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Project Title: UNDP-Slovakia Partnership: Effective Development Cooperation Solutions for the SDGs

Project Number: 00111827

Implementing Partner: Istanbul Regional Hub, RBEC

Start Date: 8 August 2018

End Date: 31 December 2024

PAC Meeting date: 25 June 2018

Brief Description

The submitted project revision is related to the cost-extension of the project. The overall implementation period is extended until 31 December 2024 (3 years extension). Project funding is increased by EUR 714,420 (plus 1% levy that represents EUR 7,144.20), that represents the overall project budget EUR 1,614,060 (est. USD 1,846,636.34 for the project period 2018-2024).

The project extension reflects the experiences from the first project cycle (2018-2021) and more focused priorities of the Donor. All three Project components/outputs set in the first project cycle (2018-2021) remain unchanged, though the activities are reduced or revised as follows:

OUTPUT 1: Enabling environment for Slovak private companies to contribute to Slovakia's international development cooperation strengthened

Activity 1.1: Capacity building programme for Slovak companies and other relevant national stakeholders - the activity will end as of December 2021 and will not continue in next Project cycle.

Activity 1.2.: Private Sector Facility – Slovak Challenge Fund (SCF)

This activity will be implemented during the whole upcoming project cycle (2022-2024) in larger scale as in the previous project cycle. The programme will be open to Slovak entities and local partners in partner countries. The activities include, but are not limited to:

- Skills creation activities, especially for youth and long-term unemployed, such as set up of training centers, direct provision of trainings, skills matching events and platforms, etc.;
- Skills development activities for women to prepare them for the digital and green economy transition and the changing world of work;
- Improved business environment activities;
- Testing/product development/advocacy/awareness raising for products or services that have potential to solve development problems;
- Innovative products/services targeting people at the bottom of the pyramid (the poorest segment of the world's population, who live with less than \$2.50 a day);
- Greener, socially responsible and effective value and supply chains, such as training activities for local partners;

The SCF will be open to applications from the following stakeholders from Slovakia (or from partner countries, provided that a partnership with Slovak companies is envisaged):

- Private for-profit entities such as a business, corporation, or private firm;
- Private equity or private financial institutions, including private investment firms, mutual funds, or insurance companies;
- Private business or industry associations, including but not limited to chambers of commerce and related types of entities; and
- Private grant-making foundations or philanthropic entities.

Activity 1.3.: The Ukraine Energy Efficiency Secretariat and Expert Hub – All planned activities will be completed by December 2021 and the project no longer plans to support them.

OUTPUT 2: Slovakia's positioning as development cooperation provider in the field of security sector reform (SSR) strengthened

Activity 2.1.: Women in the Military Initiative – support to SEESAC

To ensure sustainability of results achieved during the previous years it is required to further support the integration of gender equality perspective in the military and ensure continuation of increasing MoDs capacities to develop gender responsive and evidence-based policies and mainstream gender perspective into the military education, while actively working on enhancing gender awareness of military staff and commanding officers. Slovak funding will contribute to strengthened regional cooperation, and increased security in the Western Balkans, through supporting the continuation of the regional project activities that are of pivotal importance for the lasting project impact and sustainability. Therefore, the focus of the proposed activities is on integrating gender perspective in the military education and training (regional level activity and knowledge exchange), while at the same time

supporting small-scale projects focused on capacity building of the MoDs and AFs (country level activities) for gender sensitive HR policies and for projects tailored to support integration of gender in the curricula at the country level.

At the strategic level, the proposed action will bring the four Western Balkans countries closer to fulfilling their global SDG commitments by directly contributing to the Sustainable Development Goal 16 dedicated to building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels, as well as to Sustainable Development Goal 5 on achieving gender equality.

The implementation of this component will be done through UNDP's regional project *South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC)*¹, and will therefore use the project management, implementation and quality assurance capacities sitting in this project

OUTPUT 3: Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SAIDC), and other national and international ODA stakeholders are equipped with new skills, procedures and programmatic/strategic tools to provide effective and high-quality ODA.

Activity 3.1. Secondment – The secondment scheme was used in 2019-2020. The new project cycle does not envisage its use.

Activity 3.2 Capacity building for MFEA SR, SAIDC, other national and international development cooperation professionals

Project will continue supporting the MFEA SR, SAIDC, other national and international development cooperation specialists the same way as in previous project cycle.

Activity results 3.2. Capacity building for emerging donors in the Western Balkans.

The result was not achieved in project period 2018-2021 due to the lack of specific demand of potential beneficiaries. This is also the reason, why the result is not included into the new project cycle.

The updated and revised Project Document is in the Annex to this document.

Contributing Outcome (RPD 2022-2025):

Priority 1 Accelerating structural transformations for green, inclusive and just transitions to sustainability

Project outputs with gender marker:



Output 1: *Enabling environment for Slovak private companies to contribute to Slovakia's international development cooperation strengthened* (Gender marker GEN 1)

Output 2: *Slovakia's positioning as development cooperation provider in the field of security sector reform strengthened* (Gender marker GEN 3)

Output 3: *MFEA SR, SAIDC, other national and international ODA stakeholders equipped with skills, procedures and programmatic/ strategic tools to provide effective and high-quality ODA* (Gender marker GEN 1)

Total resources required:	EURO 1,614,060	
	2018-2021: EUR 899,640 /USD1,013,979	
	2022-2024: EUR 714,420 / est. USD ² 832,657.34)	
Total resources allocated:	UNDP TRAC:	
	Donor (MFEA SR) ³ :	EUR 1,614,060
	Government:	
	In-Kind:	0
Unfunded:	0	

Agreed by (signatures):

Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic	UNDP
 Ivan Korčok, Minister, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Date:	DocuSigned by:  82665CD7435A41B... Gerd Trogemann, Manager of the Istanbul Regional Hub, UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and Central Asia Date: 22-Dec-2021

¹ <http://www.seesac.org/>

² The calculation is based on UN official operational rates set for November 2021
<https://treasury.un.org/operationrates/OperationalRates.php>

³ This figure represents the resources allocated to the project. Levy is not included.