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SK-CLIMATE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

2021

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nowadays, more and more people are aware of climate change, its negative effects on each of us and most importantly – more and more people want to contribute to mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

The Programme „Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (SK-Climate)“ financed from the EEA and Norway Grants is operated by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic and aims through its Outcomes and Outputs at achieving the Programme’s objective „Climate change mitigated and vulnerability to climate change reduced“. The SK-Climate Programme thereby creates conditions for improving the environment and the quality of life of the population in terms of climate change.

The importance of tackling climate change was also acknowledged by the fact that the resources from the reserve in line with the Art. 1.11 of the Regulation on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 were allocated for the SK-Climate Programme.

Calls for Proposals launched in the year 2019 already shown the absorption capacity and high interest for the Programme’s activities and the available allocation was significantly exceeded: twice in the Call No. 1 (ACC01) and Call No. 2 (ACC02) for the municipalities with the number of inhabitants over 15 000 and five times in the SGS 1 Call (ACC03) for the primary and secondary schools. This was further confirmed by the Calls for Proposals closed in the year 2021 – in the Call No. 3 (ACC05) focused on awareness raising activities on climate change adaptation and mitigation the total amount of Project Grant applied was 13 higher than the allocation and in the Call No. 4 (ACC04) focused on wetlands the total amount of Project Grant applied was 1.3 higher than the allocation.

In 2021 the implementation of 38 Projects under the SK-Climate Programme began. To present the achievements in the SK-Climate Programme, the 1st Information event on progress took place online on 8th December 2021, followed by the online bilateral event “SK-Climate Forum” held on 9th December 2021.

As all the planned Calls under the SK-Climate Programme have been already closed and the available resources have been allocated, the focus in the coming period will be on implementation of Projects, promoting and enhancing the bilateral cooperation within the scope of the SK-Climate Programme.

B. PERFORMANCE

1. Programme context

The fundamental rights of the individual with regard to the environment are enshrined in the Chapter VI of the **Constitution of the Slovak Republic**^[1]. According to the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, everyone shall have the right to favourable environment and, at the same time, everyone shall have a duty to protect and improve the environment. The Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as the “MoE SR”) has the main

responsibility for the creation and protection of the environment at the national level. Given the interdisciplinary nature of this agenda, the MoE SR cooperates with other relevant actors. As an example of such a cross-sectoral cooperation, it is worth mentioning the establishment of the **Government Council for Green Economy**, chaired by Minister of Environment of the Slovak Republic. It is an advisory, coordinating and initiative body of the Government of the Slovak Republic for issues related to the **European Green Deal**^[2] aimed at achieving the goals of sustainable development (that means national priorities for the implementation of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**^[3]) and the transition to a carbon neutral economy by 2050. Slovakia approaches its international commitments (mainly the **Paris Agreement**^[4] ratified by the Slovak Republic in September 2016) responsibly and participated in activities of the EU, such as, for example, the above mentioned European Green Deal. The European Commission^[5] has adopted in June 2021 a positive assessment of Slovakia's **Recovery and Resilience Plan**^[6]. One of the priorities is the green transition (43% of allocation), which includes 5 key components: renewable energy sources and energy infrastructure, renovation of buildings, sustainable transport, decarbonisation of industry and adaptation to climate change.

As indicated above, the position of environmental agenda including topics related to climate change among Slovak national priorities is significant and stable.

Since period of drafting the SK-Climate Programme, the MoE SR has made significant progress for addressing the environmental issues. Numerous strategies have been adopted by the Slovak Government creating the conditions for further actions, mainly the **Strategy of the Environmental Policy of the Slovak Republic until 2030 (Envirostrategy)**^[7] in 2019 with the basic vision to *achieve better environmental quality and sustainable circulation of the economy, which is based on rigorous protection of environmental compartments and using as little non-renewable natural resources and hazardous substances as possible, which will lead to an improvement in health of the population*. One of its priorities is the transition to circular economy. In order to create space for informed discussion about the advantages of green and circular economy, to present innovations and best practices and to support progressive partners the **Information Platform on Green Economy**^[8] was created, administered by Slovak Environment Agency in cooperation with the MoE SR.

In connection with climate change agenda, the **Low-Carbon Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic until 2030 with a View to 2050**^[9], which aims to identify measures to achieve climate neutrality in Slovakia by 2050, approved by the Slovak Government in March 2020 is noteworthy. Following the updated **Adaptation Strategy of the Slovak Republic on Adverse Impacts of Climate Change**^[10], the **National Adaptation Plan for Implementation of the Adaptation Strategy of Slovakia**^[11] was adopted by the Slovak Government in August 2021. The Action Plan focuses on 7 specific areas, such as water protection, management and use, sustainable agriculture, adapted forestry, the natural environment and biodiversity, health and a healthy population, an adapted settlement environment and technical, economic and social measures. From the last period, introduction of some new “anti-plastic” measures are worth mentioning, mainly the ban on use of single-use plastic products (plastic plates, cutlery, straws etc.) in restaurants and on public events from November 2021 and the deposit-refund system for PET bottles and metal cans starting on 1st January 2022.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, on 5th June 2020, the MoE SR has launched the **Green Line** [12], a first contact office, where it is possible to report violations of laws that are intended to protect the environment in an anonymous manner. In 2021, 2 500 complaints of illegal environmental damage were reported by the public (mainly illegal landfills, illegal waste handling, logging in forests, as well as suspicions of air or water pollution). In addition, it is possible to get information on environmental legislation and issues.

