

Sharing experiences about the closure of
Competitiveness OPs in the 2014-2020
programming period and first experiences of the
2021-2027

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Restarting the economy with the support of the new competitiveness programmes**

Programming period 2014 – 2020, OP Integrated Infrastructure State of play – basic figures

PA 9 – 554 611 742 eur

Enterprise R&D&I in less developed regions

PA 10 – 19 910 168 eur

Enterprise R&D&I in Bratislava region

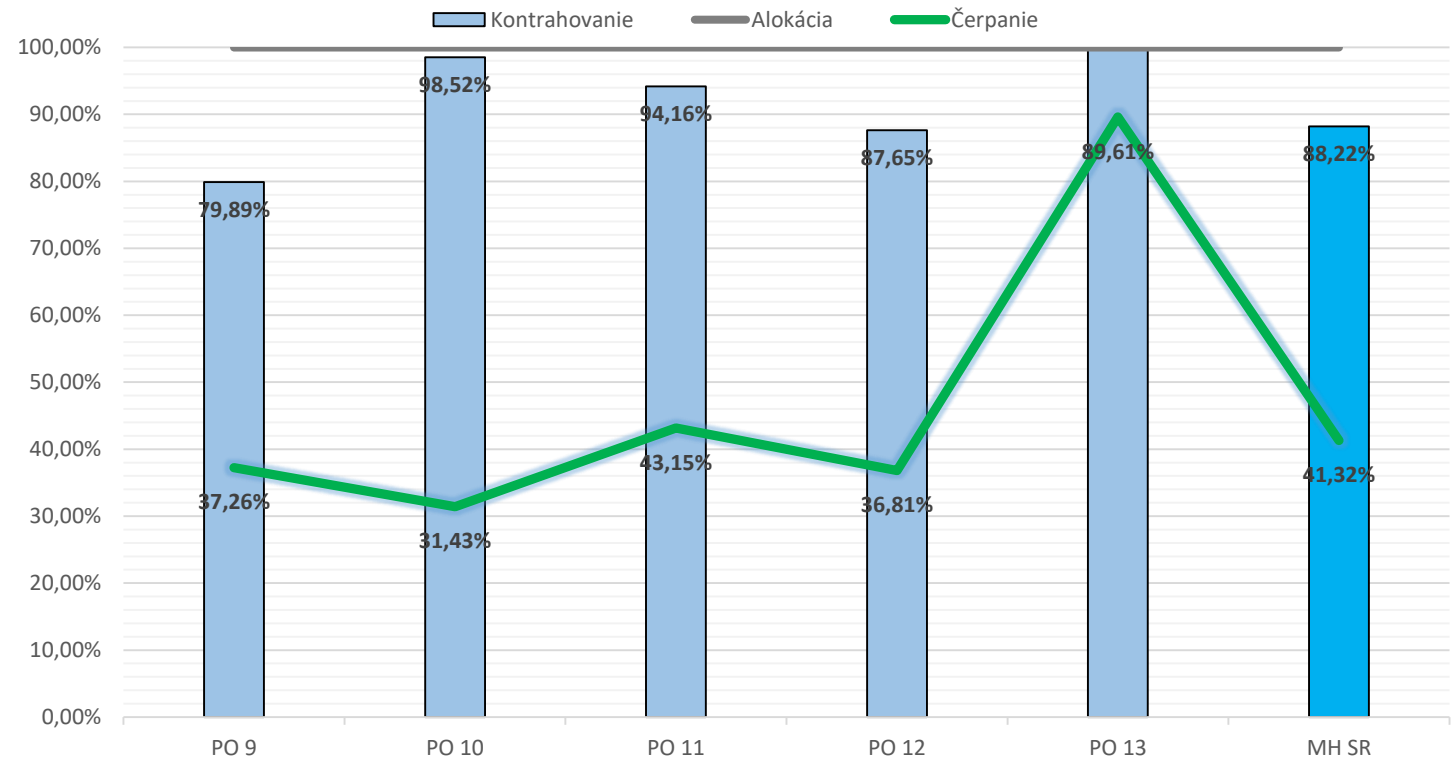
PA 11 – 683 437 672 eur

SME support in less developed regions

PA 12 – 35 000 000 eur

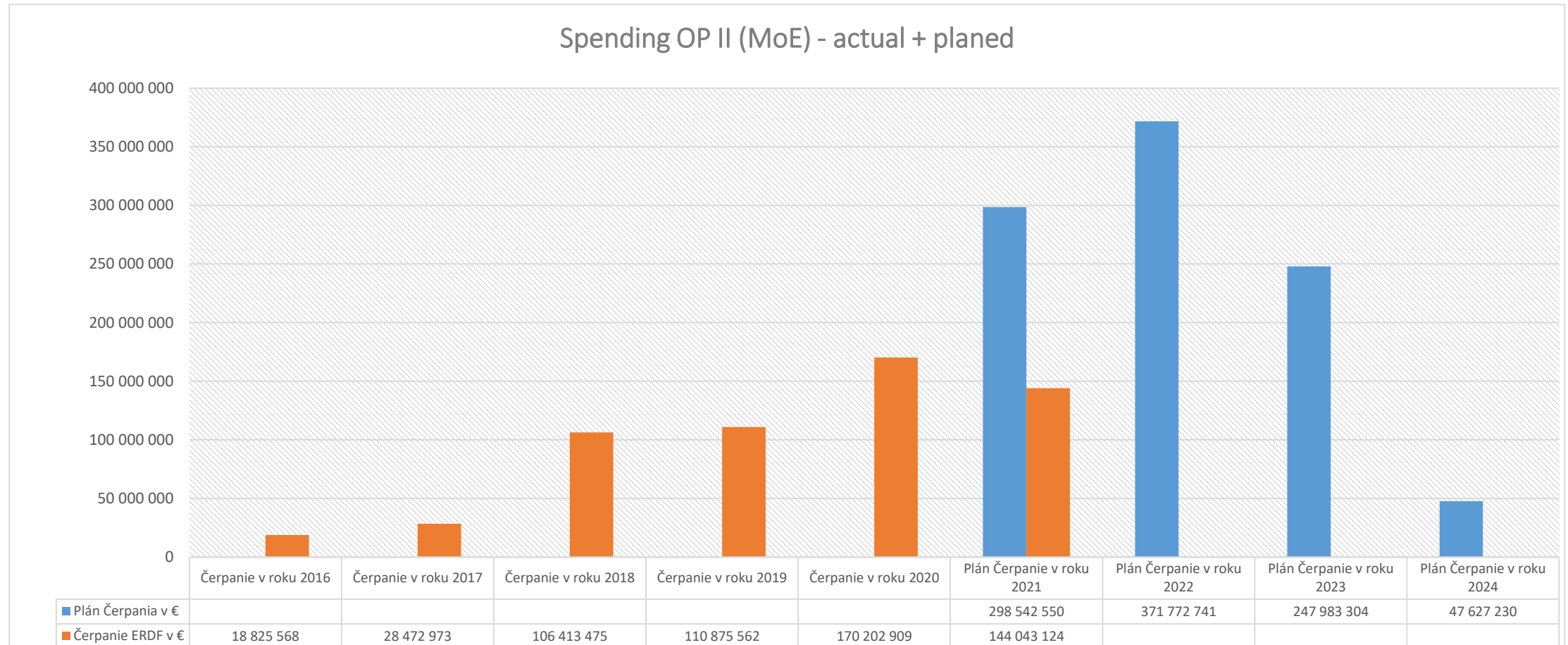
SME support in Bratislava region

OP II contracting - spending



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State of play – basic figures



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State of play – basic figures

Grants (51 %)

National projects (9 %)

Financial instruments (40 %)

Priority axis	Number of projects	Fully realised projects
PA 9	592	269
PA 10	28	0
PA 11	748	414
PA 12	43	29
TOTAL	1 411	712

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Financial instruments

Guarantee instrument SIH Antikorona Guarantee

Extra allocation of 395,5 EUR - internal and external reallocation of sources

Actual leverage effect:

6 386 supported SMEs

loans of 653 mil. Eur

11 financial intermediaries (commercial banks) involved

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Specific calls

Pilot calls to scale up in the next PP

Innovative approach

Focused on very specific issues

Strongly participative process
involvement of target groups
when designing the support

Support of cluster organization (21 cluster organizations with at least bronze ESCA certification)

Support of Seal of Excellence holders (Horizon 2020):

SME Instrument – Phase 1: Feasibility study (38 startups)

EIC Accelerator Pilot: full projects (15 startups)

Catching-up region initiatives:

regionally focused support of SMEs in tourism industry/services (123 projects)

regionally focused support of collaboration of SMEs and vocational educational training schools (85 projects)

Programming period 2014 – 2020, OP Integrated Infrastructure Problems and challenges

- Gold plating in public procurement
- Red tape
- Long duration of processes
