

**Statute
of the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatisation
of the Slovak Republic**

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**Article 1
Introductory Provisions**

(1) The Statute of the Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter as the "Statute") defines in detail the competence and tasks of the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter as the "Ministry"), sets out the principles of its activities and internal organisation, and the Ministry's relations with other ministries, other state administration bodies, other public authorities and organisations, legal entities and natural persons.

(2) The competence, tasks, principles of activity and internal organisation of the Ministry specified in this Statute are binding for the issuance of the rules of organisation of the Ministry, and the internal governing acts of the Ministry.

(3) The Ministry is a budgetary organisation. With its revenues and expenditures, the Ministry is linked to the state budget of the Slovak Republic.¹⁾

(4) The Ministry is a legal entity. It acts in its own name in legal relations.

(5) The Ministry is the service office²⁾; the Ministry acts on behalf of the state in matters of the public service employment. The Ministry is the employer of employees who perform dependent work for the Ministry in accordance with a generally binding legal regulation.³⁾

(6) The Ministry has its seat in Bratislava.

**Article 2
Competence of the Ministry**

(1) The position and competence of the Ministry is set by a special regulation.⁴⁾

(2) The Ministry may, within the scope of its competence, establish budgetary organisations, contributory organisations or other legal entities.

**Article 3
Main tasks of the Ministry**

¹⁾ Act No 523/2004 Coll. on the Budget Rules of the Public Service and of Change and Amendment of certain acts

²⁾ Article 15 paragraph (1) letter (a) of Act No 55/2017 Coll. on Public Service and on Change and Amendments of certain acts as amended by Act No 470/2019 Coll.

³⁾ For instance Labour Code No 552/2003 Coll. on the performance of work in the public interest as amended, Act No 55/2017 Coll.

⁴⁾ Article 10 of Act No 575/2001 Coll. on organisation of the government activity and organisation of the central state administration as amended.

(1) The Ministry as a central body of the state administration performs within its competence the following tasks:

a) in the area of management, coordination and supervision over the use of the European Union funds⁵⁾

1. Acts as the central coordinating body.⁶⁾
2. Coordinates and ensures the preparation and implementation of the main strategic and programming documents of the Slovak Republic in the area of cohesion policy of the European Union (including the Partnership Agreement) and, within the scope of its competence, ensures the negotiation process at the level of the European Union institutions.
3. Coordinates the preparation of national positions on legislative proposals of the European Union for cohesion policy, and within its remit, it ensures the negotiation process at the level of the European Union institutions, and prepares legislative proposals in the field of provisions of the European Union funds, with the exception of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.
4. Acts as the registry office of the European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation.
5. Ensures the preparation process and coordinates the implementation of the Just Transition Fund in the context of the Slovak Republic.

b) in the area of investments

1. Ensures the area of investments in the scope of strategic planning and strategic project management as well as coordination of investment projects and developing the national strategic investment framework in the remit of the Ministry, and national implementation of Agenda 2030.
2. Ensures the elaboration of the national strategic investment framework within the competence of the Ministry and the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
3. Ensures the coordination of the interests of the Slovak Republic and their promotion abroad in the field of international support of the Slovak innovative potential and the transfer of international knowledge in the field of innovation.
4. Manages the area of innovation diplomacy while respecting single management of foreign service and decides on territorial distribution, competence and scope of outputs and services provided to socio-economic partners.
5. Examines the compliance of the creation of strategic documents⁷⁾ with methodologies adopted for the creation of such documents, and submits compliance reports to the Government of the Slovak Republic.

c) in the area of regional development

1. Ensures the coordination of the preparation of regional development policies with the aim to remove or reduce undesired disparities in the levels of economic, social and territorial development in the regions, ensure a sustainable regional development, improve economic

⁵⁾ Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 329 of 27 May 2020.

Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 355 of 4 June 2020.

⁶⁾ Article 6 of Act No 528/2008 Coll. on assistance and support from the European Community Funds, as amended.

Article 6 of Act No 292/2014 Coll. on the contribution provided from the European Structural and Investment Funds, as amended.

Regulation of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 247/2016 Coll., which sets out the system of exercising certain powers of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for investments and informatisation as amended by the Regulation of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 71/2018 Coll.