[1] <https://www.prezident.sk/upload-files/46422.pdf>

[2] https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en

[3] <https://agenda2030.statistics.sk/Agenda2030/en/home/>

[4] <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement>

[5] https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_3054

[6] <https://www.planobnovy.sk/kompletny-plan-obnovy/zelena-ekonomika/> (in Slovak language)

[7] <https://www.minzp.sk/files/iep/greener-slovakia-2030.pdf>

[8] <https://zelene-hospodarstvo.enviroportal.sk/en>

[9] <https://www.minzp.sk/files/oblasti/politika-zmeny-klimy/ets/lts-sk-eng.pdf>

[10] https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/countries-regions/countries/slovakia/nas_summary_slovakia.pdf

[11] <https://www.sazp.sk/app/cmsFile.php?disposition=i&ID=1132>

[12] Contact information (in Slovak) on Green Line (Zelená linka) are available on: <https://www.minzp.sk/kontakty/>

2. Programme results

Outcome 1: Increased climate change resilience and responsiveness within targeted areas

Description and analysis of results

In the framework of the SK-Climate Programme, the Outcome 1 shall be achieved through the following Outputs:

- Output 1.1 „Action plans for mitigation and adaptation implemented by local authorities in urban areas“ implemented through 2 open Calls,

- Output 1.2 „Awareness raising activities on climate change mitigation and adaptation carried out by schools“ implemented through a Small Grant Scheme Call,
- Output 1.3 „Awareness raising activities on climate change mitigation and adaptation carried out“ implemented through an open Call and
- Output 1.4 „Climate change and environment education centre in Dropie supported for additional demonstration measures and educational programmes“ implemented as a Pre-defined Project.

Within the **Output 1.1**, 2 open Calls were launched on 29th November 2019 and closed on 28th February 2020 – **Call No. 1** (ACC01) financed from EEA Grants and **Call No. 2** (ACC02) financed from Norway Grants, both named “Action plans for mitigation and adaptation implemented by local authorities in urban areas” (ClimaUrban)”. Under the Call No. 1 (ACC01) 7 Project Applications were submitted (€ 9 358 745 of Project Grant applied); on 6th November 2020 the SK-Climate Programme Operator approved for support 3 Project Applications, 1 Project Application is listed on the Reserve List and 3 Project Applications have not been approved. Under the Call No. 2 (ACC02) 8 Project Applications were submitted (€ 11 021 818 of Project Grant applied); on 6th November 2020 the SK-Climate Programme Operator approved for support 3 Project Applications and 6 Project were listed on the Reserve List.

Thanks to the **Addendum No. 1** to the Programme Agreement for the financing of the Programme “Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (SK-Climate)” which entered into force on 20th January 2021 the allocation for the Call No. 2 (ACC02) was increased by € 2 607 059. 3 more Project Applications from the Reserve List were approved for support by the Programme Operator on 2nd February 2021. All Projects supported from the Call No. 1 (ACC01) and No. 2 (ACC02) are implemented in cooperation with Donor Project Partners.

In terms of contracting process, at the end of February 2021 3 Project Contracts under the Call No. 1 (ACC01) and 3 Project Contracts under the Call No. 2 (ACC02) entered into force. In May 2021, 3 more Project Contracts were signed under the Call No. 2 (ACC02) based on the Amendment 1 to the Programme Agreement mentioned before. Overview information on contracted Projects is provided in Annex 3.

Within the Output 1.2, Small Grant Scheme Calls No. 1 (ACC03) “Awareness raising on climate change mitigation and adaptation at schools (ClimaEdu)” financed from the Norway Grants, was launched on 31th December 2019 and closed on 28th February 2020. Under this Call, 123 Project Applications were submitted (€ 5 296 786 of Project Grant applied); on 6th November 2020 the SK-Climate Programme Operator approved for support 28 Project Applications, 30 Project Applications are listed on the Reserve List and 65 Project Applications have not been approved. 5 supported Projects are implemented in cooperation with Donor Project Partners.

In terms of contracting process, at the end of February 2021 28 Project Contracts entered into force. Overview information on contracted Projects is provided in Annex 3.

Within the Output 1.3, an open Call No. 3 (ACC05) “Awareness raising on climate change adaptation and mitigation (ClimaInfo)” financed from the Norway Grants, was launched on 15th December 2020 and closed on 26th February 2021, with Call allocation € 876 838. Project Applications were submitted in total amount over € 11.7 mil. of requested Project Grant. 3 Project Applications in total amount of available Call allocation were approved for support by the SK-Climate Programme Operator on 26th October 2021, 11 Project Applications are listed on the Reserve List and 22 Project Applications have not been approved. Due to non-acceptance of Grant Offer Letter by one of the Applicants, one Project Application from the Reserve List was approved for support.

Project Contracts are expected to be signed early 2022. As there were no limitations on eligible Applicants and Project Partners, the Projects will be implemented by a variety of entities (expert institutions, NGOs, universities, local governments). Each of the supported Projects is planned to be implemented in cooperation with Donor Project Partner.

Summarizing the progress made under the Outcome 1 so far, it can be emphasized that in the year 2021 the implementation of 38 Projects under the Outputs 1.1, 1.3 and 1.4 started. The set target values of Outcome and Output indicators can be expected to be achieved.

In the initial phase of Project implementation, mainly the public procurement procedures, carrying out of soft activities and publicity (first information events) took place.

Despite the adverse circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, progress in individual Projects is demonstrated by the gradually growing values of corresponding indicators of the Outcome 1 and Outputs 1.1 and 1.2. All Projects implemented under the SK-Climate Programme are based on a combination of hard and soft measures and their complexity to addressing the climate change issues will be tangible only after the overall completion of the project, some partial activities, however, have already been carried out.

In the framework of the Project **SK-CLIMATE-0031** entitled “Snina a city that is ready for climate change” implemented by the City of Snina, contribution to the Outcome indicator “Estimated annual CO2 emissions reductions of supported entities (in tonnes)” has been reported by the Project Promoter with value of 16.44 tonnes in the year 2021. This was achieved thanks to the complete reconstruction of part of the public lighting RVO 07 on Jesenského Street, as one of activities focused on energy efficient and smart solutions in Snina.

Under the Project **SK-CLIMATE-0030** entitled “MITADAPT: Low-carbon Bratislava-Karlova Ves resilient towards climate change – adaptation and mitigation approach” implemented by the City District of Bratislava-Karlova Ves contribution to the Output indicator „Number of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures implemented” was reported by the Project Promoter. As part of the Project, an in-depth renovation of the public building of the Kindergarten at Koliskova Street 14 is planned, using innovative adaptation and mitigation measures and in 2021 progress was made in this activity (mainly works on the thermal insulation of building envelope, replacement of transparent constructions of buildings (windows, doors), reconstruction of the lightning conductors, work on the thermal insulation of the facade in the inner atrium of the building, reconstruction of the terrace, renovation of

children's washbasins, field works such as – rainwater barrels, underground retention and detention tanks including monitoring and control systems).

