

**Experience with Regional  
Development  
by Slovak republic**

# **Legislation**

- 1. Act No. 539/2008 Coll. on Support of Regional Development**
- 2. Act No. 528/2008 Coll. on Aid and Support provided from European Community Funds**

# Legislation II

**3. The Act No. 528/2008 Coll. on Aid and Support provided from European Community Funds**, governs all legal, contractual, and operational relations among coordinating, managing, and certifying authorities, as well as implementing bodies .

**4. The Act No. 539/2008 Coll. on Support of Regional Development** establishes the objectives and the conditions for support of regional development and defines the powers of state administration authorities, higher territorial units, municipalities and other territorial cooperation entities and the conditions for coordination and implementation of regional development.

# Regional development objectives

- eliminating or mitigating undesirable disparities in the level of economic development, social development and territorial development of regions and ensuring sustainable development of regions;
- increasing the economic performance and competitiveness of regions and promoting innovation in the regions with a view to ensure their sustainable development;
- raising employment and standard of living of people living in the regions as part of the effort to ensure sustainable development.

# **Planning and Programming**

- **physical/territorial planning**
- **socio-economic planning and programming**
- **operational programming under the EU Cohesion Policy**

# Physical/territorial planning

At the **national level**, the planning document of the highest order is called **Spatial Development Perspective of the Slovak Republic (KURS)**.

**At sub-national levels**, there are currently three types of plans in existence, called “územné plány”,

these are: **Major Area Plan, prepared by regional self-government; Local Town Plan, and Zone Plan, prepared by local self-government.**

# Operational programming (under the EU Cohesion Policy)

In 2007, Slovakia negotiated its **National Strategic Reference Framework 2007-2013**, with three strategic priorities: infrastructure and regional accessibility, knowledge-based economy, human resource development. NSRF is implemented via **11 Operational Programmes**.

# Socio-economic/ regional planning and programming

- The respective Act No. 539/2008 Coll. on Support of Regional Development stipulates:
- **National Strategy of Regional Development of the Slovak Republic (National strategy),**
- **Economic and Social Development Programme of a Higher Territorial Unit,**
- **Economic and Social Development Programme of a municipality.**



# Financing

- the **state budget**, including funds allocated to the budgets of individual ministries;
- **special-purpose funds of the state**;
- the budgets of **higher territorial units**;
- the budgets of **municipalities**;
- funds provided **by natural persons**;
- funds provided by legal entities;
- loans and contributions from international organizations;
- funds provided under international grant treaties between the Slovak Republic and other countries;
- other sources, if provided for by specific regulations.

# The Actors

- **Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development**
- **Ministries and other central state administration authorities**
- **Regional self-government** (Higher territorial unit)
- **Local self-government** (Municipality)
- **Regional development agencies**
- **Euroregions**

# Thank you for your attention

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