy sources

Measure II.1.1 Supporting the completion of missing facilities of pre-primary education

- Increase gross level of children pre-primary school attendance in order to build their learning abilities and social integration and to reconcile work and family life of parents

Measure II.1.2 Improving the quality of education in primary and secondary schools and its approximation to labour market needs

- Improve the core competencies of primary school pupils;
- Increase the number of students of vocational schools;
- Promote environmental education, training and education;
- Create conditions for the development of educational programs for the knowledge of cultural heritage of the region;
- Strengthen the role of school education;
- Develop the competencies of the teaching staff;
- Modernize the necessary infrastructure of schools and school facilities;
- Adjust the supply of education to labour market needs;
- Involve employers in the vocational education of pupils and students

Measure II.1.3 Promoting new forms of lifelong learning and recognition of competencies, with emphasis on vulnerable groups

- Improve quality of education;
- Increase efficiency of learning;
- Support new opportunities for learning and advisory system;
- Support learning activities for youth focused on personal development and better placement in society

Measure II.1.4 Promotion of adult continuing education for the changing needs of the labour market

- Increase employment rate, mainly of marginalised groups on labour market;
- Increase the quality and mobility of labour force in Prešov region by adult education in country and abroad

Measure II.2.1 Increasing the availability of social services for dependent persons

- Introduce system of optimisation and control of network of social services including increased involvement of municipalities and cross sectoral cooperation and municipality cooperation;
- Sustainable system of financing of social services and sufficient public awareness;

- Support social services providers by staff training, methodological guidance, monitoring and supervising quality of services;
- Optimise and use the network of social advising and services for persons under threat of social exclusion, poverty and unemployment;
- Ensure conditions for social integration of people with health disability and life of seniors in dignity;
- Promote processes of planning and efficient systems of social services

Measure II.2.2 Supporting the prevention of health and improving the provision of health care

- Support information activities to prevent and protect public health;
- Improve long-term health status of the Prešov region;
- Ensure multi-source financing operation, renewal and development of healthcare in the Prešov region in line with the development of science and technology;
- Define and maintain optimal network of healthcare services in collaboration with providers, health insurance companies, founders and municipalities;
- In terms of follow-up to interconnect the network of health and social services;
- Provide healthcare on highly professional level, promote quality and safe health care

Measure II.2.3 Promotion of active involvement of citizens in the area of quality of life improving, work habits restoration, development of cultural wealth and social inclusion

- Create conditions for broader involvement of citizens in leisure activities for more active and more fulfilling life;
- Increase active involvement of socially vulnerable groups into work improving living conditions of the population in the region;
- Promote the talents and creativity of citizens contributing to the formation of region good reputation;
- Create conditions for youth activation and participation of citizens in decision-making and the creation of better living conditions in the communities;
- Create conditions for improving the physical capability of the population through sports activities (Sport for All);
- Create conditions for positive examples presentation;
- Develop cooperation, partnerships and convergence of settlements and regions in the Prešov region, including cross-border activities

Measure II.2.4 Improvement of existing working conditions and support for creation of new jobs for building an inclusive labour market

- Support creation of so-called. green jobs (in collecting, separating and recycling of waste, in remediating contaminated areas and restoration of landfills, public spaces pollution monitoring, water endangerment monitoring ...);
- Support creation and maintenance of jobs for disadvantaged people in the labour market through local social enterprises

Measure II.3.1 Promotion of strategic planning of development and sectoral cooperation

- For the development of the region use high quality, current and applicable policy documents of comprehensive focus as well as of sectoral focus and in accordance with the principles of sustainable development;

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- Monitor the implementation of conceptual documents by regular monitoring of areas and consider outputs in management of the territorial development;
- In regional development cooperation include the specialized departments using modern technology and methods of spatial development planning, engage experts and the general public;
- Coordinate the development of the region on local, micro-regional, regional, national and international level

Measure II.3.2 Protection and promotion of dissemination of cultural heritage and regional cultural identity

- Support the promotion of cultural activities in the region;
- Promote cross-border cultural cooperation;
- Support financially the preservation of tangible and intangible heritage (traditional folk culture);
- Present and promote cultural heritage;
- Create conditions for cross-border cooperation in the management and promotion of cultural heritage;
- Maintain and develop a network of cultural facilities in the region

Measure II.3.3 Promotion of securing the safety of residents and housing

- Develop a system of continuous and coordinated development of population in terms of their safety and protection of property;
- Develop a functional and tied system of prevention and resolution of socio-pathological phenomena and ensure multi-source funding;
- Stabilize functioning and linked system of prevention and readiness of the population to emergencies and ensure multi-source funding;
- Ensure conditions for healthy and affordable housing for all citizens according to the needs and possibilities of towns and villages of the Prešov region;
- Improve the quality of public spaces;
- Create conditions for population stabilisation, improve the working environment and the balanced development of employment opportunities

Measure III.1.1 Protection of fauna and flora diversity and of protected natural and historic areas

- Optimize water management in the country;
- Restore landscape structure, continue to implement a network of ecologically stable areas on all levels, to ensure a minimum of landscape fragmentation;
- Use natural landscape potential in accordance with the principles of sustainable development;
- Promote species diversity and quality of the gene pool of indigenous plant and animal species

Measure III.1.2 Management of risks caused by climate change and revitalization of urban areas with positive impact on environmental quality and human health

- Lower the range of environmental burdens;
- Develop tools for elimination or mitigation of harmful effects of human activities and natural disasters;
- Minimize the generation of pollutant emissions, light pollution and noise burden in all environmental components and their negative impact on public health;
- Build and improve preventive flood protection measures

Measure III.1.3 Quality improvement and completion of the network of drinking water supply and sewerage minimizing negative impacts on the environment

- Improve the state of water infrastructure, ensure the supply of quality drinking water and to increase the level of wastewater treatment in the Prešov region;
- Improve quality of drinking water sources and ensure their protection;