As far as Projects implemented by the primary and secondary schools under the Small Grant Scheme 1 concerned, they were significantly affected by the restrictions on slowing down the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the years 2020 and 2021. Nevertheless, individual activities were carried out as far as possible, what is reflected in growing values of relevant indicators. Based on the Project Reports provided by the Project Promoters, the Output Indicator "Number of students participating awareness raising activities" reached the value of 5,177 in the 28 Project implemented. The value of the Output Indicator "Number of physical climate change responsive measures carried out in schools" is 25. The variability of elements related with climate change issues to be used in the educational process could be demonstrated by some examples from already carried out activities in Projects.

In the framework of the **Project SK-CLIMATE-0009** implemented by the Primary Special School in the City of Partizánske the greenery was planted outside the school premises as well as and the proportion of greenery in the classes was increased. In this schools, children with disabilities are educated and they will have the possibility to take care for the greenery and form a positive relationship with nature.

Planting greenery was one of activities carried out in the **Project SK-CLIMATE-0012** implemented by the Secondary Grammar School of Pavol Jozef Šafárik in the City of Rožňava where a permaculture garden was established and raised beds planted. Moreover, insect hotels were installed in the garden. In order to contribute to Zero waste strategy of the school, separating recycle bins were installed in the classes and school corridors.

Under the Project **SK-CLIMATE-0006** implemented by the Secondary Grammar School in the City of Púchov 2 vermicomposters with California earthworms were installed and the students are entrusted to take care for these vermicomposters. This activity shall contribute to reduction of waste generation and its further use.

As already indicated, the most significant added value of the Projects implemented by primary and secondary schools under the Small Grant Scheme No. 1 is the direct involvement in some activities of pupils and students.

Moreover, every Project has a mandatory inclusion of soft activities – e.g. elaboration of educational materials, update of curricula etc. These materials, when completed, are free accessible on the Project web sites.

Pre-defined project(s)

The **Pre-defined Project** „Climate change and environment education centre (Living Lab) in Dropie“ is listed under the Output 1.4 of the Result framework. This Pre-defined Project is implemented by the Slovak Environment Agency in cooperation with Norwegian Bjerkness Centre for Climate Research and Municipality of Trondheim as Donor Project Partners. The Project Grant is €1 200 000 from the EEA Grant and the State Budget of the Slovak Republic. After meeting the pre-eligibility condition set in the Annex I to the Programme Agreement an

externalised appraisal of the Project Application by a legal entity independent of and unrelated to the Programme Operator was carried out. The Project Contract entered into force on 17th June 2021. The PDP aims to create a complex educational centre that ensures the acquisition of relevant knowledge and skills needed to promote and implement climate mitigation and adaptation measures and community outreach intended for two main target groups – representatives of local governments as decision makers on the one hand and children and young people as recipients of theoretical and practical information to be used in their everyday life.

On 15th June 2021 the Launching event on Pre-defined Project took part in the premises of Dropie, with online participation of Donor Project Partners from Norway. Among the participants were also representatives of the local authorities and they were interested in the information on PDP provided.

The Project activities in the 2nd semester of the year 2021 consisted mainly in public procurement procedures and preparatory works on educational materials.

Outcome 2: Enhanced ability of targeted ecosystems to adapt to climate change

Description and analysis of results

In the framework of the SK-Climate Programme, the Outcome 2 shall be achieved through the single Outcome 2.1 “Restoration of degraded wetland ecosystems” financed under the Norway Grants. Projects to be supported were selected through the open Call No. 4 (ACC04) launched on 15th December 2020 and closed on 31st March 2021, with Call allocation € 4.8 mil. This Call was focused on support of measures for wetland loss and degradation reduction, revitalization of wetlands, restoration of their ecosystem services and public awareness raising on the importance of wetlands in the context of climate change. 8 Project Applications were submitted in total amount € 6 186 509 of Project Grant requested. 6 Project Applications in total amount of available Call allocation were approved for support by the SK-Climate Programme Operator on 26th October 2021 and 2 Project Applications have not been approved.

In order to promote the bilateral cooperation and Project partnerships under planned Projects, the SK-Climate Programme Operator organised in close cooperation with the Donor Programme Partners on 11th February 2021 an online Matchmaking Event. The representatives of two Norwegian organisations - Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA) and Norwegian Institute for Bioeconomy research (NIBIO) participated at the event and presented their experience and know-how in the area of concern supported by this Call. It is gratifying that 3 of supported Projects will be carried out in cooperation with important Norwegian expert organisations - Norwegian Institute for Nature Research and Norwegian University of Life Science.

Project Contracts are expected to be signed early 2022. As there were no limitations on eligible Applicants and Project Partners, the Projects will be implemented by a variety of entities (expert institutions, NGOs, universities, local governments).

Although the implementation of Projects will start during the year 2022, the target values of set Outcome and Output indicators should be met.

Pre-defined project(s)

Pre-defined Projects are not implemented under the Outcome 2.

Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between beneficiary and donor state entities involved in the programme

Analysis of bilateral relations and achievements

Bilateral cooperation, incl. facilitating the bilateral Project partnerships, is an important component of the SK-Climate Programme. There are 3 dimensions of bilateral cooperation to be supported from the Bilateral Fund envisaged: Strategic level, Programme level and Project level. In order to meet the set objectives, the involvement of **Donor Programme Partners** in the preparation and implementation of the SK-Climate Programme is crucial. In line with the Memoranda of Understanding, the following institutions are represented in the SK-Climate Programme: the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate, the Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning and the Norwegian Environment Agency. This cooperation was formalised by establishing the SK-Climate Cooperation Committee to fulfil the tasks listed in the Art. 4.4.3 of the Regulations on implementation of the Financial Mechanisms. In addition, the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Bratislava is represented in the Cooperation Committee as the Observer.

In 2021, 2 online Cooperation Committee sessions took part. At the session held on 5th May 2021, the SK-Climate Programme Operator provided the information of current stage of the SK-Climate Programme and the evaluation of the Communication Plan of the SK-Climate Programme was presented and discussed by the Cooperation Committee. The session held on 8th December 2021 focused on summarizing the year 2021 and outlining the activities for the year 2022. One of the topics discussed was the use of the left-overs from all Calls launched under the SK-Climate Programme in the amount of approx. €70 000. It was agreed to allocate this amount in favour of the Small Grant Scheme No. 1 and support 2 more schools listed on the Reserve List. The Programme Modification Proposal will be administrated by the Programme Operator early 2022.