- Undertaking in difficulty as a K.O. for ERDF support

Decrease of attractiveness and absorption capacity

Solutions:

- Amendment of PP law – harmonisation with PP Directive 2014/24/EU
- Tens simplification of texts and processes
- Length of processes decreased by 40%
- Removed from de minimis aid and temporary framework aid (still persist in ERDF state aid support)

Increase of credibility of the MoE

MoE is a leader of simplification and process innovations

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Complexity of several notions of the undertaking:

- SME definition
- Single undertaking under the de minimis rules
- Undertaking in difficulty
- Undertaking under Temporary Framework

These notions are quite complex and correct assessment requires a lot of effort, creates significant administrative burdens and is time-consuming. Since these notions are not exactly the same and they overlap in our calls for proposals, they create a lot of confusion amongst our beneficiaries.

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Challenges and main principles

Single big OP Slovakia

Decrease of sources managed by MoE by 65% – pressure for effectivity

Simplification – never ending goal

Bring back the attractiveness and credibility of ESIF support

Cover whole life cycle of enterprise and product innovation

Synergic coordination support from financial instruments with voucher and grant support

Demandable and predictable support

Synergic support provided by all relevant stakeholders and between different available financial sources

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Specific objectives and measures when MoE is planned to be involved

Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

- Promoting cross sectoral cooperation in research, development and innovation and increasing research and innovation capacities in enterprises
- Support for building human resources in research, development and innovation
- Support for international cooperation in research, development and innovation

Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs including by productive investments

- Supporting small and medium-sized enterprises
- Internationalisation of small and medium sized businesses
- Support for networking of business entities

Just Transition Fund

- Support of SMEs