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Introduction

The Managing Authority for the Operational Programme Education (MA OPE) carries out evaluation in accordance with articles 47 and 48 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 1260/1999 (Council Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006). Evaluation is carried out in accordance with the principle of proportionality laid down in article 13 of the cited EC regulation.

The evaluation plan is a qualitative management instrument and a means for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of financial management, which are principles of sound financial management laid down in Article 27 (1) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No. 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

The **purpose** of evaluation is to improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of management and financial management of the OPE, its preparatory and implementation processes, and also to ensure achievement of the objectives laid down in its programming document, i.e. the global objective and the specific objectives. Evaluation involves the analysis of implementation processes, the assessment of the suitability of the settings of the management and control system. By means of evaluation the managing authority verifies the functioning of the part of management and financial management for which it is responsible.

Depending on the timing of evaluation, evaluation can be classified as **ex-ante** (before implementation), **ongoing** (during implementation), or **ex-post** (after implementation) evaluation.

Ex-ante evaluation of the OPE was carried out between 10 February and 30 November 2006 during the programming phase by an external evaluator before the approval of the programming document for the operational programme by the European Commission and its results have been incorporated into the programming document.

Ex-post evaluation will be carried out at the end of the programming period 2007–2013. For the above reasons, this document will be concerned mainly with the ongoing evaluation of the OPE in the programming period 2007–2013.

Depending on the subject matter of evaluation, it can be classified as **strategic** evaluation or **operational** evaluation.

Strategic evaluation evaluates an operational programme in relation to Community and national priorities.

Operational evaluation evaluates the situation in the implementation of the operational programme or a specific area of implementation of the programme at a particular stage in order to ensure the trouble-free implementation of the operational programme and the achievement of the objectives defined in the programming document for OPE.

The methodology for the planning of evaluations, the performance of evaluations and the application of the results of evaluation is based on the guidelines issued by the DG for Regional Policy of the European Commission (EC) “Indicative guidelines on evaluation

methods: evaluation during the programming period, working document no. 5” of April 2007 and “Indicative guidelines on evaluation methods: monitoring and evaluation indicators, working document no. 2” of August 2006.

1. Evaluation plan

The evaluation plan for the programming period 2007–2013 (hereinafter referred to as “the OPE Evaluation Plan”) relates to **ongoing** evaluation to be carried out during the implementation of the OPE during the programming period 2007–2013.

The OPE Evaluation Plan shall be approved by the monitoring committee after previous submission to the Central Coordination Authority (CCA).

The duty to prepare an evaluation plan results from the above commission guidelines – “Indicative guidelines on evaluation methods: evaluation during the programming period, working document no. 5” issued under article 47 (5) of Council Regulation (EC) no. 1083/2006.

The OPE Evaluation Plan is also based on the obligations of the managing authority for the OPE laid down in the System for the management of the structural funds and the Cohesion Fund for the programming period 2007–2013 issued under the direction of the CCA, which state that the managing authority must prepare an evaluation plan and submit it to the CCA and then to the monitoring committee for the OPE for approval within 12 months of approval by the European Commission.

The OPE was approved by the European Commission on 7.11.2007 with a total financial allocation of EUR 726 825 389, of which co-financing from the ESF amounts to EUR 617 801 578.00 and co-financing from the state budget of the Slovak Republic amounts to EUR 109 023 811.00.

The purpose of the OPE evaluation plan is to define the material, time, organisational and financial framework for ongoing evaluation of this operational programme. **The evaluation plan represents a framework that is intended to be flexible and allow updating and the operational setting of themes for evaluation.**

2. Coordination in evaluation and the planning of evaluation

2.1 Responsibility of the MA OPE for ongoing evaluation

The MA OPE shall be responsible for the evaluation of the OPE. The function of the MA OPE is performed by the OPE Division of the European Affairs Section of the Ministry of Education.

This responsibility relates to the responsibility of the member state under the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality laid down in article 13 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1038/2006, under which the member state is responsible for monitoring the operational

programme, performing ongoing evaluation and taking corrective measures in the event of deficiencies requiring correction.

The MA OPE is responsible for the coordination of the ongoing evaluation of the OPE.