Moreover, 2 written procedures in line with the Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Cooperation Committee for the SK-Climate Programme were carried out. The Written Procedure No 4/2021 concerned the cancellation of the Call ACC_BF 01 for Smaller Scale Activities – Travel Grants within SK-Climate Programme due to the impossibility of implementing activities caused by pandemic situation. The Written Procedure No 5/2021

concerned the update of the document “Distribution of funds for bilateral relations within the SK-Climate Programme”, setting the planned activities for the period 3. Q. 2021 – 2023.

Donor Programme Partners are represented in the Selection Committees under the SK-Climate Programme as well.

Activities planned to be carried out from the Bilateral fund are agreed within the Cooperation Committee through the document “Distribution of funds for bilateral relations within the SK-Climate Programme”. Active and professional involvement of DPPs into planning and carrying out the bilateral activities contributes to their high quality.

Until the year 2021, the key focus was concentrated on facilitating and enabling the Donor Project partnerships in relation with the Calls launched under the SK-Climate Programme.

To support potential Project partnerships the SK-Climate Programme Operator organised in close cooperation with the Donor Programme Partners the following matchmaking events:

- Matchmaking event in connection with the Call No. 1 (ACC01) and Call No. 2 (ACC02) for eligible Applicants (municipalities with more than 15 000 inhabitants) a potential Donor Project Partners took place on 29th October 2019 in Oslo/Norway (16 Slovak municipalities and 10 Norwegian attended);
- Matchmaking event in connection with the SGS 1 Call (ACC03) for eligible Applicants (primary and secondary schools) took place on 20th November 2019 in the municipality of Štiavnické Bane in Slovakia (51 Slovak schools and 4 schools from Norway attended),
- Online Matchmaking event in connection with the Call No. 4 (ACC04) took place on 11th February 2021 with participation of 2 Norwegian expert institutions and 21 representatives of potential Applicants.

These events were positively perceived by the participants and can be evaluated as successful.

In order to contribute enhancing the cooperation and improving the mutual knowledge and understanding between the Donor States and Slovakia, the Open Call for Smaller Scale Activities – Travel Grants No. ACC_BF 1 was launched by the SK-Climate Programme Operator on 10th February 2020 with the total allocation of € 50 000. Considering the situation with the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, this Call has been temporarily suspended with the effect from 16th March 2020 and cancelled on 29th March 2021.

Thanks to the above-mentioned Matchmaking events, as well as thanks to the Applicants' own initiative, the cooperation between Donor States and Slovakia on the Project level will be supported in all the Calls launched and closed under the SK-Climate Programme by 31st December 2021:

- under the Call No. 1 (ACC01) all the 3 Projects are implemented in partnerships with Norwegian Project Partners and 1 of them with Islandic Project Partner as well;

- under the Call No. 2 (ACC02) all the 6 Projects are implemented in partnerships with Norwegian Project Partners;
- under the SGS Call 1 (ACC03) 5 Projects are implemented in partnerships with Norwegian Project Partners;
- under the Call No. 3 (ACC05) 3 Project Applications approved include partnerships with Norwegian Project Partners and
- under the Call No. 4 (ACC04) 3 Project Applications approved include partnerships with Norwegian Project Partners.

A significant contribution to the bilateral ambitions of the SK-Climate Programme is envisaged in the Predefined Project entitled “Climate change and environment education centre (LivingLab) in Dropie” implement by the Slovak Environment Agency in cooperation with 2 Donor Project Partners – the Norwegian Bjerknnes Centre for Climate Research and the Municipality of Trondheim.

Nevertheless, the target value set in the Result Framework for the Bilateral Output indicators will not be met. However, there is a possibility that the unattainable quantity will be replaced by quality of Project partnerships.

In addition to supporting bilateral Project partnerships, the first event towards enhancing the bilateral cooperation within the scope of the SK-Climate Programme agendas took place on 9th December 2021 – the online bilateral event “SK-Climate Forum” held with presentations of Slovak and Norwegian participants focused on water, cities and education in the context of climate change.

3. Implementation

Cooperation with International Partner Organisations (IPOs)

The cooperation with International Partner Organisations is not relevant for the SK-Climate Programme.

C. LEARNING

1. Monitorings carried out

The requirements of the Programme Operator regarding the monitoring are set in the Programme Agreement for the financing of the “Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (SK-Climate)” and the Programme Implementation Agreement. Specific procedures of the SK-Climate Programme Operator are described in the internal management documents of the SK-Climate Programme Operator.

Monitoring of Projects, as defined in the Regulations, shall be focused on the observation of implementation in order to ensure that agreed procedures are followed, progress towards agreed outcomes and outputs is being made and to identify possible problems in a timely manner.

After concluding first Project Contracts under the SK-Climate Programme in 2021, monitoring as a systematic process in a broader sense, has started.

The Monitoring plan for the year 2021 involved the indicative timing for the compliance-based monitoring through the on-the-spot verifications and was scheduled for the period of III. and IV. Q of 2021. Given the circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the national-wide taken measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 as well as the individual situation of Project Promoters, Programme Operator decided to postpone the on-the-spot verifications and monitoring visits to the year 2022.

Monitoring of Projects focused therefore on administrative verifications of reports provided by the Project Promoters. Besides this, the SK-Climate Programme Operator carried out an internal risk analyses of every Project implemented based on the data available at the end of the year 2021. As a supporting tool to identify the problematic issues in Projects early enough is carried out an intense operative communication at working level with the Project Promoters, as well as online seminars organised by the Programme Operator.

The Monitoring plan for the year 2022 is provided in Annex 5.

2. Evaluations carried out

As of 31st December 2021, no evaluation of the SK-Climate Programme according to the Article 10.1 of the Regulations has been carried out.

