Slovak Republic*

Strategic framework, action plan and scope for procurement for innovation policy

The Slovak Republic does not have a strategic framework yet, and there is no stand-alone action plan. However, there are initiatives in support of procurement for innovation planned.

As a central state body responsible for supporting innovations, the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic is currently preparing a national project with the aim to motivate public sector entities to purchase innovative services, products and construction works. Together with other relevant central state bodies (Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance, Office for Public Procurement, etc.) the Ministry of the Economy intends to define a public procurement methodology aimed at supporting the public sector in choosing the best contractor taking into account the innovative aspect and added value of the proposed solution (by introducing other criteria for the evaluation of public procurement applications such as life-cycle costs, overall performance, environmental impact and impact on society, etc.), identify potential innovations for the public authorities’ purchases or for offering incentives by public authorities and spread good practice cases. These measures will establish a Slovak procurement for innovation strategy. In doing so, the Slovak Republic will use the definitions of PCP and PPI from the European Commission as defined in the rules for participation of the European Framework Programme definitions to frame the scope for procurement for innovation policy.

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