

Annex 4 b: Partner organisations involved in the process of preparation of OP Research and development

(not including central public administration authorities)

Slovak Rectors Conference

Established in 1993 as a civic association and currently one of three organisations representing higher schools in Slovakia in line with Act No 131/2002 Coll. on higher education. Anybody, who was appointed rector of a higher school by the President of the Slovak Republic in line with the Constitution, may become member of the association. The goal of SRC is coordinating and supporting the activities of rectors of Slovak higher schools with the aim of shaping higher education policies. To attain this objective, the association coordinates and supports the cooperation between the rectors of Slovak higher schools and discusses and issues opinions on issues related to higher education policy.

Council of Higher Schools of Slovakia

The Council of Higher Schools is a self-administrative body of higher schools, representing the higher schools particularly vis-à-vis the Ministry of Education (section 16. 1 of Act No. 172/2002 Coll. on higher education, as amended). The Council consists of the representatives of higher schools and faculties elected by the academic senates of the higher schools and faculties concerned.

Slovak Academy of Sciences

is an independent scientific institution with national coverage, whose activities are focused on the development of science, education, culture and economy. SAS is a legal person established by the state, having its seat in Bratislava and financed from the national budget.

Association of industry research and development organisations

is a voluntary non-profit organisation established in line with Act No 83/1990 Coll. It is an independent association of research organisations of Slovakia, whose activities include research, development, education, certification and the related activities (designing, manufacturing, installing and operating of machinery). Members of the association are both legal and natural persons engaged in the above activities.

Slovak Industry Association

Slovak Industry Association (SIA) is a legal person (employers' organisation) established pursuant to section §9a of Act No 83/1990 Coll. on association of citizens, as amended, which was established by the resolution of the General Meeting of the Union of Slovak Industry Associations of 23 March 2005 as the legal successor of the Union of Slovak Industry Associations. The goal of SIA is to advance common interests of its members, particularly in the area of industrial policy, employer-employee relationships, social policies, science, research and education and to protect its members against excessive regulation and infringement of their freedoms and against measures distorting equal market environment.

Association of Towns and Municipalities of Slovakia

is an organisation of towns and municipalities as legal persons. The current membership (voluntary members) comprises 96 percent of all towns and municipalities of Slovakia. The association was established on the initial assembly on 21 March 1990 in Žilina, which was attended by the representatives of 176 towns and municipalities.

Towns Union of Slovakia

The Union is a voluntary interest association of Slovak towns established in line with section 21 of Act No 369/1990 Coll. on municipal organization and section 20 f and the following of Act No. 509/1991 Coll. (the Civil Code).

Slovak Agricultural Research Centre

is a subsidized organisation of the Ministry of Agriculture with own legal personality. Its tasks include comprehensive research and accumulation of knowledge on sustainable use and protection of natural resources for growing of plants and breeding of animals, quality and competitiveness of agricultural products (for use as foods and non-food products), production and other impacts of agriculture onto the environment and rural development and transfer of knowledge produced by agricultural research to users.

Federation of Employers' Associations of the Slovak Republic

is the supreme employers' organisation in the Slovak Republic (SR). Its members are employers and business associations and unions. AZZZ SR is an interest association with legal personality, established in 1991 with the aim of creating the conditions for dynamic development of entrepreneurship in Slovakia and for the protection and advancement of common employment-related, business and commercial interests of its members.

Slovak Academic Information Agency

is a non-governmental non-profit organisations existing since 1990, whose programmes and services support the civic society and internationalisation of education and science in Slovakia.

National Union of Employers

The National Union of Employers is the most representative organisation of employers from the private sector in Slovakia. It represents the interests of employers giving work to almost 300,000 people and producing 70% of Slovakia's GDP and 80% of the country's exports.

Entrepreneurs Association of Slovakia

is a legal person registered by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic as an association within the meaning of Act No 83/1990 Coll. on the association of citizens, as amended. The main goal of the Entrepreneurs Association of Slovakia is to help to build modern and developed market economy. The Entrepreneurs Association of Slovakia feels obliged to protect entrepreneurs against the infringement of their rights and freedoms and to prevent all political and economic measures distorting the business environment.

Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic

is a voluntary association of trade unions and trade organisations in Slovakia. The association was formed with a view to protect the rights and eligible interests of its members (trade union organisations and trade union members). The mission of KOZ SR is to unify trade unions and organisations in order to defend the rights of trade union members and to advance their economic, social, cultural and other interests and needs, which arise from or are related to their occupation or work.

Civic Association Rural Parliament

established pursuant to section 6 of Act No 83/1990 Coll. is a voluntary, non-governmental, public interest and non-profit civic association, whose mission is to promote improvement of the quality of life in rural areas and support rural initiatives in managing rural development.

Institute for Well-Managed Society

is an apolitical, non-profit, non-governmental organisation, which is not linked to any ideology or political party. The objective of the organisation is to search for solutions how to improve the quality of the process of allocating public funding in order to provide good-quality, accessible, transparent and effective public services to the people of Slovakia.

Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industries

is an institution of the public law operating in the territory of the Slovak Republic, whose tasks include support and protection of business activities of its members within and outside of Slovakia. SOPK is a legal person established in line with Act of the Slovak National Council No 9/1992 Coll. on chambers of commerce and industries, as amended by Act of the National Council No 121/1996 Coll.

Slovak Chamber of Agriculture and Food Processing Industries

The Slovak Chamber of Agriculture and Food Processing Industries is a non-state public independent institution established by Act of the Slovak National Council No 30/1992 Coll., as amended by Act No 448/2001 Coll., 546/2004 Coll. on the Slovak Chamber of Agriculture and Food Processing Industries. The mission of the Chamber is to promote the common interests of its members in shaping economic and social policies, participation in the implementation of such policies and support and protection of the activities of its members with the aim of further developing the agricultural and food processing sectors.

Higher territorial units

(HTU) are the highest territorial self-governing units in Slovakia. Their territory is currently identical with that of the regions. The mission of higher territorial units is to perform its self-government tasks with the aim of developing their territories and satisfying the needs of their inhabitants.