3. Lessons learned from monitoring, evaluation and implementation

In the years 2020 and 2021 all areas of life have been significantly affected by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

On the Programme level, there were delays compared to the planned milestones (mainly shift in the planned timing for launching the Call No. 4 (ACC04), extended deadlines for particular assessment and selection processes in Calls closed in the year 2020). The Call for smaller scale activities – travel grants (ACC_BF 01) under the Bilateral Fund launched on 10th February 2020 had to be cancelled without any supported activities.

The delays concerning the open Calls have already been caught up. Regarding the bilateral activities, in the years 2022 and 2023 strengthened focus will be on planning and carrying out suitable activities in order to enhance the bilateral cooperation.

On the Project level, in order to support the smooth implementation of Projects and assist the Project Promoters, the SK-Climate Programme Operator uses online communication (e.g. for seminars and meetings). Many of the planned activities under the Projects held online as well, e.g. information events on Projects, seminars and workshops.

In the Project implementation stage one of the most important threats that could affect the smooth realisation of Projects is the enormous increase of cost for construction works and material, as it was announced by some of the municipalities as Project Promoters under the Call No. 2 (ACC02). After discussing this issue within the SK-Climate Cooperation Committee,

the Programme Operator will assist the Project Promoters in seeking the most suitable solutions (e.g. up-dating the Project without impact on activities contributing to the target value of indicators etc.).

D. ANNEXES

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Annex 1: Updated achievements in the results framework

Objective: Climate change mitigated and vulnerability to climate change reduced								
Outcome 1: Increased climate change resilience and responsiveness within targeted areas								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Share of Slovak population benefiting from living in more climate change resilient and responsive urban areas	Percentage	0.00 %	-	5,500	5,500,000	0.10 %	13.50 %	Values are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoters.
Estimated annual CO2 emissions reductions of supported entities (in tonnes)	Annual number	0	0 (APR 2020)	-	-	16.44	28,570	Values are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoters.
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	16.44	-	-
Number of people self-reporting having more climate friendly behaviour	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	3,406	15,000	Values are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoters.
Output 1.1: Action plans for mitigation and adaptation implemented by local authorities in urban areas								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of action plans completed	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	9	No action plan was completed during the reported period. 6 Project Contracts entered into force in February 2021 and 3 in May 2021. Subsequently, Projects were in the initial implementation phase. Values

								are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoters.
Number of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures implemented	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	2	142	6 Project Contracts entered into force in February 2021 and 3 in May 2021. Subsequently, Projects were in the initial implementation phase and the activities are implemented gradually. Values are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoters.
Output 1.2: Awareness raising activities on climate change mitigation and adaptation carried out by schools								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of schools carrying out awareness raising campaigns	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	29	28 Project Contracts entered into force in February 2021. Subsequently, Projects were in the initial implementation phase and the activities are implemented gradually. The values for this indicator will be counted only after the completion of the Project.
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Number of students participating in awareness raising campaigns	Cumulative number	0	3753 (IFR 2021)	-	-	5,177	7,300	28 Project Contracts entered into force in February 2021. Subsequently, Projects were in the initial implementation

								phase and the activities are implemented gradually. The values for this indicator will be counted only after the completion of the Project.
Number of physical climate change responsive measures carried out in schools	Cumulative number	0	15 (IFR 2021)	-	-	25	80	28 Project Contracts entered into force in February 2021. Subsequently, Projects were in the initial implementation phase and the activities are implemented gradually. Values are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoters.
Output 1.3: Awareness raising activities on climate change mitigation and adaptation carried out								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of awareness raising campaigns carried out	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	18	No Project Contracts were concluded until 31 December 2021.
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Number of attendees reached by the campaigns	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	4,500	No Project Contracts were concluded until 31 December 2021.
Output 1.4: Climate change and environment education centre in Dropie supported for additional demonstration measures and educational programmes								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		

			reporting period					
Number of new outdoor climate change mitigation and adaptation measures completed	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	7	The Project Contract entered into force in June 2021. Subsequently, Project were in the initial implementation phase and the activities are implemented gradually. Values are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoter.
Estimated annual reduced energy/electricity consumption (in kWh)	Annual number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	66,521	The Project Contract entered into force in June 2021. Subsequently, Project were in the initial implementation phase and the activities are implemented gradually. Data are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoter.
Number of students completing educational activities/courses	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	1,200	The Project Contract entered into force in June 2021. Subsequently, Project were in the initial implementation phase and the activities are implemented gradually. Data are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoter.
Number of local decision-makers and administrators completing workshops/courses	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	360	The Project Contract entered into force in June 2021. Subsequently, Project were in the initial implementation phase and the activities are implemented gradually. Data

								are based on the Interim Project Reports of Project Promoter.
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Outcome 2: Enhanced ability of targeted ecosystems to adapt to climate change								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Improved environmental status of supported ecosystems	Binary	No	-	Reported 2022, 2025			Yes	-
Estimated number of people benefiting from ecosystems improvement measures	Cumulative number	0	-	Reported 2022, 2025			3,000	-
Output 2.1: Restoration of degraded wetland ecosystems								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of wetland ecosystems supported	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	6	No Project Contracts were concluded until 31 December 2021.
Estimated area of wetland ecosystems restored (in m2)	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	600,000	No Project Contracts were concluded until 31 December 2021.

Number of awareness campaigns carried out	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	6	No Project Contracts were concluded until 31 December 2021.
Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between beneficiary and donor state entities involved in the programme								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Level of trust between cooperating entities in Beneficiary States and Donor States	Scale 1-7	TBD	-	-	-	-	4.50, Target is ≥4.5, and an increase on the baseline value	Data to be collected by the FMO.
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Level of satisfaction with the partnership	Scale 1-7	TBD	-	-	-	-	4.50, Target is ≥4.5, and an increase on the baseline value	Data to be collected by the FMO.
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Norway Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
Beneficiary State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donor State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of cooperating organisations that apply the knowledge acquired from bilateral partnership	Percentage	N/A	-	-	-	-	60.00 %	Data to be collected by the FMO.
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
EEA Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
Beneficiary State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donor State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bilateral Output 1: Cooperation between Donor and Beneficiary State entities supported								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of projects involving cooperation with a Donor project partner	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	36	Until 31 December 2021, all Partnership Agreements were concluded. The values for this indicator will be counted only after the completion of the Project.
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
EEA Grants	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Norway Grants	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>								
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-

<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Number of training courses co-organised by donor state and beneficiary state entities	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2021)	-	-	0	10	Values are based on the reports of Project Promoter. No training course took place until 31 December 2021.
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-

Annex 2: Communication summary

1. Best practice examples

- The project example No. 1: **Snina – a city that is ready for climate change**

This best practise example is from the Call No. 2 (ACC02) “**Action plans for mitigation and adaptation implemented by local authorities in urban areas (ClimaUrban)**”. The call was aimed for the Slovak municipalities with a population over 15,000 inhabitants. The aim of the call was to develop action plans for mitigation and adaption to climate change in urban areas and to implement concrete measures in accordance with the action plan.