Measure III.1.4 Increasing the rate of waste separation and recovery

- Manage effective waste disposal and promote waste recovery;
- Prevent environmental degradation and waste generation;
- Promote science and research to acquire new knowledge to improve the environment and technology development

Measure III.1.5 Promotion for establishing effective and environmentally friendly modular passenger transport systems

- Reduce noise, dust, energy intensity by providing ecological vehicles in public transport;
- Increase efficiency of public transportation costs by linking of multiple modules of transport systems

1.3. THE WAY OF PROJECT SELECTION AND ACCEPTANCE FOR THE PROGRAM

For selection and inclusion of the proposed activities or project plans into the Development Program of the PSR, the fulfilment of seven criteria has to be assessed, whereas the criteria are designated by the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G here below and assess the contribution of the proposed activity, or the project intent respectively to the objectives pursued by the Development Program of the PSR in all major areas of regional development - the economic, social and environmental areas, as well as the other criteria important to ensure the development of the region. Assessing the contribution to the criteria that assess degree of fulfilment of targets of the Europe 2020 strategy has high importance. The criteria assess the application of cross-cutting priorities - promoting of economic growth, employment support, support for an inclusive society in achieving the various measures and specific targets of the Development Program of the PSR. At the same time those criteria assess contribution to the achievement of the following objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy:

- Growth of employment of inhabitants in the age of 20-64 years (important objective for the priority area I, partially important for priority area II)
- Growth of R&D share on investments (important for the priority area I, partially important for the PA II)
- Growth of share of renewable energy sources on total volume of energy sources, increase of energy efficiency, contribution to lowering of greenhouse gases emissions (priority areas I, III and partially PA II too) (Quality of water, air, soil, conservation of fauna and flora)
- Higher proportion of children undergoing compulsory school attendance, higher proportion of secondary school graduates finding place on the labour market or at university (Priority Area II)

Here below is a list of the criteria assessed, the extent of scoring allocation of project plans according to the assessed degree of criteria fulfilment considered.

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Table No.1: List of criteria assessed for inclusion of project plans into the ESDP PSR

Name of criteria and sub question:	Degree of criteria fulfilment	Assessment in points
Criteria A. Economic growth:		
A1 Will the project bring economic added value at the end, or within 5 year period respectively?	Yes	3/2 points
	Unclear	1 point
	No	0 points
A2 Does the project secure outputs sustainability after its completion from the economic point of view?	Yes	2 points
	Unclear	1 point
	No	0 points
Criteria B. Employment growth:		
B What is the project influence on regional employment?	The project creates new job places	3/2 points
	The project maintains employment level on the similar level	1 point
	The project lowers number of job places	0 points
Criteria C. Social impact:		
C Does the project solve social aspects? If yes, with what measures?	Yes, it introduces new measures contributing to the quality of the life of people in the region or inclusion of social vulnerable groups into the life (e.g., kindergarten, local transport for employees, educational and cultural centre, etc.)	3/2 points
	Justified indirectly without concrete measures	1 point
	No	0 points
Criteria D. Ecological aspect:		
D1 Does the project solve the minimisation of impact on environment?	Yes, with particular measures included	2 points
	Justified without concrete measures	1 point
	No, resp. without justification	0 points
D2 Does the project solve environmental components improvement? (not obligatory for priority areas I and II)	Yes	3/2 points
	Partially	1 point
	No	0 points
D3 How does the project solve the impact on human health?	It introduces measures with positive impact	2/ 1 point
	Neutral impact	0 points
	Negative impact, with obligation to introduce corrective measures, otherwise it is a disqualification criterion	0 points
Criteria E. Integrated approach:		
E Did the project explain the linkage with other relating projects, resp. integrated territorial solutions, or project partnership?	Yes	3 or 2 points
	Partially	1 point
	No	0 points
Criteria F. Increased region attractiveness:		
F Does the project contribute to the increase of region attractiveness/ promotion of region reputation?	Yes, positive publicity of the region, services and local brands of supraregional character with inflow of clients to the Prešov region	3 points
	Yes, publicity of regional character	2 points
	Publicity of local character	1 point
Criteria G. Innovativeness:		
G Does the project include the elements of	The whole project represents a complex innovative solution	2 points

innovative approach?	The project includes innovation elements	1 point
	The project does not include innovation elements	0 points

Table No. 2: Assessment of individual criteria in points to consider eligibility of project or activity inclusion in the Development Program of the PSR broken by priority areas of the Development Program

Criteria/ Priority area	Criteria A: Economic growth	Criteria B Employment growth	Criteria C: Social impact	Criteria D: Ecological aspect	Criteria E: Integrated approach	Criteria F: Increased region attractiveness	Criteria G: Innovativeness
I.	3+2	3	2	2+3+2	3	3	2
	1+1	1	1	1+1+0	1	2	1
	0+0	0	0	0+0	0	1	0
II.	2+2	3	3	2+2+1	2	3	2
	1+1	1	1	1+1+0	1	2	1
	0+0	0	0	0+0	0	1	0
III	2+2	2	2	2+3+2	2	3	2
	1+1	1	1	1+1+0	1	2	1
	0+0	0	0	0+0	0	1	0

Table No. 3: Limits for max. and min. number of point of total evaluation of projects enabling their inclusion into the Development Program of the PSR

Priority area	Max. number of points	Min. number of points
I.	25	13
II.	22	12
III.	22	11

Criteria contributing to the targets of Europe 2020 strategy:

The table above has blue highlighted points of higher evaluated importance of project contribution to the individual priority areas for meeting the objectives of the EU's Europe 2020 strategy. For selected priority areas and the criteria marked in blue is the maximum allocation of points set higher (3) contrary to usually set maximum number of points (2) used for other priorities.

