



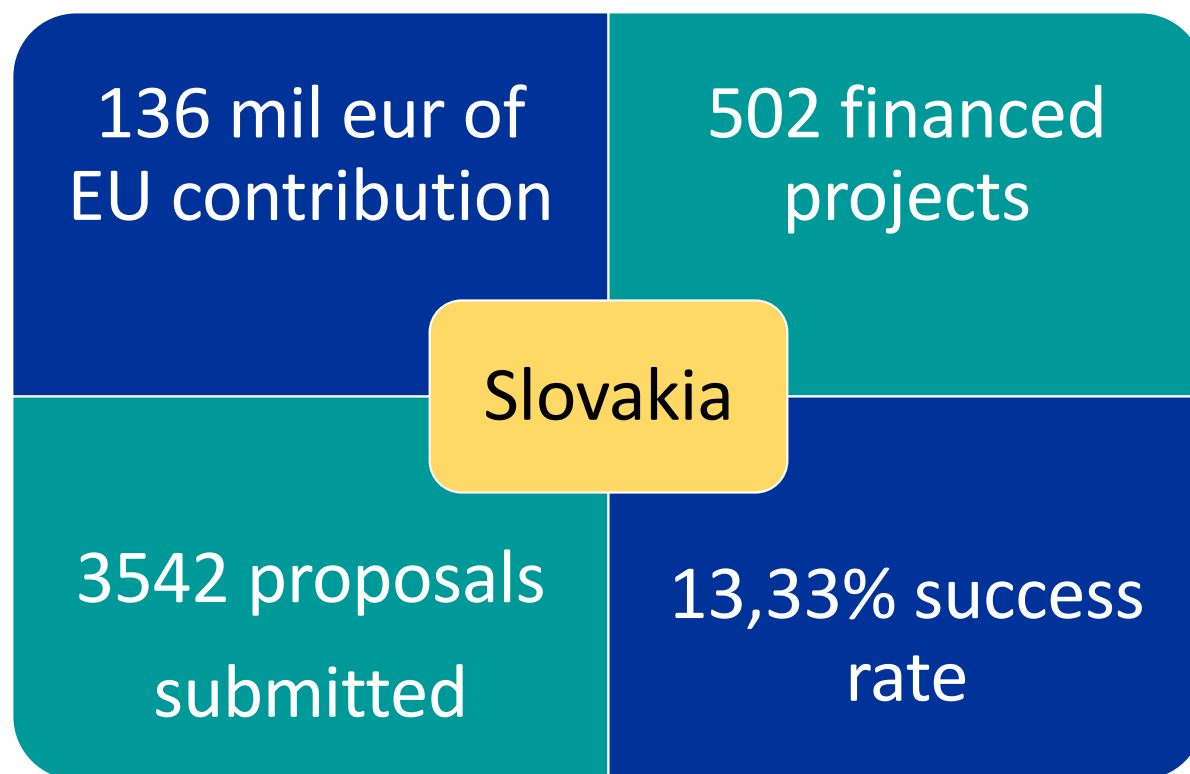
# Good practices for enhancing participation in Horizon Europe - Slovakia

Increasing the participation of newcomers in NMP projects: challenges, best practices and policy measures

