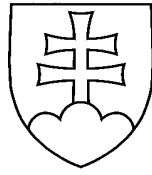


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Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic
N. 68
from February 22, 2012

regarding the Strategy of Civil Society Development in Slovakia

File number: 7580/2012

Submitter: Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic in cooperation with the
Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

The Government

A. approves

- A.1. Strategy of Civil Society Development in Slovakia with comments approved during the Government session

B. authorizes

Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

- B.1. to coordinate the implementation of the Strategy of Civil Society Development in Slovakia
continuously until December 31, 2013

C. charges

Ministers

Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

- C.1. to prepare and submit to the Government of the Slovak Republic for approval the Declaration about the cooperation of the ministry and the non-governmental organizations regarding fulfilling ministry's tasks; the declaration shall be prepared based on the Strategy of Civil Society Development
by April 1, 2013
- C.2. based on the declarations to prepare and submit to the Government of the Slovak Republic for approval a Memorandum of Understanding that will determine principal values and positions in relation to civil society and participation, principles in relation to organised initiatives and various types of

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non-governmental non-profit organizations. The Memorandum shall contain the intent to create a permanent platform for dialogue between the State and the civil society

by June 1, 2013

- C.3. implement regular annual assessment and control of the Action Plan implementation and elaborate a report. The Plenipotentiary for Civil Society Development will submit the assessment results of Action Plan, after a discussion in the Council of the Government for Human Rights, National Minorities and Gender Equality and Committee for NGOs to the Government of the Slovak Republic

each year by December 31

- C.4. assess transparency, effectiveness and impacts of ministerial grant programs functioning with NGOs as eligible applicants, propose and implement amendments and possible changes in the dialogue with NGOs; create a mechanism of regular assessment of effectiveness, transparency and impacts of grant program

by September 1, 2013

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

Minister of Environment

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport

Minister of Culture

Minister of Health

1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development

Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

- C.5. create one public policy in a commonly jointly identified field within the working group composed of ministry representatives, representatives of the platform and NGOs, experts and other involved actors

by December 31, 2013

1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development

Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

- C.6. prepare amendment to the Act on Promoting Regional Development (Act No. 539/2008), in particular in the area of document creation process, by adding more detailed rules of involving the relevant actors and public in the creation and update of these documents

by June 1, 2013

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- C.7. apply the partnership principle in preparation, implementation and updating of the operational programs of the Structural Funds in relation to the involvement of NGO representatives and other social and economic partners and provide a balanced representation of individual sectors and civil organisations nominated in transparent and clear mechanism in working groups

by December 31, 2013

Minister of Interior

Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

- C.8. map the needs of citizens and non-profit organisations in relation to the legislation related to the establishment and functioning of various types of NGOs, public participation in decision-making, volunteering and donorship; propose amendments to the existing laws or draft new laws on the basis of the identified needs

by June 1, 2013

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

- C.9. map the possibilities and approve legislative measures for the support of individual donorship

by December 31, 2012

- C.10. ensure the continuation of NGOs financing via mechanism of tax assignment of physical entities and legal entities as a model which provides a high rate of independence and transparency of decision-making on handling public resources

by June 1, 2013

1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

Minister of Environment

Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

Minister of Economy

Minister of Culture

Minister of Health

Deputy Prime Minister for Human Rights and Minorities

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- C.11. apply the partnership principle in the process of programming, monitoring and assessment of the Structural Funds, Norwegian Financial Mechanism, Financial Mechanism of the EEA and Swiss Financial Mechanism, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, European Fund for Maritime and Fisheries Policies, i.e. provide all relevant information on the process and contents of programming, monitoring and assessment of public and in strategic decisions provide sufficient time for commenting of NGOs and public; secure a balanced representation of NGOs representatives, , nominated by transparent and clear mechanism, in advisory councils, committees and working groups

by December 31, 2012

1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

Minister of Environment

Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

Minister of Economy

Minister of Culture

Deputy Prime Minister for Human Rights and Minorities

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- C.12. map the possibilities in the Structural Funds and additional ministerial grant mechanisms and create the space (in particular by amending administrative requirements and financial frameworks) for the establishment of programmes with a decreased threshold enabling awarding of small grants to small and starting non-governmental organisations via block grants for intermediary or community foundations

by June 1, 2013

Head of the Government Office

Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

- C.13. prepare an analysis of local government competencies including financial provisions with recommending rules for public services provision (for example equality of all organisation types in case of identical fulfilment of objectives and standards, multisource funding, etc.)

by December 31, 2013

Minister of Justice

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Minister of Environment

Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

- C.14. map the application of the existing legislation and mechanisms enabling free access to information (Act No. 211/2000 on Free Access to Information and on change and amendment of some acts), access to information for disabled

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people and seniors (Act No. 275/2006 on Information Systems of Public Administration and on change and amendment of other acts and Decree of Ministry of Finances No. 312/2010 on standards for information systems of public administration), as well as for children and youth and participation of public in decision-making (e.g. Act No. 24/2006 on Assessing the Impacts on Environment and on change and amendment of other acts, application of Aarhus Convention), based on present analyses. Elaborate new analyses in case of insufficient mapping of the abovementioned issues and preparing an international comparison. Propose measures for providing the application of valid legislative measures and propose possible changes on the basis of the EU requirements. Propose legislative changes, if needed, which enable a direct involvement of citizens in the decision-making of public administration, using modern technologies in accessing information.

by December 31, 2012

Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society

- C.15. propose and implement programs of volunteering and voluntary centres support

by June, 2013

- C.16. propose and implement the program of support of state partners, i.e. platforms, and umbrella on the basis of thematic focus or geographic area

by December 31, 2012

- C.17. evaluate and, if necessary, propose solutions leading to a more effective functioning of NGOs registers

by July 1, 2013

- C.18. create a cooperation mechanism between the Plenipotentiary for Civil Society Development and Radio and Television of Slovakia with the objective to achieve systematic mapping of significant themes and initiatives of civil society and providing presence of a wide range of NGOs acting in Slovakia in the public media

by December 31, 2012

- C.19. continue with mapping of the cooperation mechanisms between public administration and NGOs and their forms of financing, systematically assess individual cooperation mechanisms, including the way of financing and impacts, as well as ways of financing of NGOs

by December 31, 2013

- C.20. create an inter-ministerial commission to exclude duplicity of financing from public resources of the Structural Funds, Norwegian Financial Mechanism, Financial Mechanism of the EEA and Swiss Financial Mechanism, as well as grants and prepare measures for eliminating the shortcomings, while another

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task of the commission shall be the coordination and exchange of information among all programs providing grants

by June 1, 2013

- C.21. propose a program to support research activities related to the status of civil society in Slovakia

by June 1, 2013

- C.22. propose an independent financial mechanism to support non-governmental non-profit organisations and activities focused on advocating public interest (civic advocacy) and guarding democracy (watchdog organisations and activities) that provide feedback to public administration and fulfil the control function

by June 1, 2013

- C.23. propose and implement a program focused on the support of public discussion and social campaigns with the themes important for Slovak society

by June 1, 2013

- C.24. prepare the Action Plan for 2014-15 in cooperation with key actors of civil society, discuss in the Council for Human Rights, National Minorities and Gender Equality and in the Committee for NGOs and submit to the Government of the Slovak Republic for approval

by December 31, 2013.

Responsible : Deputy Prime Ministers and ministers
Head of the Government Office
Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Civil Society