The MA OPE shall perform the following functions:

- deciding, after consultation with the Central Evaluation Committee established under the CCA, on the structure and content of the evaluation plan and establishing the administrative framework for the performance of evaluation,
- providing full and accessible data on physical and financial indicators,
- deciding on the performance of evaluation and the provision of funds for its performance,
- guaranteeing respect for the objectives of evaluation and compliance with quality standards in evaluation,
- submitting the results of evaluation in the form of an evaluation report to the members of the monitoring committee for the OPE, the CCA, the European Commission and the competent horizontal priority coordinators, if evaluations are relevant for the given horizontal priority, no later than 10 days from the end of evaluation (when the MA takes delivery of the evaluation report),
- providing the data necessary for the evaluation of horizontal priorities to the competent horizontal priority coordinators and the horizontal priority evaluator in the event of the performance of evaluation of the horizontal priority in the OPE, a group of selected operational programmes or all OPs.
- deciding whether evaluation of the OPE or part thereof shall be carried out as an internal evaluation, i.e. by the MA's own evaluation staff, or as an external evaluation, i.e. by another legal entity or natural person,
- The MA OPE shall submit the evaluation plan for OPE for the current calendar year to the CCA no later than the end of January and shall notify the CCA of any changes to the evaluation plan for the current calendar year,
- The MA OPE shall submit the annual report on the results of OPE evaluation for each calendar year to the CCA no later than the end of March of the following calendar year,
- The MA OPE shall approve the biannual reports of the intermediate bodies under the managing authority (IBMA)
- The MA shall request the IBMA to prepare materials for ongoing evaluation at the level of projects and measures;
- The MA shall establish a steering group for the evaluation of the OPE.

2.1.1. Intermediate bodies under the managing authority

Government Resolution No. 1010/2006 of 6 December 2006 designated the Ministry of Education Agency for EU Structural Funds and the Ministry of Health as intermediate bodies under the managing authority for the OPE.

Under article 3 of the mandate delegating powers, the responsibilities of the IBMA in the area of monitoring and evaluation for aid are as follows:

- monitoring information at the level of projects and measures,
- preparing biannual IBMA reports according to the instructions of the MA and submitting them to the MA,
- preparing material for the annual reports and the final report on the implementation of the OPE,
- preparing materials on projects and measures requested by the MA for ongoing evaluation and submitting such materials to the MA,
- participating in the activity of the evaluation steering group through a designated representative.

2.1.2. The monitoring committee for the OPE

In accordance with article 2 of the Statute of the Monitoring Committee (MC) for the OPE, the function of the MC for the OPE is to review the results of ex-ante and ongoing evaluation. The MC for the OPE approves the plan for the evaluation of the OPE (after prior submission for assessment by the CCA).

The members of the MC for the OPE have the opportunity to participate actively in the monitoring process. Any member of the MC for the OPE can request monitoring of a project co-financed from the ESF; such monitoring shall be carried out by the Ministry of Education or one of the intermediate bodies under the managing authority.

The Monitoring Committee for the OPE can also ask the MA for the OPE to add to proposed evaluations to include issues that members of the committee consider to be necessary for the efficient and effective management of the programme.

2.1.3. Coordinators of horizontal priorities

The horizontal priority coordinators¹ ensure the coordination and evaluation of horizontal priorities (HP) in accordance with the approved systems for the coordination of implementation of the HP.

The coordinators of the HP perform the following functions in evaluation:

- performing evaluation for each HP.
- preparing of the annual report for each HP by 30 July of the following year. The annual report for each HP shall contain specifically information on the contribution of activities for the implementation of the OP to the achievement of the objectives for the HP, which shall be quantified wherever and whenever possible making use of appropriate quantifiable indicators at the level of priority axes and information on the results of evaluations carried out during the period covered by the report. The CCA shall use the annual reports on the HP to prepare the section of the annual report on the implementation of the NSRF with regard to HP.
- preparing and updating the HP evaluation plan in accordance with the procedures laid down in the management system and other methodological guidelines issued by the CCA and submitting the plan for the opinion of the CCA and relevant MAs through the steering group for the relevant HP.

¹ 4 horizontal priorities: marginalised Roma communities, equal opportunities, sustainable development and information society.

2.2 Status of the CCA in relation to evaluation and the relationship between the CCA and the MA

The CCA provides for and coordinates procedures for the evaluation of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) and coordinates procedures for the evaluation of the operational programmes.

