

Mandate for spending review of regional schools and universities

The spending review of regional schools and universities will assess annual expenditures in the amount of 2.7 per cent of GDP. The review will be linked to the prepared National Programme for Development of Education and Upbringing aiming to efficiently allocate additional funds directed to education. In regional education, the review will be focused in particular on optimization of the network of schools (and will be linked to the pilot evaluation of the primary school network), an increasing the attractiveness of teaching profession including the compensation system. The review will identify instruments to improve inclusion and equality in education including pre-school education. In university education, the review will reassess the accreditation process and the method of financing and evaluation of results of university science. It will examine the system for monitoring of successful placement of high school and university graduates in the labour market. The review will reassess the compliance between the structural funds programming activities and the identified priorities of the department.

Performance objectives

The key objective in regional education is to provide children and students with access to education irrespective of their social situation to enable them to gain education, competences and skills, and to teach them how to develop and cultivate their personalities and to gain and encourage their respect to human rights and basic freedoms. In case of universities, their mission is to develop harmonic personalities, knowledge, wisdom, goodness and creativity in people and to contribute to the development of education, science, culture and health for the benefit of the whole society and thus contribute to building of the knowledge society.

Performance indicators for regional schools, universities including science are given below:

TABLE 1: Performance indicators for regional schools and universities

		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Target 2020
PISA	SK	488,1			472				505
(average of achieved score)	OECD	496,7			497				-
Early termination of school attendance	SK	4,9	4,7	5,1	5,3	6,4	6,7	6,9	6,0
(per cent in 18 - 24 age group)	EÚ	14,2	13,9	13,4	12,7	11,9	11,2	11,0	10,0
per cent of population with university education	SK	17,6	22,1	23,2	23,7	26,9	27	28,4	40
(per cent in 30 - 34 age group)	EU	32,3	33,8	34,8	36,0	37,1	37,9	38,7	40
PIAAC score	SK								
(average score, 16-29 cohort)	OECD								
Citation response to publication	SK								
(normalized citation index)	OECD	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Research grants from abroad won by Slovak universities (millions of €)	SK	6,0	6,2	6,1	5,0	5,9	5,7		

Source: MF SR, MŠVVŠ SR

Fiscal objectives

Total amount of the public funds increase to be used in education and upbringing for this election period will be €2bn in accordance with the Manifesto of the Government of the Slovak Republic. By the end of the election period, in 2020, the annual amount of public funds spent on education will be comparable to the average of EU countries.

Responsibilities and deadlines

The interim and final reports will be carried out by MF SR in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport SR (MESRS), they both agree to cooperate in providing complete and detailed data and

information for preparation of analyses of the above mentioned issues. The interim report will be prepared by the end of April 2017 and the final report will be prepared and published by the end of June 2017. MF SR will publish the final report and submit it to the meeting of the Government of the SR.