Under this call, the City of Snina received Project Grant in the total amount of € 1,758,580 from the Norway Grants (85%) and the State Budget of the Slovak Republic (15%). The project was prepared by the City of Snina in cooperation with the Roman Catholic Parish of the Holy Cross in Snina and the Norwegian Institute for Bioeconomic Research (NIBIO). The project aims to implement adaptive measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change in Snina. The implementation of the project is planned for 36 months. To achieve the set goal and individual indicators, the project is divided into the following activities: Creating an action plan, Revitalization of parks, Measures against floods in urban areas, Reconstruction of buildings and public spaces in harmony with nature, Energy-saving and smart solutions in Snina.

For more information see the project’s web page: <https://www.sninaklima.sk/en/home-en/>

- The project example No.2: **We think and teach ecologically**

This best practise example is from the SGS 1 Call (ACC03) „**Awareness raising on climate change mitigation and adaptation at schools (ClimaEdu)**”. The call was aimed for primary and secondary schools. The aim was to raise the awareness of students towards the mitigation and adaptation to climate change through theoretical education as well as through realisation of concrete physical measures in schools and school areas.

Under this Call the Secondary School in Detva received Project Grant in the total amount of € 31,295 from the Norway Grants (85%) and the State Budget of the Slovak Republic (15%). The project is implemented by Secondary School in Detva in cooperation with the City of Hriňová, Primary school in Detva, and with the Primary School in Kriváň. The project focuses on environmental education, which is not only a cross-cutting theme of each school curriculum, but also an important factor for sustainable development. As part of the project is created a partnership between secondary and primary schools in the region. An important partner is also Soloer upper secondary school Soensterud, with which the Project Promoter cooperates repeatedly. The project also includes the modernizing of the school curriculum, on the other hand there are technical measures involved to contribute to the mitigation and adaptation on climate change.

For more information see the project’s web page:
<http://ecothinkingecoteaching.proxia.sk/en/>

2. Best bilateral cooperation examples

As one of the best bilateral cooperation example was chosen the Project No. ACC03P12, approved under the SGS 1 Call (ACC03) „**Awareness raising on climate change mitigation and adaptation at schools (ClimaEdu)**”.

- The project **Climatic Garden** is realized by the Secondary Vocational School of Trade and Services, City of Rimavská Sobota. The Project Grant is in the total amount of € 41 150 from the Norway Grants (85%) and the State Budget of the Slovak Republic (15%).

The project partner is Radøy ungdomsskule, Alver kommune, Norway. This project is focused on theoretical and practical teaching of students and public in the field of climate change mitigation and adaptation, realized in close cooperation with Norwegian partner and supports exchange of education and experiences in this field. The project plans to achieve climate-friendly behaviour among people, who have experienced the educational process in Climatic Garden, due the realized project activities, and will also contribute to Roma community inclusion and their education, due the fact that, the majority of students in this school belong to this community. The added value of this project is an excellent cooperation with donor project partners in the field of exchanging educational materials and experiences within the target groups on both side.

For more information see the project’s web page: <http://www.sosos.sk/klimaticka-zahrada-climatic-garden/>

3. The programme in a nutshell

<p>What is the added value of this programme?</p>	<p>The SK-Climate Programme aims to achieve its objective through its outcomes and outputs which is: „Climate change mitigation and adaptation“. The Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, as the Programme Operator of the SK-Climate Programme, in close cooperation with the Donor Programme Partners, which are the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE), the Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning (DSB) and the Norwegian Environmental Agency (NEA) had jointly established and generated multilevel bilateral partnerships, which are designed to support the long-term objective of the Programme. “Together we will achieve more!”</p>		
<p>Include up to two quotes about this programme. Please include the name, last name and title of the person.</p>	<p>Quote 1</p>		
	<p>In accordance with the Communication plan of the SK-Climate programme let us quote the following:</p>		
	<p>“Big results require big ambitions”</p>		
	<p>Author</p>	<p>Name Heraclitus</p>	<p>Title N/A</p>
	<p>Quote 2</p>		
<p>“However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results”</p>			
<p>Author</p>	<p>Name</p>	<p>Title</p>	

		Attributed to Sir Winston Churchill	N/A
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4. Visibility of the Grants and the Donors

In 2021, the assistance of Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein from the EEA and Norway Grants through the SK-Climate Programme including possibilities offered by the bilateral cooperation was presented on the following events:

- [Matchmaking event focused on establishment of bilateral project partnerships](#)

The event was organized on-line, within the Call No. 4 „Restoration of degraded wetland ecosystems“ – ClimaLocal on 11. February 2021 by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic as the Programme Operator, in cooperation with the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE), The Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning (DSB) and the Norwegian Environmental Agency (NEA) as the Donor Programme Partners.

The Programme Operator provided via this event an opportunity for interested Slovak entities as potential Applicants to establish contacts with Norwegian entities that have expressed a preliminary interest in bilateral cooperation at the project level. The representatives of Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA) and Norwegian Institute for Bioeconomy research (NIBIO) participated in the event, interested in sharing their experience and know-how in projects under this Call.

- [Information event on the SK-Climate Programme](#)

The Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic as the Programme Operator, in cooperation with the Donor Programme Partners, organized on 8. December 2021 the 1. information event on progress focused on the presentation of the progress made in the SK-Climate Programme as well as introduction of selected implemented Projects. The event was intended for general public and entities involved into preparation and implementation of the SK-Climate Programme.