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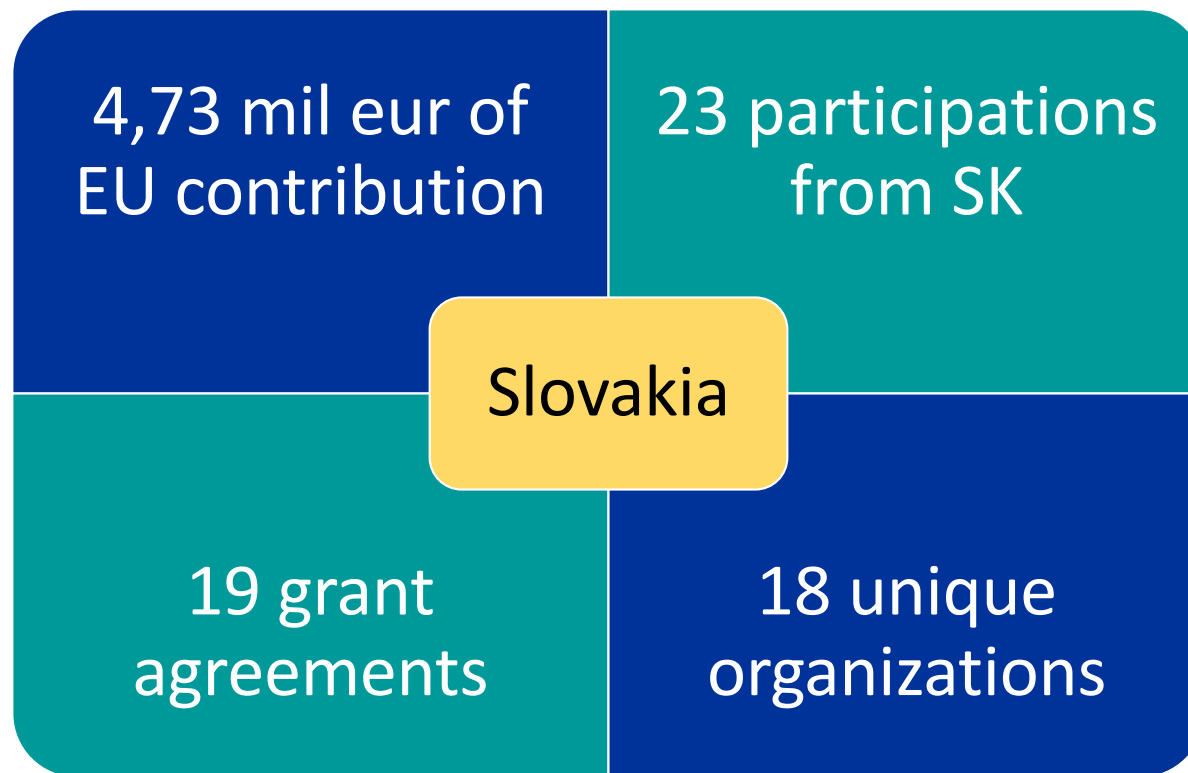
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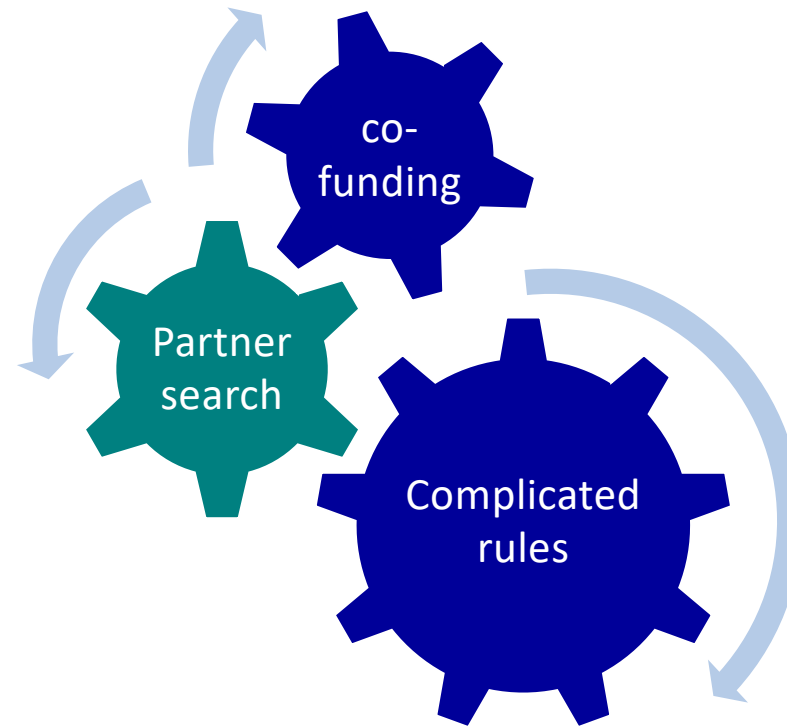


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# Barriers of Slovak participation in HE

- wide landscape of funding instruments
- rules complicated to navigate and many exceptions
- partner search
- few options of coaching/mentoring
- co-funding in case of actions without 100% funding rate
- how to use infrastructure



# Barriers of Slovak participation in HE

On systemic level, the lack of consistent:

- financial support for proposal writing interesting for both academia and business sector

- capacity building – project managers experienced in framework programmes

- national funding to reach certain TRL



# CVTI SR



- National information centre for science, technology, innovation and education.
- Specialized scientific library of the Slovak Republic.
- Operation of interdisciplinary R&D centres and national infrastructures for R&D and innovation.
- Subsidiary organization of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.
- Since: 1938 as a Slovak technical library

## Main activities:

- National information centre and specialized scientific library.
- Information on educational system.
- Operation of specialized portals and systems for research and higher education.
- Promotion of technology transfer and innovation.
- Support of Slovakia in international research cooperation – National Horizon Office and SLORD.
- Popularization of science and technology.
- Implementation of national and international projects in research, development, education.
- Publishing activities.