- For priority area I the higher maximum number of points (3) is set for criteria: A,B,D,E,F
- For priority area II the higher maximum number of points (3) is set for criteria: B,C,F
- For priority area III the higher maximum number of points (3) is set for criteria: D

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Other criteria have permitted scope of evaluation from the minimum number of 0 points to a maximum number of 2 points.

Ineligibility criteria:

Criteria marked with red colour in the table above are the criteria that must be met for at least 1 point, otherwise their failure excludes any project intent respectively activity from including in the Development Program of PSR. Different disqualification criteria are for each priority area. They are listed here below:

- For priority area I the disqualification criteria is a failure of criteria A economic growth and of criteria E integrated approach, resp. partnership involvement.
- For priority area II the disqualification criteria is a failure of criteria B employment growth.
- For priority area III the disqualification criteria is a failure of criteria D ecological aspect.

For selection of projects into the indicative list of projects and activities for implementation of the Development Programme of the PSR the above listed criteria will be applied and they will be applied also the projects included in the indicative list of project plans for the implementation of regional strategy documents of more specific focus, such as the Rural Development Program of the PSR and the Regional Integrated Territorial Strategy (RITS) of the PSR.

For projects that will compete for the co-funding from ESIF, it will be a necessary condition to demonstrate compliance of the project with selected priorities of the strategic document for regional development. Affiliation of the proposed activities and projects to individual operational program from which could be co-financed, is listed in the financial section of this document.

2 INDICATORS

2.1. CRITERIA FOR DEFINITION OF INDICATORS

To monitor the implementation of specific aims, this part defines a set of indicators of outputs, results and impacts, including an indication of their baseline and planned target values listed in a separate table annex. The indicators of results and outcomes are formulated to reflect the expected change that occurs by implementing the proposed activities and projects, and thus contributes to the achievement of specific strategic objective through relevant specific objective and measure in response to their thematic focus.

For the reason that the processed document of the Regional Development Program of PSR 2014-2020 overlaps the period falling within the force and effect of the previous document ESDP PSR 2008-2015, the significant measurable indicators of the previous programming period are reasonably toggled to a new document of the Regional Development Program with adjustment of their inclusion in the simplified Program strategy division to three priority areas - economy, social and environmental areas and 8 thematic areas.

2.2. INDICATORS OF OUTPUT, RESULT AND IMPACT

In the list below, the **main indicators** of the individual specific objectives consistent with the monitoring of the here above mentioned objectives are **marked in bold** and ordinary typeface identifies indicators of fulfilment of specific measures. *In italics* are highlighted key indicators to monitor regional specific priorities of PSR - promoting tourism, cooperation, natural and cultural heritage as potential for economic development of the region, improving the quality of life in the region through increasing the active participation of disadvantaged groups in the life - especially MRC, long-term unemployed and graduates, respectively young people jobless in the age up to 29 years. In this programming period the PSR has to follow commitments on achieving goals in reduction of energy intensity, emissions and increasing the share of renewables in the total amount of energy, resulting from provided technical assistance of the EC and the EIB, through which the PSR obtains additional financial resources for regional development.

The proposed indicators of objectives fulfilment and their planned target values are listed in a separate table annex.

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Picture No. 5: Overview of measurable indicators of outputs, results and impacts according to areas and specific objectives of Program strategy

Priority & thematic areas of the Program	Specific aims of the Development Program of the PSR	Measures	Indicator of output/result	Indicator of impact
I. ECONOMIC AREA: 1. Entrepreneurship & innovation; 2. Tourism; 3. Technical infrastructure	I.1. Promotion of entrepreneurship and innovations	I.1.1. I.1.2 I.1.3. I.1.4.	Number of projects to support entrepreneurship (1.1.) Volume of funds used to support R & D (1.2) Number of innovation clusters/partnerships/centres (1.2,1.3,1.4) Number of supported jobs in rural areas (1.4)	Amount of regional GDP Increase of revenues of grant recipients in the supported area
	I.2. Completion of safe and high-quality technical infrastructure of the territory	I.2.1. I.2.2. I.2.3.	Length of modernised /built sections of roads in km (2.1) Number of built multimodal transport and information terminals (2.1,2.2) Number of projects of effective environmental system solutions in technical infrastructure (2.1,2.2,2.3) Length of built sections of utilities for energy supply in km (2.3)	Time saving in transport Share of number of households/citizens of settlements connected to technical infrastructure (internet/transport system/energy sources) in % Energy savings in %
II. SOCIAL AREA: 4. Education; 5. Social services & health care; 6. Efficient service to public for inclusive life of higher quality and higher participation; 7. Development of cultural & creative potential of the region	II.1. Modernisation of education with focus on quality of life	II.1.1. II.1.2. II.1.3. II.1.4.	Number of projects by measure (1.1 – 3.3) Number of schools with connections to practice in enterprises (1.2) Number of created community centre for development of innovations in all areas of regional development (1.3,2.3,2.4)	Number of graduates with placement on labour market within 6 month period after school graduation The success rate of primary school students tested for knowledge in natural science field Proportion of children under 5 years using preschool facilities Number of maintained partnerships between educational institutions and enterprises
	II.2. Building and development of health centres, social and community services for inclusive civil society	II.2.1. II.2.2. II.2.3. II.2.4.	Number of clients using social services on community level (2.1) Number of persons providing social. Services on comm. level (2.1,2.3) Number of people from disadvantaged groups involved in community	Number of maintained social enterprises Rate of citizens involvement in community activities (in cultural, sport, societal, educat. areas) Number of long term

			work. actions (1.3,2.3) Number of established or supported social enterprises (2.4)	registered unemployed Rate of citizens satisfaction with the quality of life
	II.3. Sustainable development of the territory with focus on promotion of cultural potential	II.3.1. II.3.2. II.3.3.	Number of visitors of cultural facilities and cult. events in region Number of persons actively participating in the implementation of cultural activities (3.2)	
III. ENVIRONMENTAL AREA: 8. Protection of environment & human health and more efficient use of natural resources securing sustainable development of the territory	III.1 Protection of environment and lowering environmental burden	III.1.1. III.1.2. III.1.3. III.1.4. III.1.5.	Number of projects by measure (1.1-1.5) Length of created cycling infrastructure in km (1.5, 1.2) Length of renovated / built sections of water supply network in km (1.3) Length of renovated / constructed sections of sewer system in km (1.3) Area of formed elements of green infrastructure (1.2)	Municipal waste recycling rate Share of renewable energy sources on total volume of energy production Share of number of people connected to the water tap Share of number of people connected to the sewage Share of green infrastructure maintained on a total area of settlements Intensity of pollution by particulate emissions / CO in settlements with the implemented measures Energy savings in %