⁷⁾ Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 197 of 26 April 2017, Annex 1.

performance and competitiveness of the regions and development of innovation in the regions, and increase employment and living standards of the population in the regions;

2. Coordinates the preparation of the national Regional Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic and its implementation; monitors and evaluates its performance, coordinates and issues methodological guidance for the activities of socio-economic partners;
3. Provides support for regional development according to a special regulation⁸⁾;
4. Adopts measures to support the economic and social development of the less developed territories or territories in transition, and performs tasks in the area of providing support to the least developed districts according to a special regulation⁹⁾;
5. Examines the performance of state administration in the field of regional development implemented by district authorities and bodies in the centre of the region;
6. Provides support and ensures implementation of measures eligible under the Just Transition Fund to support the economic and social development of the territories affected by the transition.
7. Ensures cooperation with the European Union bodies, coordinates the European Union initiatives and strategies and puts forward strategic objectives of the Partnership Agreement among socio-economic partners.

d) in the area of central management of information society and single digital market policy-making

1. Ensures central management of informatisation in Slovakia.⁴⁾
2. As the managing authority, it performs management tasks in administration of information technologies of the public administration, determines the central architecture of the integrated information system of the public administration.¹⁰⁾
3. Ensures the tasks related to the management of information technologies under its administration and operation according to a special regulation.¹¹⁾
4. Prepares and develops the policy of the single digital market and coordinates the implementation of the EU's Digital Strategy, as well as innovative and disruptive technologies;
5. Develops and implements national strategies for the single digital market and digital transformation, including measures to improve the performance of the Slovak Republic in the key international indicators.
6. Prepares, coordinates and implements the policy of the digital society and economy.
7. Prepares, coordinates and implements the directly managed programmes of the European Union in the field of information society and digital connectivity.
8. Coordinates the development of policies and measures to mitigate the negative impact of technologies and digitalisation on the society.
9. Participates in the fight against the spread of disinformation online.
10. Decides on the use of the public funds in the public administration for information technologies, central architecture of the integrated information system of the public administration without prejudice to the competence of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic in the field of the creation and implementation of the state budget.
11. Coordinates the tasks in the field of information society and the single digital market policy, analyses and evaluates achieved results and proposes solutions to the topical issues.
12. As the administrator, it ensures the administration, operation and development of the Govnet¹²⁾ network and electronic interconnections of the central bodies of the state administration through Govnet.

⁸⁾ Act No 539/2008 Coll. on the support of the regional development, as amended.

⁹⁾ Act No 336/2015 Coll. on the support of the least developed districts and on the amendment of certain laws as amended.

¹⁰⁾ Article 7 et seq. of Act No 95/2019 Coll. on information technologies in public administration and on amendments to certain acts, as amended by Act No 134/2020 Coll.

¹¹⁾ Act No 305/2013 Coll. on electronic form of the exercise of the powers of the public service bodies and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

13. As the administrator, it provides for the administration, operation and development of the Central Public Administration Portal, common modules and other information systems within its competence.
14. Coordinates the development of information technologies of the public administration at the national and international level.
15. Maintains the central register of eGovernance components, central reference architecture, the catalogue of cloud services, central register of performed guaranteed conversion, a list of the reference data, a list of basic code numbers and the central data model.
16. Fulfils obligations, coordinates and maintains the tasks of the Slovak Republic resulting from international agreements in the field of informatisation of the society, single digital market and digital transformation, as well as from its membership in international bodies and institutions.
17. Fulfils the tasks in the critical infrastructure¹³⁾ and ensures continual improvement of the overall cyber and information security.
18. Implements a single strategy of the management of cyber and information security.
19. Creates and implements a single methodology basis for the procedures and measures in the field of cyber and information security.
20. Monitors and evaluates the state of cyber security.
21. Creates and implements the strategy to ensure and improve cyber security.
22. Plans the development and introduction of innovative cyber security solutions.
23. Ensures activities in the field of cyber security according to the legislation in force within its scope of competence and ensures a cooperation with the institutions of the Slovak Republic and abroad.
24. Fulfils the tasks and bears responsibility for ensuring cyber security for the sector and sub-sector according to a special regulation¹⁴⁾ within the scope of its competence through the governmental CSIRT unit.¹⁵⁾
25. Plays a central role in the public procurement in the field of information and communication technologies.
26. Develops and implements a strategy in the field of central licencing policy in the public administration, coordinates fulfilment of tasks and issues methodological guidance for the relevant bodies.
27. Acts as the intermediate body under the managing authority for the Operational Programme Information Society.
28. Acts as the intermediate body under the managing authority for the Operational Programme Integrated Infrastructure.

(2) The Ministry ensures within its competence the fulfilment of the tasks arising from the membership of the Slovak Republic in the European Union, United Nations Organisation, and Organisation for the Cooperation and Security in Europe, Organisation for the Economic Cooperation and Development, World Bank, and Visegrad Group (V4). The Ministry also ensures fulfilment of the tasks arising from the international treaties and conventions of the United Nations Organisation, Organisation for the Cooperation and Security in Europe, Organisation for the Economic Cooperation and Development, and Council of Europe, by which the Slovak Republic is bound and which belong within the competence of the Ministry.

Article 4

Other tasks of the Ministry

¹²⁾ Article 4 letter (b) of Act No 95/2019 Coll. on information technologies in public administration and on amendments to certain acts, as amended by Act No 134/2020 Coll.

¹³⁾ Article 3 letter (c) of Act No 45/2011 Coll on critical infrastructure as amended by Act 134/2020 Coll.