Within the scope of these powers the CCA performs the following functions in relation to the evaluation of OP:

- methodological guidance on evaluation for the MA,
- coordination of the development of evaluation plans for all OP; coordination relates to material, time, financial and organisational aspects,
- development of a standpoint on the evaluation plans of the individual OP for the programming period 2007–2013,
- collection of the annual evaluation plans for all OP for the relevant calendar year,
- collection of the annual reports on the results of evaluation for all OP for the previous calendar year.

2.3 The status of the Central Committee for Evaluation of the NSRF and its relation to the MA OPE

The Central Committee for Evaluation of the NSRF (CCE) is a consultative body of the CCA. The members of the CCE include representatives of the CCA, representatives of the MA for all OP who direct the evaluation steering group for their OP, representatives of the HP coordinators and other persons specified in the Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the CCE.

The CCE performs the following functions in relation to the OPE:

- participating in dealing with conceptual issues relating to evaluation, including the planning of evaluation,
- communicating to the MA OPE its opinion on the topic of ongoing evaluation proposed for potential risk areas in the management and implementation of the OPE identified in the annual report on the OPE,
- discussing problems in the evaluation of the OPE and formulating proposals for their solution, submitting proposals to the CCA for improvements in the system for the evaluation of the NSRF and the OP,
- cooperating in the resolution of conceptual disputes relating to evaluation.

2.4 The powers of the European Commission to carry out evaluation of the OPE and issue guidelines on the evaluation of the OP

Under article 49 of Council Regulation (EC) no. 1083/2006, the Commission may carry out strategic evaluations and evaluations linked to the monitoring of operational programmes where the monitoring system for the programme reveals a significant departure from the goals initially set.

The Commission may carry out evaluation of the OPE at its initiative and in partnership with the MA OPE. The results shall be sent to the monitoring committee for the OPE.

The Commission issues guidelines on evaluation including the types of evaluation classified by the intervals at which they are carried out, methods and techniques for evaluation, evaluation standards and so on. As part of this methodological activity, the Commission supports activities to strengthen administrative capacity for monitoring and evaluation and the sharing of experience between member states in these areas.

2.5 The relation between evaluation and monitoring

The monitoring functions of the MA OPE are performed by the OPE division of the European affairs section. Monitoring and evaluation are closely related activities that interact with each other, i.e. evaluation makes use of data acquired in monitoring and the results of evaluation may reveal a need for new indicators or the updating or recalibration of existing indicators.

Regular monitoring provides information on the overall process or operational information; monitoring makes evaluation possible and its results may warn of the emergence of potential or actual problems.

Monitoring means control of the outputs achieved in comparison with expectations. Monitoring includes a system of indicators; output indicators and result indicators are monitored. A list of output and result indicators classified by priority axis and measures is presented in Annex 1.

Indicators are applied strategic-contextual, programme and project levels; indicators used at the programme level may be core indicators, output indicators, result indicators or input indicators; project level indicators are result and impact indicators; they can be measured in physical or financial units.

Evaluation involves interrogating information from monitoring and other sources (e.g. statistical data) to find out and explain the effects of EU financial aid. Evaluators use data delivered by the monitoring system including output and result indicators.

The most important indicators in evaluation are **impact indicators**, both specific impact indicators and global indicators. Impact indicators are indicators for evaluation. Specific impacts are effects that occur after a certain lapse of time but which are directly linked to the action taken and the direct beneficiaries. Global impacts are longer-term effects affecting a wider population.

Strategic evaluation involves the assessment of certain **strategic aspects** such as the socio-economic impact on the Community or changes to such impacts, or on national or regional priorities affecting the operational programme. Such information can only be acquired through regular checking of goals through evaluation; they cannot be deduced from the

monitoring system. In this case data acquired through monitoring are considered as a source of initial or complementary information that is then processed and used in analysis and the preparation of evaluation reports.

Evaluation may be based on:

- data from the ITMS monitoring system including the system of indicators (result and output indicators),
- regular monitoring reports,
- annual reports,
- macroeconomic data (for strategic evaluation) and other statistical data in specific areas.