PART D – Implementation Part

1 INSTITUTIONAL AND ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Regional development of the region is coordinated by the Prešov self-governing region, Department of regional development. In this task, the Department of RD works with relevant ministries, municipalities and other entities that worked extensively on the development of the region. The Office prepares region for drawing funds from ESIF, manages preparation of projects aimed at modernisation, reconstruction of equipment and quality improvement of services provided within the school, health, social and cultural infrastructure in the region. The basic document for the implementation of regional development program is the Economic and Social Development Program of the region. The Regional Development Program in terms of great importance establishes a basic framework for all activities of self-governments for at least five to seven years - therefore the creation, approval and implementation of it should be conditioned by broad political, professional and social consensus.

Prešov self-governing region has established a separate commission for the Regional Assembly that deals with regional development issues at regional level. The Commission has elected members from among MPs and experts from the region, nominated by political parties. The Commission discusses documents which after approval receive the form of a generally binding regulation.

In the strategic document preparation participated various socio-economic partners who have their interest located in Prešov region and expressed interest to participate in the regional development program drafting. Formal and informal network of advisory bodies in the field of regional development is the network of regional development agencies, which has its representative in Prešov and in Poprad, and creates a support structure for the development of the region and the development of projects aiming at the area of regional development.

Overall responsibility for the process of strategic planning is carried out by the management of the regional self-government of PSR that drafted the project for processing of a strategic document of the Regional Development Program and after its approval it processed the project with specialized elaborators and with financial participation of the European Union and realises the whole process of strategic planning of the Regional Development Program with the participation of public and socio-economic partners which means in particular:

- Control of reasonability of defined intentions and objectives,
- Provision of professional staff responsible for coordinating the process of creation, implementation and evaluation of the Program,
- Setting the time frame for working out the plan, plan application and plan assessment,
- Setting the communication strategy towards the public on progress of Program drafting
- Assessing the rate of intentions and objectives achievement and informing the public and the Regional Assembly (after plan implementation).

1.1. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUMENTS TO ENSURE FUNCTIONAL USAGE OF THE DOCUMENT

The main task of implementation of the Program is to ensure the fulfilment of the objectives set at all hierarchical levels of the Program that means the main strategic objectives at the level of priority areas and specific objectives of the level of individual measures. These objectives will be fulfilled through particular projects in line with the proposed action plans.

The basic tool for planning, implementation, evidence, management, monitoring, evaluation and control of the Program is action plan. Action plans are designed and consulted in cooperation (liaison) with specialist units of the Office of PSR, individual relevant commissions of Regional Assembly of PSR and approved by the Regional Assembly of PSR. Action plans are drafted in a way of contextual and timeline scheduling of individual measures and projects with time prognosis for two years forward. All social and economic partners have possibility to send electronically the Department of RD of the Office of PSR project plans for fulfilment of individual measures and specific objectives in accordance with the published form for project plans. These project plans will be continuously evaluated against the criteria for acceptance into the Program and proposed for inclusion in the Action Plan of implementation of Regional Development Program.

Implementation of the Regional Development Program (ESDP PSR) is based on the existing structure of authorities of Prešov self-governing region, the organizational structure and instruments of the Office of PSR. Therefore, professional guarantors of individual thematic areas and relevant measures are relevant departments of the Office of PSR. Heads of the relevant sectoral departments are persons responsible for achievement of goals of individual measures, specific objectives and the achievement of set output and outcome indicators of the Regional Development Program.

2 DESCRIPTION OF COMMUNICATION STRATEGY TO TARGET GROUPS

Within the Program strategic document preparation and compilation, the Office of Prešov self-governing region as the body responsible for drafting the strategy document of regional development program cooperates with internal and external experts from different areas of regional development, with representatives of local self-government, state administration, business sector and third sector, representing interest groups and the public in the Prešov region territory.

The department of regional development informed public about preparation of the Program document through its website www.po-kraj.sk. The public has available on the website basic information on the approved project, ongoing outcomes of the work of working groups and technical experts to which it can express own views by sending comments and suggestions electronically.

The website contains available projects form for the completion and submission of project proposals they wished to implement within the forthcoming programming period. All comments are reviewed upon receipt by experts and with regard to their merits are reflected in editing of the document.

At the end of the programming period 2007-2013, Prešov self-governing region received structural fund resources to draft several strategic documents of regional development. The Development Program of the PSK is the most widely-defined document which is the basis for other strategic documents processed concurrently. At the same period, there are processed also documents in the

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field of rural development, transport, regional development and energy management region as well as strategies of local action groups for rural development. To ensure connectivity of these strategic documents, representatives of elaborators and co-ordinators of each document met in working meetings during which they obtain information about the needs and priorities of different areas in order to harmonise the proposed overall strategic direction of the PSR.

Methods for involvement of social and economic partners and public in preparation of the Program and its on-going monitoring and assessment:

- **Personal working meetings** with guided discussion,
- Presentations in a form of multimedia presentations,
- Distribution of **printed** materials,
- **Electronic communication** to gather feedback and comments in the working group,
- Publication of intermediate outputs and questionnaires on **website** of the region,
- Distribution and filling-in the **questionnaires** to obtain views on the needs and development priorities and project plans in different areas of regional development, for example in private sector, energy production and consumption, strategic planning of municipalities and public-private associations,
- Updating information on the website of PSR,
- Process of public commenting,
- Meetings of expert committees of the Regional Assembly.