# National Contact Points for Horizon Europe in Slovakia

## National Horizon Office at CVTI SR

- full time NCPs + part time NCPs
- Every NCP responsible for part of the Horizon Europe programme

## What we do

- Organization of Infodays, conferences, trainings
- Individual consultations
- Guidance on calls
- Statistics, sharing of good practice
- Matchmaking
- Support to partner search
- Information sharing on Horizon Europe



How do we address the challenges of Slovak stakeholders ?



We combine all relevant competences at CVTI SR to support stakeholders





# National Contact Points for Horizon Europe in Slovakia

## Raising awareness

- Events organized by National Horizon Office
- Speakers at events organized by other entities relevant for the area
- Slovak website with information on Horizon Europe (events, news, calls, partner search)
- Newsletter + special newsletter to advertise new calls
- [www.horizont-europa.sk](http://www.horizont-europa.sk)

## Mapping of innovation landscape in the area

- Mapping of relevant national professional unions, clusters, innovation centres, incubators, etc.
- Mapping of key stakeholders in the area



# National Contact Points for Horizon Europe in Slovakia

## Thematic

- Mapping of topics relevant for NMP in:
  - Other clusters of HE
  - Other pillars of HE
- Understand the pathway from the lowest TRL to the entry to market when it comes to possibilities in Horizon Europe
- Mapping of cascade funding possibilities and spreading awareness
- Overview of all the opportunities in HE – recommend the best suited instrument for each stakeholder

## Synergies

- Mapping of possible synergies between HE and national funding schemes
- Events focused on possible synergies between programmes (example Space event from September 2021)



# National Contact Points for Horizon Europe in Slovakia

## Simple access to information

- Website – all the useful information in national language at one place
- eLearning videos for applicants (partner search, orientation on Funding & Tenders Portal etc)
- Special events/trainings on demand
- Support to participants from proposal stage to the end of the project

## Understanding the interdependencies and policy background

- NCPs as national experts for respective areas at Programme Committee
- Close collaboration with delegates
- Collaboration with Slovak Liaison Office in Brussels

## Partner search

- Mapping of brokerage events/networking possibilities
- Partner search form
- NCP networks



# NCP networks

NCP networks  
are projects supported through Horizon  
Europe programme that connect NCPs  
from different countries (Member States  
and Associated Countries).

## **NCP networks support**

- Sharing best practices between NCPs
- Support to NCP newcomers (handbooks, trainings, webinars)
- brokerage events and pre-proposal check events for proposers
- Dedicated websites to the area
- For Cluster 4, CVTI SR is actively involved in all 3 NCP network projects



# CVTI SR – other activities



EURÓPSKA ÚNIA  
Európsky fond regionálneho rozvoja  
OP Integrovaná infraštruktúra 2014 – 2020



MINISTERSTVO  
ŠKOLSTVA, VEDY,  
VÝSKUMU A ŠPORTU  
SLOVENSKEJ REPUBLIKY



## SK4ERA project

- Eraportal – website in Slovak language dedicated to European Research Area
- mentoring scheme for project proposal preparation
- Alumni mapping
- Statistics
- UNIKO – university contact points
- Workshops, conferences, events



# CVTI SR – other activities

## Slovak Liaison Office for Research and Development (SLORD)

- based within CVTI SR with office in Brussels
- objectives:
  - to improve communication with European institutions in the field of research, development and innovation, and
  - with other institutions present in Brussels and with the international research and innovation community,
  - to support Slovak researchers and increase their presence at the European level.

## In practice?

- Policy background
- Support to partner search
  - Networking
  - Trainings



# CVTI SR – other activities

## Technology transfer centre with nationwide operation

### 1) Special services for R&D institutions.

### 2) Services for entrepreneurs and wide public:

- consultations and advice in selected areas (innovation protection, innovation commercialization - licensing);
- recherche services - finding out the novelty of innovations and activities of competitors (search for the state of the art, for designs and trademarks, other types of searches - activities of competition, legal status, consulting and advisory services for recherches;
- database of technologies for business;
- information and educational events
- Centre of patent information – PATLIB
- IPR Ambassador

### Enterprise Europe Network

- Oriented on helping companies innovate and grow internationally
  - CVTI SR actively involved

### In practice?

- Support to partner search
  - Brokerage events





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