

Annex 6

A List of State Aid Schemes

The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic does not plan to use state aid schemes within the meaning of Article 87 (1) of the EC Treaty under operational programme Education.

The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic plans to use de minimis aid schemes compliant with the Commission (EC) Regulation No. 1998/2006 of 15 December 2006 on the application of Article 87 and Article 88 of the Treaty on *de minimis* interventions for beneficiaries in the private sector for all the priority axes and measures below.

Priority Axis 1	Reform of the Education and Vocational Training System
Measure 1.1	Transformation of Traditional School into a Modern One
Measure 1.2	Higher education institutions and research & development as the driving forces in the development of a knowledge-based society
Priority axis 2	Continuing education as an instrument of human resource development
Measure 2.1	Support of continuing education
Measure 2.2	Support of continuing education in the health sector
Priority Axis 3	Support to Education of Persons with Special Education Needs
Measure 3.1	Raising the educational level of members of the marginalised Roma communities
Measure 3.2	Raising the educational level of persons with special educational needs
Priority Axis 4	Recent Education for the Knowledge-Based Society for the Bratislava Region
Measure 4.1	Transformation of traditional school into a modern one for the Bratislava region
Measure 4.2	Raising competitiveness of the Bratislava region through the development of tertiary and continuing education

Assistance can be provided in order to improve the quality of education, extend the supply of education, diversify the forms of continuing education, develop new and innovate existing educational programmes, develop and introduce new educational strategies and progressive teaching methods and develop tools for education quality monitoring and assessment as a part of implementation of the various areas of intervention under the priority axes of OP Education.

The beneficiaries of assistance shall be natural persons or legal entities authorised to do business within the meaning of Article 2 (2) of the Commercial Code¹, registered in the Slovak Republic and intending to implement various kind of eligible projects. The beneficiaries under de minimis aid schemes in compliance with the Commission (EC)

¹ Act No. 513/1991 Coll., as amended

Regulation No. 1998/2006 of 15 December 2006 on application of Article 87 and 88 of the Treaty on *de minimis* assistance:

1. **Small and medium entrepreneurs** (SME) performing educational activities on the basis of accreditation under valid legislation of the Slovak Republic² who – following an approved grant application – perform eligible activities under approved eligible projects.
2. **Private tertiary education institutions** founded by an entrepreneur within the meaning of Article 2 (2) of the Commercial Code,
3. **Large enterprises** which fail to comply with the definition of small and medium enterprises under the Recommendation of the European Commission No. 2003/361/EC concerning the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises.

For more details concerning the conditions for rendering *de minimis* assistance in compliance with the Commission (EC) Regulation No. 1998/2006 of 15 December 2006 on application of Article 87 and 88 of the Treaty on *de minimis* assistance, see the different *de minimis* aid schemes.

² Act No. 131/2002 Coll. of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on higher education and on the modification and amendment of certain acts, Act No. 386/1997 Coll. of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on continuing education and on the modification of Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 387/1996 Coll. on employment, as amended by Act No. 70/1997 Coll., Act No. 567/2001 Coll. of the National Council of the Slovak Republic modifying and amending Act No. 386/1997 Coll. on continuing education and on the modification of Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 387/1996 Coll. on employment, as amended by Act No. 70/1997 Coll. amending Act No. 416/2001 Coll., Ordinance No. 104/2003 Coll. of the Government of the Slovak Republic concerning the Accreditation Board