Further communication will be done through intermediate evaluation meetings, updating and monitoring of document objectives fulfilment. At meetings of the expert commission, several socio-economic partners are represented and will participate personally in commenting and evaluating Program Action Plans.

3 SYSTEM OF MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT

Management team of the Program created a system for monitoring, evaluating and updating Program that is going to be assessed every year compared to the planned achievement of indicators values. In this process, public and socio-economic partners have the opportunity to be engaged in the form of commenting and sending proposals for Program adjustment addressed to coordinator of the Program, the Department of Regional Development of the Office of PSR and through involvement in activities of the platform established to evaluate and monitor the implementation of the objectives of strategic documents of regional development PSR.

Picture No.6: Scheme of monitoring and assessment system of the Program

Description of various levels of responsibility	Supervisor of the measure – responsible department of the Office of PSR	Department of Regional Development	Management of the Office of PSR, Commissions of Regional Assembly of PSR, RA of PSR
Activities description	Intermediate monitoring of progress indicator values on measure level Working out of the annual report on the implementation of measures (by the end of February of the following year)	Intermediate monitoring of progress indicator values on the level of the main strategic aims Working out of the annual evaluation report on the implementation of the Program until the end of April of the following year Eventual update of the Program based on the performed evaluation	Discussed annual reports on the Program and individual measures

4 ACTION PLAN FOR BIENNIAL PERIOD

Action Plan is a tool for planning of activities, sources and timetable for project implementation, at the same time it creates factual basis for budget preparation and adjustment of financial prognosis and helps to coordinate, monitor and assess the Program. The Action Plan already includes implemented projects, whose implementation will continue and started in previous calendar year and project plans, whose implementation is planned in the following year.

The Action Plan includes:

- Name of the activity / project
- Project assignment to a priority area of the Program
- Assignment to the budgetary Program structure
- Timetable for implementation
- Budget of the project (total and by each year)
- Project focus
- Partner information and other sources of funding outside the budget of PSR
- Department responsible for the project

The assessment criteria for inclusion of projects in the Action Plan are:

- Contribution to the Program objectives
- Project readiness for implementation
- Budget and financial prognosis of PSR
- Available financial resources for its implementation.

PART E – Financial Part

1 SYSTEM OF FINANCING OF MEASURES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM

For financing of planned activities of the Program, Prešov self-governing Region has available own funds, state budget (SB) sources and foreign sources of banks, funds from the European structural investment funds (ESIF), or from other financial mechanisms and donors. PSR will apply multi-source funding for implementation of these activities and projects and for securing individual measures and fulfilment of strategic aims of 2014-2020 Program as a combination of own funds and external funds. For activities that are directly in line with the specific objectives of EU Cohesion policy, PSR will apply for funding through published calls for project applications submission on the objectives and measures of individual operational programs of Slovak Republic corresponding to the selected thematic objectives for regional development of the SR for the period 2014-2020 defined in line with EU Cohesion policy and the objectives of Europe 2020 strategy. Through these calls for proposals, public sector entities, private sector or third sector entities operating in PSR will apply for funding from the ESIF.

In the 2014-2020 programming period, the EU Cohesion policy supporting the economic development of member countries, including Slovakia, is implemented through the following five funds: the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF); European Social Fund (ESF), the Cohesion Fund (CF); European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD); European Fund for Maritime and Fisheries (EFMF).

PSR is planning to apply for funds provided by the Slovak Republic through the following operational programs:

- Operational Program Efficient Public Administration (OP EPA)
- Operational Program Integrated Infrastructure (OP II)
- Integrated Regional Operational Program (IROP)
- Operational Program Quality of Environment (OP QE)
- Operational Program Human Resources (OP HR)
- Rural Development Program (RDP)
- Operational Program Technical Assistance (OP TA)
- Operational Program Research and Innovation (OP R&I)
- CBC Program PL - SK 2014 - 2020 (CBC PL SK)
- Program of international cooperation ENI CBC HU - SR - RO - UA 2014 – 2020

For financing of Development Program the PSR acts in consistency with the applicable rules of the financial management of local governments. When using public funds of the EU it will also follow the related valid legislation and the System of ESIF Management for the relevant programming period, which is linked with the System of financial management of structural funds, Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund for the programming period 2014 - 2020. Funding of projects submitted under the calls to obtain a grant from EU structural funds is governed by the ESIF financing strategy for the programming period 2014 - 2020, which was approved by Government resolution

no. 658 dated on 13 November 2013. This document defines a common funding strategy for determining the participation of the various sources in projects and operations financing from various funding sources - ESIF, the state budget (SB), budgets of regional and local self-government and from other initiatives of the European Communities.

Financing of projects approved in the 2007-2013 period is governed by the system of financial management system valid for the programming period of 2007 - 2013, which is currently at the stage of completion and evaluation.

When using other financial mechanisms that fall outside of ESIF, these will be governed by their own financial management procedures, such as system of financing and financial management of the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the programming period 2009-2014 or the Program Horizon 2020, to which the PSR will have to adhere in case of receiving a grant from them.

Picture No. 7: Review of split of financial sources for the Development Program of the PSR

Internal own funds of self-government	External funds
Current incomes of budgets of local and regional self-governments	Loans, guarantees, micro-loans, leasing, municipal bonds and other repayable financial instruments
	Grants, subsidies from the state budget and special purpose funds, non-repayable financial contribution for implementation of projects under the terms of the individual supporting international financial mechanisms, gifts

1.1 FINANCIAL RESOURCES PROVIDED VIA OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS ESIF 2014 – 2020

As part of the activities and projects planned for the implementation of policies and strategic objectives of Development Program of the PSR for 2014-2020 through OP II will implement large transport projects for the completion of the highway Poprad - Prešov, Prešov external bypass, controlled from the level of ministries.

