

A List of Acronyms Used

ACMS	Association of Cities and Municipalities of Slovakia
ARRA	Academic Ranking and Rating Agency
CCA	Central Coordination Authority
CEGA	Cultural and Educational Grant Agency
CF	Cohesion Fund
CSG	Community Strategic Guidelines
EAFRG	European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
EC	European Communities
EC	European Commission
EES	European Employment Strategy
EFF	European Fisheries' Fund
EGCT	European Grouping of Territorial Co-operation
EIB	European Investment Bank
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ESF	European Social Fund
EU 15	The so-called "old" member states of the European Union (United Kingdom, Italy, France, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Germany, Portugal, Austria, Spain and Sweden)
EU 25	"Old" member states plus "new" member states (Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta)
EU	European Union
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GR	Government Resolution
HEI	Higher Educational Institution
HSS	Higher Specialised School
HTU	Higher Territorial Unit
IB/MA	Intermediary Body under the Managing Authority
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
ISF	Incremental Strategy Formation
ISIP	Institute of School Information and Prognosis
ITMS	IT Monitoring System
LLG	Life-Long Guidance

LLL	Life-long learning
LSS	Lisbon Strategy for Slovakia
MA	Managing Authority
MC	Monitoring Committee
MoE SR	Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic
MLSAaF SR	Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic Labour Ministry
MoESRaS SR	Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic Education Ministry
MoF SR	Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic Finance Ministry
MoH SR	Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic
MPC	Methodology and Pedagogical Centres
MRC	Marginalised Roma Communities
MoTCarD SR	Ministry of Transport, Construction and regional Development of the Slovak Republic
NEI	National Institute for Education
NFP	Grant
NP and LE	Natural Persons and Legal Entities
NRP	National Reform Programme
NSRF	National Strategic Reference Framework
NSSD SR	National Strategy of Sustainable Development of the Slovak Republic
NUTS	Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques – classification system of statistical territorial units introduced by EUROSTAT in cooperation with national statistical offices
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OG SR	Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic
OMM	Operative Meeting of the Minister
OP	Operational Programme
PISA	Program for International Student Assessment
PR	Public Relations
PS	Primary School
RSA	Regional School Authority
SAIA	Slovak Academic Information Agency
SAS	Slovak Academy of Sciences
SDE	Socially Disadvantaged Environment
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SF	Structural Funds

SGA	Scientific Grant Agency of the MoEd SR and the SAS
SGR BB	Self-governing region of Banská Bystrica
SGRN	Self-governing region of Nitra
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises
SOP HR	Sectoral Operational Programme <i>Human Resources</i>
SPD	Single Programming Document
SR	Slovak Republic
SS	Secondary School
SSI	State School Inspection
SSS	Secondary Specialised schools
SUED	Special Upbringing and Educational Needs
SVEI	State Vocational Education Institute
SVS	Secondary Vocational School
SWOT	Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
USTC	Union of Slovakia's Towns and Cities