The event took place at a time when all calls for proposals planned under the SK-Climate Programme have been closed and the allocation is redistributed among particular projects. At the event, experts from the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic also presented current information on the agenda of climate change mitigation and adaptation. The SK-Climate Programme was presented from two perspectives - theoretical (the SK-Climate Programme, its objectives, calls for proposals and results already achieved) and practical - in the form of a presentations of some of the implemented projects.

- [SK-Climate Forum](#)

The Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic as the Programme Operator, in cooperation with the Donor Programme Partners, organized a bilateral event called “SK-Climate Forum” on 9. December 2021. The event was focused on the bilateral institutional cooperation, reflecting the thematic scope of the SK-Climate Programme with a long-term perspective between relevant experts on the climate change area and relevant institutions from Slovakia and Donor States.

The importance of combating climate change was underlined by interesting contributions from experts from main institutions representing Norway and Slovakia. The program of the event was divided into three thematic groups in the context of climate change on the topic of water, cities and education. Thanks to the active participation and discussions of the presenting institutions from Norway and Slovakia, the bilateral exchange of experiences was visibly supported.

5. Media coverage

Example 1

Coverage	Type	National
Description	Article „Municipalities and schools have received funding from Norwegian funds“ was published on 27. February 2021 after first Project Contracts under the SK-Climate Programme entered into force (6 Project to be implemented by the municipalities and 28 Project to be implemented by schools), incl. information on the cooperation with entities from Donor State on the Project level.	
Relevant links	https://www.teraz.sk/slovensko/mzp-samospravy-a-skoly-ziskali-fina/531258-clanok.html	

Example 2

Coverage	Type	National
Description	Broadcast article from 14. 06. 2021 about the Project “We learn to live” implemented Primary Special School in the City of Partizánske thanks to the Norway Grants. In the frame of the Project, students can improve their movement skills, learn about the life of insects or squirrels, but also learn to take care of the garden.	
Relevant links	https://reginazapad.rtvs.sk/clanky/z-regionu/259720/specialna-zakladna-skola-v-partizanskom-sa-zmenila-na-zelenu-oazu	

Example 3

Coverage	Type	Local
Description	Reportage of the Local Television on the City of Krupina “Krupinská televízia” on the opening event of the Project implemented by the Secondary Grammar School of Andrej Sladkovič, Krupina thanks to the Norway Grants.	
Relevant links	https://youtu.be/zgNMjVAPY2s	

Example 4

Coverage	Type	National
Description	Article "Millions of euros from Norwegian grants will go to wetland restoration" on the Call No. 4 "Restoration of degraded wetland ecosystems" (ClimaLocal)" financed from the Norway Grants and the State Budget of the Slovak Republic launched by the Programme Operator.	
Relevant links	https://www.voda-portal.sk/Dokument/z-norskych-grantov-poputuju-miliony-eur-do-obnovy-mokradi-100959.aspx	

Example 5

Coverage	Type	Regional
Description	Article „EEA and Norway Grants _New Calls were launched under the SK-Climate Programme" providing information on planned Calls (Call No. 4 and Call No. 5) published on the web of the Association of Towns and Municipalities of Slovakia.	
Relevant links	https://www.zmos.sk/oznamy/granty-ehp-a-norska-nove-vyzvy-v-ramci-programu-sk-klima-/mid/409292/md0/3/md1/2020/.html	

Example 6

Coverage	Type	Regional
Description	Article "Town Brezno wants to face climate change and will start building rain gardens" providing information on Project "Action plan and measures of the town Brezno aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change" by the City of Brezno co-financed from the Norway Grants.	
Relevant links	https://mybystrica.sme.sk/c/22331912/brezno-chce-celit-klimatickej-zmene-zacne-budovat-dazdove-zahrady.html	

Example 7

Coverage	Type	National
Description	Article "More than 1.2 million euros will go to the completion of the environment centre" providing information on the Pre-defined Project Livig Lab in Dropie implemented under the SK-Climate Programme from the EEA Grants by the Slovak Environment Agency in cooperation with Donor Project Partners.	
Relevant links	https://domov.sme.sk/c/22119301/stredisko-dropie-envirovychova-enviro-zivotne-prostredie.html	

6. Website and social media

6.a. Links to the programme website and social media accounts

Link to programme website					
https://www.minzp.sk/en/eeagrants/eea...					
Total number of page views in the reporting year		Change, compared to last year (in absolute numbers)	Total number of unique visitors in the reporting year		Change, compared to last year (in absolute numbers)
17860		1574	5420		1365
Specific link or handle for the account	Posts published in the reporting year	Total likes in the reporting year	Total comments in the reporting year	Total shares/Re-tweets etc. in the reporting year	Followers gained since programme launch
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/eeagrants.SKCLIMATE/				
	62	255	6	88	280

6.b. Results of website and social media activities

The FB social media account was established **as a support tool to the website of the SK-CLIMATE programme** on 16 September 2019, later than the programme's web page was firstly used for sharing any information about the programme.

The gap within the reach and total likes included in the table are very visible, because of other relevant shares made by other stakeholders of the SK-Climate Programme, e. g. our Programme partners, NFP etc. The Total reach of all "Posts published..." during the mentioned period was **12 448** and the 255 likes together.

7. Visuals

Not applicable yet.

Annex 3: Overview of contracted projects

Outcome	Projects	#	# of donor project partners	Amount contracted	% of outcome budget contracted
Outcome 1: Increased climate change resilience and responsiveness within targeted areas	Pre-defined	1	2	€ 1,200,000	7.99 %
	Contracted through open calls	9	10	€ 11,925,303	79.43 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	28	4	€ 997,499	6.64 %
	Total Outcome 1	38	16	€ 14,122,802	94.07 %
Outcome 2: Enhanced ability of targeted ecosystems to adapt to climate change	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 2	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Programme	Total	38	16	€ 14,122,802	71.28 %