2.6 The key principles for the performance of ongoing evaluation

The MA OPE, as the authority responsible for ongoing evaluation, and the persons who carry out evaluation shall abide by the following core principles:

Proportionality – principle laid down in article 13 (1) (b) of Council Regulation (EC) no. 1083/2006; this principle should be reflected in the plan for ongoing evaluation with regard to the number and the scope of the evaluations that it is proposed to carry out during the implementation of the programme. Evaluation should be in proportion to the scale and resources of the operational programme and take into consideration potential risk areas associated with the implementation of the programme.

Independence – principle laid down in article 47 (3) of Council Regulation (EC) no. 1083/2006; according to this principle evaluation should be carried out only by experts (external legal entities or natural persons) or bodies, internal or external, which are functionally independent of the authorities referred to in article 59 (b) and (c) of the cited regulation, i.e. the certifying authority and the audit authority; the purpose of this principle is to preserve the objectivity and reliability of the results of evaluation.

Partnership – this is essential for planning, designing and carrying out evaluation; partnership is based on consultation and cooperation between competent stakeholders and lays foundations for the sharing of knowledge and experience, openness and transparency throughout the evaluation process.

Transparency – under the principle of transparency, reports on the results of evaluation shall be made public; these reports should stimulate public discussion on issues arising from the results of evaluation. Reports on the results of evaluation are published on the website of the OPE (www.minedu.sk).

2.7 Performance of evaluation

The MA OPE shall carry out ongoing evaluation according to the **Evaluation Plan for the OPE** and **in the cases laid down in article 48 (3) of Council Regulation (EC) no. 1083/2006**.

Evaluation shall be carried out in accordance with EC legislation, the methodological regulations issued by the European Commission and the methodology elaborated by the CCA.

Evaluations can be classified according to the character of their performance as:

- **strategic,**
- **operational.**

2.7.1 Strategic evaluation of the OPE

Strategic evaluation focuses on the relevance of measures and priority axes for the solution of identified problems, the benefit resulting from the results achieved compared to the expected effect on beneficiaries and the consistency of support from the structural funds (the complementarity of the priority axes in achieving the set general goals of the operational programmes and the NSRF).

Strategic evaluation of the OPE evaluates the development of the OPE in relation to Community priorities and national priorities; the MA OPE shall decide when strategic evaluation should be carried out according to its assessment of progress in the implementation of the OPE and emergent social needs; nonetheless, strategic evaluation must be carried out in 2011 at the latest after approval of the annual monitoring report on the OPE for 2010 by the Monitoring Committee for the OPE. Within this area of evaluation, the MA OPE plans to evaluate progress in the implementation of the OPE in terms of the relevance and the fulfilment of the objectives of the OP. An indicative plan for the evaluation of the OPE is given in Annex no. 6 of this document.

Strategic evaluation may also be carried out at the initiative of the Commission pursuant to article 49 of Commission Regulation (EC) no. 1083/2006.

2.7.1.1. Thematic evaluation of a certain section/area of the OPE

This type of evaluation focuses on selected areas of the OPE shown to be departing from the original goal by the annual report approved by the monitoring committee; themes for evaluation shall be proposed by the steering group for the evaluation of the OPE, assessed by the Central Committee for Evaluation, which includes a representative of the MA OPE, and approved by the MC for the OPE. In those years of the programming period in which it is planned that regular evaluation of the OPE should take place, the material output of evaluation shall identify that part of the evaluated area that was identified as representing a risk in the annual report for the previous calendar year.

In this type of evaluation the MA OPE plans to carry out an evaluation of the correct setting of the system of measurable indicators and to evaluate the implementation of projects intended to benefit members of marginalised Roma communities. Details on these two evaluations are given in the indicative plan for the evaluation of the OPE in Annex no. 6 of this document.

2.7.2 Operational evaluation of the OPE

Operational evaluation focuses on the analysis of performance in terms of the economical use of resources, the effectiveness of the results achieved and financial and progress aspects of programme implementation.

Operational evaluation is carried out in response to circumstances that arise in the implementation of the operational programme and the need for adequate measures to address them.

Under Methodological Instruction no. 5 of the CCA **regular evaluation of the whole OPE** should be carried out **every second year starting from 2009**. In view of the date of approval of the operational programme (November 2007), the dates of the issuing of the first calls and direct orders (Q1 2008) and the dates of the conclusion of the first agreements on the provision of non-reimbursable financial contributions with beneficiaries (Q2 2008), it is not expected that an overall evaluation of the OPE will be carried out in 2009. One of the reasons for this is the lack of relevant monitoring outputs for the evaluation of the achievement of the targets for the OPE in the given period. Further overall evaluations of the OPE will be carried out in 2011 and 2013.