In Prešov region, it is possible to implement activities financed through OP QE, such as the creation and improvement of monitoring system to monitor air quality, improve awareness of issues of environmental burdens, support information tools focusing on waste prevention, promotion of selected waste collection and waste reuse , preserving and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems and their services through their revitalization, renewal and creation of green infrastructure, technical measures to reduce emissions of air pollutants made by air pollution sources, surveys, remediation and monitoring of environmental burden in urban environment, as well as in abandoned industrial areas (including areas undergoing change), remediation of environmental burdens in accordance with the "polluter pays" principle, reducing the energy demand of public buildings, construction, reconstruction and modernization of heat distribution systems, construction, reconstruction and modernization of facilities for the production of electricity and heat in a highly efficient cogeneration

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with a maximum thermal input of 20 MW), extending of monitoring of energy efficiency, use of renewable energy sources and other low carbon measures, support of development of centralized efficient distribution systems of district heating, in order to maintain and increase the share of heat supplied from high efficiency cogeneration (for centres of settlements and MRC).

Through the OP IROP it is planned to carry out investment to:

- Integrated program of public transport between the towns of Prešov and Košice, improvement of roads of 2nd and 3rd class with the construction of bike routes managed by local authorities;
- Establishment and construction of health care centres joined with social services and community services;
- Construction of preschool facilities according to needs of increasing number of inhabitants., improvement of schools of the basic level and secondary level of education with better focus on the practical needs of labour market, strengthening project cooperation between universities and employers in linking theory and practice;
- Establishment of a regional centre of creative industry;
- Improvement and extension of water supply network and drinking water supply and waste water producers to the existing public sewer;
- Measures to protect health and nature, aimed at the prevention of risks related to climate change and reduce environmental pollution, improve housing conditions by increasing the energy efficiency of buildings' walls and the introduction of renewable energy sources;
- Integrated territorial investments approved in accordance with Regional Integrated Territorial Strategy of the PSR (RITS);

Through RDP it is planned to finance those activities that are complementary to the projects of the same focus funded through the OP IROP and OP QE, but will be implemented on a smaller scale calculated according to the population in settlements in which the project activity is to be implemented. As the same time it will be the projects and activities supporting better quality of life in rural areas, projects with investment in forestry, agricultural production and strategic planning of LAG, projects for the deployment and support of broadband infrastructure, broadband access and e-government.

OP HR will support projects aimed at:

- Increasing the working competencies of young people without job by their educating, facilitating gaining practical experience;
- Improving the education system by modification and new subjects creation;
- Employment support through active labour market measures;
- Social inclusion of vulnerable groups (including the MRC, through the provision of counselling and social services closer to clients, create community centres, social enterprises, working and cultural activation of disadvantaged groups of population due to their age, health disability, adherence to a national minority, low standard of living through the creation of self-supporting working and cultural activities;
- Expansion of the network of nurseries, health care and the provision of technical infrastructure in municipalities with the presence of marginalized Roma communities (MRC);
- Promotion of access to housing, to drinking and process water, waste collection system in segregated settlements with the presence of MRC

Program of cross-border cooperation PL-SK 2014-2020 will enable financing cooperation projects focused on promotion and protection of natural heritage, construction of joint EuroVelo, improving neighbour relations, border regions of SR, PL.

ENI HU-SR-RO-UA 2014-2020 will support joint projects solutions to help residents of countries threatened by war.

OP EPA will enable funding of projects aimed to improve systems and optimize public administration processes and increase the competence of human resources in public administration and upgrading, including increasing transparency of procurement processes and increase law enforcement through the courts.

OP TA will ensure refinancing of human resources and facilities to ensure the functionality and quality of administrative capacities of PSR for receiving, monitoring and evaluation of projects in the new programming period.

1.2. ELENA – INSTRUMENT OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT

In the previous programming period and in line with the commitment to the Covenant of the Prešov region mayors, the PSR signed a contract for technical assistance facility ELENA provided by the European Investment Bank and the European Union for activities and consultancy for preparation of the investment program for sustainable energy in PSR. European aid instrument in the field of local energy (European Local Energy Assistance Facility (ELENA) is established by the European Commission and the European Investment Bank based on the initiative to finance sustainable energy.

JASPERS

JASPERS is another tool of technical support assigned to public administration to support the preparation of major projects with possible co-financing from EU funds.

1.3. OTHER INTERNATIONAL EU PROGRAMS

Besides financial support provided within the framework of programs for regional development under the cohesion policy of EU, EU provides funds also through other independent program. Here below are listed those that are potentially suitable funds for financing strategic aims and individual measures of Development Program of the PSR for 2014-2020.

Program Creative Europe supports sector of culture, film industry and creative industry and promotion in other countries under changing conditions of current digital era. Approved funds for this program for period up to the year 2020 are in amount of 1 462.72 million dollars in current prices.

Program Europe for Citizens promotes European citizenship and improving conditions for democratic participation of citizens in EU, increasing awareness on common history, values, diversity and support of opportunities for social and intercultural dialogue and volunteering on EU level.

Program Erasmus Plus is focused on promotion of education, vocational training, youth and sport. In the supported sectors of education it includes basic education, secondary education, vocational training, higher education and adult education.

Program LIFE is EU financial tool supporting projects focused on sustaining environment, nature and biodiversity and activities responding to climate changes.

Horizon 2020 is a program aimed at fostering innovation and strengthening the scientific and technological bases of EU and support the growth of the Union's competitiveness, including in its industry. For the period 2014 - 2020 this program focuses on the following three priorities:

- 1. Excellent science - to strengthen and extend the excellence of the science base and to consolidate the European research area for the growth of its global competitiveness.
- 2. Industrial leadership - to accelerate the development of technologies and innovations that will underpin tomorrow's businesses and help innovative European SMEs (hereinafter "SMEs") grow into world-leading companies (ICT, nanotechnologies, advanced materials, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing and space) and provide access to risk financing and innovation in SMEs.
- 3. Societal challenges - in order to respond directly to the policy priorities and societal challenges identified in the Europe 2020 strategy.