Annex 4: Risk management

Programmatic risks						
Risk description	Risk related to	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	Response type	Validity
Lack of interest of applicants in the Programme's calls for proposals (low number of applications received)	Both objectives	1	2	1.41	Mitigate	
	Description of planned response	Analysing the progress achieved in the SK-Climate Programme, setting up the priorities for the remaining allocation (incl. Bilateral Fund); targeted campaigns on promoting the possibilities under the SK-Climate Programme.				
	Description of actual response	Setting up the priorities for the remaining allocation (incl. Bilateral Fund); targeted campaigns on promoting the possibilities for bilateral cooperation in the climate change agenda under the Bilateral Fund.				
	Planned future response	Targeted campaigns on promoting the possibilities for bilateral cooperation in the climate change agenda under the Bilateral Fund, incl. Information and/or matchmaking events.				
Changed legislative environment (e.g. national Public Procurement Act)	Reducing social and economic disparities	3	2	2.45	Accept	
	Description of planned response	Regular following of the changes in relevant legislation (mainly the Act on Public Procurement and the Act on Financial Control and Audit). Updating of guidelines for Beneficiaries and/or seminars for Beneficiaries (if needed).				
	Description of actual response	Regular following of changes in relevant legislation (mainly the Act on Public Procurement and the Act on Financial Control and Audit). Updating of guidelines for Beneficiaries and/or seminars for Beneficiaries (if needed).				
	Planned future response	Regular following of the changes in relevant legislation (mainly the Act on Public Procurement and the Act on Financial Control and Audit). Updating of guidelines for Beneficiaries and/or seminars for Beneficiaries (if needed).				

Operational risks						
Risk description	Risk related to	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	Response type	Validity
Lack of project management experience and capacity of project promoters	Both objectives	1	1	1.00	Mitigate	
	Description of planned response	Regular supervising of the Project implementation by the responsible Project Manager in order to take the appropriate action in a timely manner. User-friendly guidelines for Beneficiaries and/or seminars for Beneficiaries (if needed).				
	Description of actual response	Regular supervising of the Project implementation by the responsible Project Manager in order to take the appropriate action in a timely manner. User-friendly guidelines for Beneficiaries and/or seminars for Beneficiaries (if needed).				
	Planned future response	Regular supervising of the Project implementation by the responsible Project Manager in order to take the appropriate action in a timely manner. User-friendly guidelines for Beneficiaries and/or seminars for Beneficiaries (if needed).				
Insufficient administrative capacities in the PO structure	Both objectives	1	2	1.41	Avoid/Terminate	
	Description of planned response	Continuing the stabilisation of administrative capacities by applying a stratified system of motivation (stable salaries, individualised training system of employees, suitable work equipment etc.)				
	Description of actual response	Stabilisation of administrative capacities by applying a stratified system of motivation (stable salaries, individualised training system of employees, suitable work equipment, emphasis on safe working environment, enabling the distance work, if appropriate etc.).				
	Planned future response	Stabilisation of administrative capacities by applying a stratified system of motivation (stable salaries, individualised training system of employees, suitable work equipment, emphasis on safe working environment, enabling the distance work, if appropriate etc.).				
Long-lasting obtaining of permits necessary for project	Reducing social and	1	3	1.73	Accept	

implementation (e.g. construction permits)	economic disparities					
	Description of planned response	Regular supervising of the Project implementation by the responsible Project Manager in order to take the propriate action in a timely manner.				
	Description of actual response	Regular supervising of the Project implementation by the responsible Project Manager in order to take the propriate action in a timely manner, case-by-case approach.				
	Planned future response	Regular supervising of the Project implementation by the responsible Project Manager in order to take the propriate action in a timely manner, case-by-case approach.				
Shortcomings resulting from the public procurement procedures	Reducing social and economic disparities	3	3	3.00	Avoid/Terminate	
	Description of planned response	Systematic re-training of PO's employees in case of ammendement of relevant legislation (mainly the Act on Public Procurement and the Act on Financial Control and Audit) with regard to the PO's system of public procurement system. Updating of guidelines for Beneficiaries and/or seminars for Beneficiaries (if needed).				
	Description of actual response	Systematic re-training of PO's employees in case of ammendement of relevant legislation (mainly the Act on Public Procurement and the Act on Financial Control and Audit) with regard to the PO's system of public procurement control system. Updating of guidelines for Beneficiaries and/or seminars for Beneficiaries (if needed).				
	Planned future response	Systematic re-training of PO's employees in case of ammendement of relevant legislation (mainly the Act on Public Procurement and the Act on Financial Control and Audit) with regard to the PO's system of public procurement control. Updating of guidelines for Beneficiaries and/or seminars for Beneficiaries, publishing F.A.Q and/or other relevant information on the PO's web (if needed).				

Objective obstacles for smooth implementation of Project due to the effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic	Both objectives	3	3	3.00	Accept	
	Description of planned response	Regular following of the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and taken measures; immediate updating of the implementation documentation and guiding the Beneficiaries.				
	Description of actual response	Regular following of the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and taken measures; immediate updating of the implementation documentation and guiding the Beneficiaries. Individual (case-by-case) approach taking into account the different impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on individual projects/Project Promoters.				
	Planned future response	Regular following of the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and taken measures; immediate updating of the implementation documentation and guiding the Beneficiaries. Individual (case-by-case) approach taking into account the different impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on individual projects/Project Promoters.				
Overall risk of the programme						
		Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score		
OVERALL RISK OF THE PROGRAMME		2	2	2.00		

Annex 5: Monitoring plan

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Annex 6: Evaluation report

Not Available

Annex 7: Agreement conditions

General	
Condition	Fulfilled status
<p>2. The National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator ensures that project promoters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project in their ownership for a period of at least 5 years following the completion of the project and continue to use such buildings for the benefit of the overall objectives of the project for the same period; • Keep any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project properly insured against losses such as fire, theft and other normally insurable incidents both during project implementation and for at least 5 years following the completion of the project; and • Set aside appropriate resources for the maintenance of any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project for at least 5 years following the completion of the project. The specific means for implementation of this obligation shall be specified in the project contract. 	<p>Is condition fulfilled? - Yes</p> <p>Comment</p> <p>In line with the Guideline on Forms issued by the National Focal Point, special provisions related to buildings are mandatory part of the Calls of proposals.</p> <p>Provisions related to buildings in the wording of the conditions set in the Programme Agreement are mentioned in the Chapter 8 of all the Calls for proposals launched by the SK-Climate Programme Operator.</p> <p>Condition of sustainability and durability of assets are defined in the Project Contracts and shall be monitored by the SK-Climate Programme Operator.</p>