According to the timetable for the ongoing evaluation of the OPE in the programming period 2007–2013, the planned theme for operational evaluation in 2009 is **Evaluation of the effectiveness of the management system for the OPE**. This evaluation will assess the effectiveness of the functioning of the MA and the IBMA, including financial management with the aim of evaluating the efficiency of administration in the MA and the IBMA and evaluating cooperation in accordance with the relevant mandates on the delegation of powers. A further aim of the evaluation is to assess the activity of the Monitoring Committee for the OPE and the performance of its function pursuant to section 7.5.2 of the OPE. The details of the evaluation are given in Annex No. 6 of the Indicative Evaluation Plan for the OPE for the period 2007–2013.

The timetable for the ongoing evaluation of the OPE is given in Annex 2.

2.7.2.1 Ad hoc evaluation

Ad hoc evaluation shall be carried out in the cases laid down in article 48 (3) of Council Regulation (EC) no. 1083/2006.

Under Article 48 (3) of Council Regulation (EC) no. 1083/2006, during the programming period, Member States shall carry out evaluations linked to the monitoring of operational programmes in particular where that monitoring reveals a significant departure from the goals initially set or where proposals are made for the revision of operational programmes, as referred to in Article 33 of the regulation.

a) Evaluation of the OPE where monitoring reveals a significant departure for the goals initially set for the OPE

Departure from the set goals of the programme is documented by qualitative analyses evaluating the progress made and the principle achievements as well as other factors which might be crucial for implementation of the programme. A qualitative approach should also be applied in situations where quantification is not possible.

On the basis of this analysis a decision should be taken on whether there is a significant departure (existing or potential) from the goals initially set. Such a departure would require an assessment of problems and their causes and proposals for corrective actions. These analyses and the data acquired from the monitoring system shall be taken into consideration in the annual report on the implementation of the operational programme prepared at the end of

every calendar year of the implementation of the OPE as referred to in Article 67 and Annex XVIII of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1828/2006.

b) Evaluation of the OPE where operational programme revisions are proposed

Article (3) of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006 provides for an explicit link between evaluation and the revision of operational programmes as referred to in Article 33.

The OPE may be revised following socio-economic changes that affect the operational programme, major changes in EC, national or regional priorities, or difficulties in implementing the OPE. A proposal for revision of the OPE may also be made based on the results of monitoring. the Commission suggests delivering evaluation evidence only where proposals for revision of operational programmes relate to major changes which could be:

- financial (for example reallocation of money between different priority axes, financial transfers for which the Commission's approval is required),
- content-related (for example, revision of objectives at the operational programme or priority axis level),
- or implementation-related (for example, establishment of new implementation processes or major restructuring of existing ones).

For small or technical revisions, it is not necessary to provide evaluation evidence.

Ad hoc evaluation may be carried out at the initiative of the minister of education, the MA OPE, the Monitoring Committee for the OPE or as a result audits carried out by the Commission, control carried out by the Supreme Audit Office, government audits carried out by the Ministry of Finance and the control division of the Ministry of Education and the financial control administrations.

2.7.3. Internal and external evaluation

Ongoing evaluation of the OPE or parts thereof may be carried out **internally** by employees of the MA OPE or employees of another organisational unit of the competent ministry. Ongoing evaluation of the OPE may also be carried out **externally** by another natural or legal person. The persons carrying out internal or external evaluation must be functionally independent of the authorities referred to in Article 59 (b) and (c) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006, i.e. the certifying authority and the audit authority. External experts may carry out ongoing evaluation of the OPE or part thereof if they satisfy the conditions laid down in EU legislation, Slovak law and the approved documents on the management of the OP, the financial management of the OP and the implementation of the OP. The MA or the MC for the OPE need not accept the recommendations of evaluation if they are not well-founded or are based on an inadequate/weak analysis.

