Ex post impact evaluation of the National Strategic Reference Framework implementation to achieve NSFR’s strategic objective

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NSRF THREE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

• Infrastructure and regional accessibility – most of the objectives achieved except for the environmental infrastructure.

• Knowledge-based economy – successful in the field of university infrastructure. R&D projects faced a delayed implementation.

• Human resources – success in reducing unemployment except for the long-term one; deficiencies in the education system reforms and the Roma groups’ integration.

MAINT FINDINGS

Transport

• Improved economic and social indicators of districts connected to the TEN-T network.

• Indirect social, environmental and economic effects mostly positive except for emissions from transport, traffic intensity and noise.

Research and development

• The technological lag of R&D facilities reduced through investment in science parks and research centres.

Active labour market policy

• A growing need for life-long education support.

• Tools targeted to a group with a higher profile of education were more successful.

• Professional training underfunded compared to the EU average.

Environment

• Investment in environment infrastructure indirectly and positively contributing to the development of towns, villages and tourism.

• Environment protection enhanced.

CONCLUSIONS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

• A conference on the evaluation findings held in Bratislava in 9/2018; possibility of tapping into design and data (indicators) for future evaluations (no specific action planned).

PROBLEM SETTING

Assessment of the NSRF strategic objective fulfilment covering the areas of transport infrastructure, research and development, environment, and employment. Evaluation questions: effects and basic benefits of the NSRF resources spending; social and economic effects of interventions implemented.

METHODOLOGY USED

Quasi-experimental design, logistic regression, counterfactual impact evaluation methods, interviews, questionnaires.

DATA SOURCES

ITMS financial data, program indicators, statistics.

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