

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Podpora rekvalifikácie uchádzačov o zamestnanie - REPAS
Name of the instrument - English translation	Supporting the re-qualification of jobseekers - REPAS
Scheme ID	302
Country	 Slovakia
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Sub-type of instrument	Cost-related support
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	Under REPAS jobseekers registered by COLSAF may choose a vocational training programme. The total costs related to the training are being reimbursed by COLSAF. The financing formula is based on a percentage of eligible costs. 100% of training costs can be covered. The funding is directly transferred to the learner via her / his bank account as costs reimbursement based on the documented costs and proof of participation. Training providers should be accredited by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic. The introduction of REPAS resurrected the training provided by COLSAF, with steady growth in the number of supported trainees. In 2018, under REPAS+, training was provided to 13 308 participants with a budget of EUR 10 247 562.
Short description of the related instruments	Not applicable

Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Not applicable
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable

Relevance	Key instrument
Legal basis	Act 5/2004 on Employment Services
Objective(s) and target(s)	Increase of knowledge and skills of registered jobseekers.
Year of implementation	2014
Year of latest amendment	2018
Operation/management	The support is distributed by the regional offices of the Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family (COLSAF). Decisions on particular applications are taken by Regional Employment Boards (consisting of local stakeholders including the social partners). Unemployed job seekers apply for reimbursement of training provide by a provider on a topic of their choice. Social partners (inc. trade unions and employer associations/federation) are involved in the Regional Employment Boards, organised by regional COLSAF offices and deciding about particular applications for the support.
Eligible group(s)	Unemployed jobseekers registered with the Central office for Labour, Social Affairs and Family (COLSAF)
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment
Education and training eligible	Dominantly short and medium-term vocational training (up to 60 days). Training specialisation and provider are being selected by the participant, from a list of accredited training providers. Jobseekers are free to choose the training course and provider then they apply for funding at the regional PES office. Their applications are assessed, based on the labour market relevance of the training, the expected contribution to JSs employability and available resources.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	European Social Fund (70%), the Slovak national budget (30%)
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	An applicant, meeting pre-determined criteria, can apply for the grant. The financing formula is based on a percentage of eligible costs. 100% of training costs can be covered. The funding is directly transferred to the learner via her / his bank account as costs reimbursement based on the documented costs and proof of participation. A positive final examination is required in order to remain the costs of educational activities eligible for co-funding.
Eligible costs	- Tuition fees/fees for participation (external providers); - Travel costs; - Meal costs or daily allowance for subsistence.
Volumes of funding	Overall volumes of funding actually disbursed:2017: EUR 732 762 2018: EUR 10 247 5622019: EUR 3 800 244,33Data on overall volumes of funding available are not published.

Beneficiaries/take up	Total number of beneficiaries:2017: 2 2472018: 8 8732019: 6 647
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Central Office of Labour Social Affairs and Family
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	http://ekonom.sav.sk/uploads/journals/390_labour_market_in_slovakia_201...
Most relevant webpage - in English	https://www.upsvr.gov.sk/europsky-socialny-fond/narodne-projekty-v-prog...
Most relevant webpage - local language	https://www.upsvr.gov.sk/sluzby-zamestnanosti/nastroje-aktivnych-opatre...
Recent changes	2018. A follow-up project REPAS+ introduced additional funding for the most vulnerable sub-groups of registered unemployed (youth and 55+). Only training provided by accredited training providers is eligible for support. The need to intensify training for the age groups of registered unemployed, with an increased need for training (youth and 55+). Recent changes in response to COVID-19 No changes
Sources	https://www.upsvr.gov.sk/br/sluzby-zamestnanosti/re-pas.html?page_id=58... https://www.upsvr.gov.sk/buxus/docs/statistic/aotp_2019/Vyhodnotenie_AO...