2.8 Organisational support for the evaluation of the OPE, quality standards for evaluation

Evaluation of the OPE shall be carried out by evaluation managers in the division for the OPE, which is a part of the European Affairs Section of the Ministry of Education of the

Slovak Republic. Evaluation shall be carried out in accordance with the quality standards for evaluation issued by the Commission and the Evaluation chart. The Evaluation Chart is prepared by the CCA and approved by the minister of construction and regional development.

The evaluation of the OPE shall be carried out through evaluation activities listed in Annex 3 of the Evaluation Plan for the OPE. Evaluation activities under points I–III will be selected according to the type of evaluation. Evaluation may consider all activities or only selected activities.

The evaluation of the OPE shall consist of the following stages:

- planning of evaluation,
- performance of evaluation
- preparation of the results of evaluation, the final product of which will be a report on the results of the evaluation/evaluation report, which shall include recommendations for corrective measures to deal with departures from the plan if any are identified.

The report on the results of evaluation shall be prepared by the evaluation manager, who shall submit it to the steering group for the evaluation of the OPE. The evaluation report shall be approved by the MC for the OPE. After the approval of the evaluation report the MA OPE shall have it published on the website of the MA OPE (www.minedu.sk).

The quality standards for evaluation are divided into quality standards for the evaluation process and quality standards for the evaluation report. The quality standards for evaluation are set out in Annex 4 of this plan.

2.9 Creation of internal administrative capacity for the evaluation of the OPE

Administrative requirements for evaluation include an adequate number evaluation managers, training for evaluation managers, material and technical equipment and adequate remuneration. Two positions for evaluation managers have been created and filled in the MA for the OPE.

Training for evaluation managers for the OPE on evaluation will be included in the training for all evaluation managers from all the operational programmes and the NSRF provided by the CCA and the EC. Training for evaluation managers in other areas such as legislation, the management system or the financial management of the structural funds and the Cohesion Fund for the programming period 2007–2013, which are subsequently used in evaluation or other specific areas shall be provided by the MA for the OPE.

Training and information for evaluation managers (if necessary also for other members of the steering group for the evaluation of the OPE) will be provided through the following activities in particular:

- participation in specialised training focussing on evaluation, financial management and other areas relating to the activities carried out,
- sharing of experience of evaluation with employees of the MA for other OP carrying out evaluation in Slovakia and other EU member states and with representatives of the Commission,

- cooperation with external evaluators,
- participation in seminars, conferences and other activities to share experience of evaluation of the use of EU financial aid.

The material and technical equipment for evaluation managers in the MA OPE will be obtained using the Ministry of Education’s chapter of the state budget and eligible activities within the OPE.

2.10 The establishment of the Steering Group for the Evaluation of the OPE and its relationship to the Central Committee for the Evaluation of the NSRF

The MA for the OPE has established a Steering Group for the Evaluation of the OPE (hereinafter referred to as “the group”). The members of the group provide for and carry out evaluation of the OPE; it has six members; one employee is the group leader and the others are members. The composition of the group is as follows: 2 evaluation managers from the MA for the OPE, 2 programming managers from the MA for the OPE and 2 representatives of the IBMA – the Ministry of Health and the ASFEU. The group leader is also a member of the Central Committee for the Evaluation of the NSRF established by the minister of construction and regional development. A chart showing the status of the Steering Group for evaluation is presented in Annex 5 of this document. The Steering Group takes part in defining the terms of reference for evaluation, provides support during evaluation activities such as facilitating access to documents or data and information required for the evaluation and regularly evaluates the quality of the outputs of evaluation. Where necessary, consultants/experts may be invited to attend the meetings of the steering group.

2.11 Financing of the evaluation of the OPE

Evaluation of the OPE is financed from funds allocated to the financing of technical assistance for the OPE.

The indicative distribution of resources for the evaluation of the OPE within the OPE, in EUR:

Subject matter of evaluation	Timetable	Internal / external	Indicative budget in EUR Source: ESF: 85% SB: 15%
1. Evaluation of the effectiveness of the	2009	E	20 000

management system in the OPE			
2. Evaluation of the correctness of the settings of the system of measurable indicators and the functionality of the monitoring system	2010	E	25 000-40 000
3. Evaluation of progress in the implementation of the OPE in terms of the relevance and the fulfilment of the objectives of the OP	2011	I/E	66 000 -99 000
4. Evaluation of the success of the implementation of projects focussing on members of marginalised Roma communities	2010-2011	E	16 500-50 000

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