1.4 EEA AND NORWAY FINANCIAL MECHANISMS

EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism represent the contribution of the donor states, i.e. Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein to several member states of the European Union, whereas the supported projects are focused on strengthening of bilateral relations between recipient country (SR) and donor states (Norway, Lichtenstein and Iceland), lowering regional disparities and exchange of experience or development of innovation in 9 programs. The program provides grants to entities of the Slovak Republic up to the limit of financial contribution allocated to the Slovak Republic that is more than 80 million EUR for the period 2009 –2014.

Picture No. 8: Scheme of financial framework of Program implementation according to sources of financing

Priority & thematic areas of the Program of the PSR	Specific aims of the Development Program of the PSR	Financing from the budget of PSR according to programs	Supplementary financial sources (municipalities, state budget, ESIF)	Name of financial tool/OP
I. ECONOMIC AREA: 1. Entrepreneurship & innovation; 2. Tourism; 3. Technical infrastructure	I.1. Promotion of enterpreneurship and innovations	Program 002: Regional development	SB,ERDF, ESF	OP R&I; OP HR; CBC PL- SK 2014-2020; Horizon 2020, FM EEA a NFM 2009-2014
	I.2. Completion of safe and high-quality technical infrastructure of the territory	Program 004: Transport and communications	SB,CF, ERDF,	OP II; IROP; OP TA; RDP
II. SOCIAL AREA: 4. Education; 5. Social services & health care; 6. Efficient service to public for inclusive life of higher quality and higher participation; 7. Development of cultural & creative potential of the region	II.1. Modernisation of education with focus on quality of life	Program 005: Education	SB,CF, ERDF,	OP HR; IROP; RDP; Program Erasmus plus
	II.2. Building and development of health centres, social and community services for inclusive civil society	Program 007 : Social security	SB, ESF, ERDF	OP HR; IROP; Europe for citizens
	II.3. Sustainable development of the territory with focus on promotion of cultural potential	Program 002: Regional development ; Program 006: Culture; Program 009: Administration	municipalities, SB, ERDF, EAFRD, ESF	IROP; RDP ; OP TA; OP EPA; CBC PL-SK 2014-2020; ENI HU-SR-RO-UA 2014-2020; Creative Europe FM EEA a NFM 2009-2014;
III. ENVIRONMENTAL AREA: 8. Protection of environment & human health and more efficient use of natural resources securing sustainable development of the territory	III.1. Protection of environment and lowering environmental burden	Program 002: Regional development	municipalities, SB, ERDF, EAFRD	OP QE; RDP; IROP; CBC PL-SK 2014-2020; LIFE

2. FINANCIAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE PROGRAM

For clarity of assigning project activities being implemented in years 2014-2015 to priority areas of the Development Program of PSR of 2014-2020 is given in Annex the Action Plan of funding Program projects for the period 2016-2017 extended to the year 2015 in the following arrangement:

Number	Title of the project, Place of implementation	Year of beginning	Total budget	Funding according to the source of funds			Notes: Responsible department
		Year of completion		State budget	Budget of PSR	Budget of EU	Operational program
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

ANNEXES:

1. Review of Socio-Economic Partners Participating in Document Drafting
2. List of Abbreviations and Acronyms
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Review of Socio-Economic Partners participating in Document Drafting (Part 1/2)
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Agency for regional development of PSR	City of Stará Ľubovňa
Centre of tourism development in High Tatras area of PSR	City of Stropkov
Energy cluster of Prešov region	City of Svidník
Greek catholic archbishopric of Prešov	City of Vranov nad Topľou
Innovation partnership centre	National rural development network, Regional office Prešov
Cluster AT+R, z. p. o.	District authority of Bardejov
Regional organisation of tourism of North-East Slovakia	District authority of Humenné
Regional directorate of police corps	District authority of Kežmarok
Regional monuments board	District authority of Levoča
Union of municipalities of Laborec region	District authority of Medzilaborce
Union of municipalities od Stará Ľubovňa	District authority of Poprad
City of Bardejov	District authority of Prešov
City of Humenné	District authority of Sabinov
City of Kežmarok	District authority of Snina
City of Levoča	District authority of Stará Ľubovňa
City of Medzilaborce	District authority of Stropkov
City of Poprad	District authority of Svidník
City of Prešov	District authority of Vranov n/T.
City of Sabinov	Prešov regional chamber of SCCI
City of Snina	Prešov development agency

Review of Socio-Economic Partners participating in Document Drafting (Completion 2/2)
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Prešov University	Office of labour, social affairs and family of Stropkov
Youth Council of Prešov region	Office of labour, social affairs and family of Vranov nad Topľou
Regional advisory and information centre of Prešov	Office of Prešov self-governing region, Section of transport
Regional association of municipalities	Office of Prešov self-governing region, Section of culture
Regional association of municipalities of Stropkov district	Office of Prešov self-governing region, Section of SO/RO for ROP
Regional association of municipalities of Dukla	Office of Prešov self-governing region, Social section
Regional association of municipalities of Prešov-Šariš region	Office of Prešov self-governing region, Section of education
Regional association of municipalities of Tatra region and surroundings	Office of Prešov self-governing region, Section of health care
Regional association of municipalities of Horná Torysa	Office of Prešov self-governing region, Department of territorial planning and environment
Roman catholic church, bishopric of Spišské Podhradie	Office of Prešov self-governing region, Section of cross-border and international cooperation
Slovak agency for investment and trade	Office of Slovak government representative for Roma communities
Slovak chamber of agriculture and food industry	Východoslovenská energetika, a. s.
Slovak chamber of entrepreneurs, regional unit	East Slovakian Investment Agency
Administration and maintenance of roads PSK	Východoslovenská vodárenská spoločnosť, a. s.
State Nature Protection of the SR	Union of municipalities of Snina region
Office of Association of employers unions and associations	Union of municipalities of Humenné region
Office of labour, social affairs and family of Bardejov	Union of municipalities of Spiš region
Office of labour, social affairs and family of Humenné	Union of municipalities of Vranov region
Office of labour, social affairs and family of Kežmarok	Východoslovenská distribučná, a. s.
Office of labour, social affairs and family of Poprad	
Office of labour, social affairs and family of Prešov	
Office of labour, social affairs and family of Stará Ľubovňa	

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CBC PL-SK	Program of Cross Border Cooperation of Poland and Slovak Republic for the period of 2014 – 2020
CF (slov. KF)	Cohesion Fund
EAFRD (slov. EPFRV)	European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
EEA (slov. EHP)	European Economic Area
EIB	European Investment Bank
EC (slov. EK)	European Commission
ELENA	European Local Energy Assistance Facility – instrument of EU and EIB of technical support
ENI HU-SR-RO-UA	Program of cross border cooperation of countries HU, SR, RO, UA for the period 2014 – 2020
ERDF (EFRR)	European Regional Development Fund
ESDP PSR (PHSR PSK)	Economic and Social Development Program of the Prešov Self-governing Region = here mentioned as the Development Program or the Program
ESF	European Social Fund
ESIF (EŠIF)	European Structural and Investment Funds
EU (slov. EÚ)	European Union
GDP (slov. HDP)	Gross Domestic Product
ICT (slov. IKT)	Information-Communication Technologies
IROP	Integrated Regional Operational Program
LIFE	EU financial tool supporting projects focused on sustaining environment, nature and biodiversity and activities responding to climate changes
LAG (slov. MAS)	Local Action Groups
MRC (MRK)	Marginalised Roma Communities
SME (slov.MSP)	Small and medium-sized enterprises
NFM	Norwegian Financial Mechanism
NSRF (slov.NSRR)	National Strategic Reference Framework
NUTS	Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics
OP	Operational Program
OP EPA (slov.OP EVS)	Operational Program Effective Public Administration
OP II	Operational Program Integrated Infrastructure
OP HR (slov. OP LZ)	Operational Program Human Resources
OP QE (slov. OP KŽP)	Operational Program Quality of Environment
OP TA (slov. OP TP)	Operational Program Technical Assistance
OP R&I (slov.ROP V&I)	Operational Program Research & Innovation
PA (slov. PO)	Priority Area
RDP (slov. PRV)	Rural Development Program
PSR	Prešov Self-Governing Region
RD	Regional Development
RIS	Regional Innovation Strategy

RITS (slov. RIUS)	Regional Integrated Territorial Strategy
SCCI (slov. SOPK)	Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry
SR	Slovak Republic
SWOT	Planning method using evaluation of 4 elements - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
SA (slov. ŠC)	Specific Aim
SB	State Budget
SD (slov. TUR)	Sustainable Development
TO (slov. TC)	Thematic Objectives set in accordance with the strategy Europe 2020
R&I (slov. Val)	Research and Innovation
RA (slov. Z PSK)	Regional Assembly of the PSR

Regional Innovation Strategy

2015–2020

INTRODUCTION

Regional Innovation Strategy for the Prešov region for the period of 2015 - 2020, abbreviated as RIS 2 PSR, like its predecessor RIS PSR has to be an active instrument of the Prešov region to create jobs with high added value in terms of innovation, science and research. It is an integral part of the Development Program of the PSR. By achievement of RIS objectives it will be possible to actively create conditions for university educated experts for professional applications. Competitiveness of the region and of the companies operating in it depends directly on the extent to which it can make use of research results in practice. Science and research have a direct impact on the development of innovation and innovation processes in the economy of each region.

RIS 2 PSR aims to establish a strategy for the region and a stable team of experts, teams of business, research and educational institutions with an interest to actively participate in innovation, research and development and application of their results in to practice. This will ultimately have an impact on employment and its sustainability as well as on economic development in the region.

Creation of the strategy is based on the EU priorities set in the Europe 2020 strategy and linked to the strategy RIS 3 SR processed at national level.

VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF RIS 2 PSR

Vision of RIS 2 PSR

The vision of the Regional Innovation Strategy (RIS) of Prešov region (PSR) is the acceleration of economic growth laggard region and its gradual transformation into a developed region based on the acquisition of technological investments, development of knowledge economy, promotion of structural changes in the economy and improving the innovative capacity.

SCHEME PRESENTATION OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF RIS 2 PSR

AIMS OF RIS 2 PSR:	MEASURES:	ACTIVITIES:
1. Development of innovation infrastructure	1.1. Development of innovation infrastructure in order to improve conditions for increasing the innovation capacity of companies	1.1.1. Support for establishment of clusters in the NUTS II Slovakia- East
		1.1.2. Innovation Partnership Centre
		1.1.3. Support of international cooperation
		1.1.4. Promoting the development of knowledge-based services and creative business
	1.2. Development of innovation infrastructure of R&D institutions	1.2.1. Establishment of technology centres
		1.2.2. Development of excellent research
1.2.3. Support in protecting and use of intellectual property		
2. Development of human resources and innovation environment in the region	2.1. Support for education in interaction with the needs of key industries at national and regional level	2.1.1. Education and skills upgrading in business, industry and services
		2.1.2. Promotion of educational process development at secondary schools and universities, and their relevance to practice
	2.2. Support for environment favourable to innovation	2.2.1. Innovation forum
		2.2.2. Development of innovation awareness
		2.2.3. Consulting services in the field of innovation
3. Development of financial infrastructure	3.1. Securing financial resources to promote innovation	3.1.1. National programs supporting innovation funding
		3.1.2. Promotion of complementary funding of innovation
		3.1.3. Innovation vouchers
		3.1.4. Working groups for acquiring direct investments to the region

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