¹⁴⁾ Annex 1 of Act 69/2018 Coll. on cyber security and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

¹⁵⁾ Article 11 of Act 69/2018 Coll. on cyber security and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

(1) The Ministry within its competence also fulfils the following tasks:

- a) In relation to the state budget and the public administration budget;¹⁾
- b) In the management and administration of the state property;
- c) In the field of financial control, internal audit and government audit;¹⁶⁾
- d) In the field of the protection of classified information¹⁷⁾ and in compliance with the legislation on the protection of personal data;¹⁸⁾
- e) In the area of international cooperation;
- f) In the field of the development of integrated system of the public administration;
- g) In relation to the provision of subsidies for the promotion of activities according to a special regulation;¹⁹⁾
- h) In the preparation of draft legislation and other generally binding regulations and in the harmonisation of the Slovak legislation with the law of the European Union;
- i) In the field of the state statistics;²⁰⁾
- j) In the provision of information and making them available;²¹⁾
- k) In the field of defence²²⁾ and security of the State;²³⁾
- l) In the field of education of employees of the Ministry;
- m) Set out by the law and other generally binding legal regulations.

(2) A more detailed description of the tasks listed under paragraph (1) shall be included in the Rules of organisation of the Ministry.

(3) The Ministry as the service office ensures the fulfilment of the tasks resulting from the state-employee relations and the tasks arising for the Ministry in its function of employer from the labour-law relations and legal relations in the performance of work in the public interest.

Article 5 **Management principles**

(1) The Ministry is managed by the Minister for Investments, Regional Development and Informatisation (hereinafter as the “Minister”) who acts on its behalf and is responsible for its activity.

(2) The Minister, in the time of his/her absence, is represented by the State Secretary within the scope of minister’s powers and obligations. The Minister can also authorize the State Secretary to represent him/her in other cases and in the scope of his/her powers and obligations. The Ministry has two State Secretaries; the Minister shall determine the areas and order in which they can represent him/her.

(3) The Secretary General of the service office is the highest civil servant in the Office; this does not apply in relation to a senior employer in a public function.

¹⁶⁾ Act No 357/2015 Coll. on financial control and internal audit and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

¹⁷⁾ Act No 215/2004 Coll. on protection of confidential information and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

¹⁸⁾ Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR).

Act No 18/2018 Coll. on the protection of personal data, as amended by Act No 221/2019 Coll.

¹⁹⁾ Article 2 of Act No 111/2018 Coll. on the provision of subsidies in the scope of competence of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation as amended by Act No 134/2020 Coll.

²⁰⁾ Act No 540/2001 Coll. on state statistics, as amended.

²¹⁾ Act No 211/2000 Coll. on free access to information and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

²²⁾ Act No 319/2002 Coll. on the defence of the Slovak Republic, as amended.

²³⁾ For instance, Constitutional Act No 227/2002 Coll. on state security in the times of war, state of war and state of emergency, as amended; Act No 387/2002 Coll. on the management of the state in crisis situations others than the times of war and state of war, as amended.

(4) The Ministry has the following management levels:

- a) the Minister;
- b) the State Secretary and Secretary General of the Service Office;
- c) the Director General of the section, Director of the office of the Minister and Director of the office of the Secretary General of the Service Office;
- d) the director of the department;
- e) the head of the unit.

Article 6

Organisation and structure of the Ministry

(1) The Ministry is organised in sections. Sections are divided into departments, and departments may be divided into units. The Minister may establish a special department, special unit or other specialised organisational unit of the Ministry.

(2) The section is the basic organisational level of management and decision-making, and the performer of the tasks of the Ministry according to the determined areas of activities. The section is an organisational unit with a complete and comprehensive area of conceptual, professional, methodological, administrative and control activities.

(3) An organisational unit of the Ministry is managed by the senior employee of the Ministry. A section is managed by the Director General, a department is managed by the Director and a unit is managed by the head. If the Minister establishes other specialised organisational unit pursuant to paragraph (1), he/she can determine a level of management other than the one described in paragraph (4).

(4) The internal organisational structure of the Ministry, the scope of competence and the definition of the areas of activities of its organisational units, mutual relations between different units, the scope of powers and responsibilities of senior employees of the Ministry are set out in the Rules of organisation of the Ministry.

(5) Employment relations in the civil service and labour-law relations in the conditions of the Ministry are set out by the generally binding legal regulations²⁴⁾ elaborated in detail by internal governing acts.

Article 7

Activities of the Ministry

(1) To fulfil its tasks, the Ministry acts in accordance with the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, constitutional law, legally binding acts of the European Union, international treaties binding for the Slovak Republic, laws and other generally binding legal regulations, resolutions of the Government of the Slovak Republic, statute of the Ministry and the Rules of organisation of the Ministry, internal governing acts and staff regulation of the Ministry, the Plan of main tasks of the Ministry which is based on the Programme Statement of the Government of the Slovak Republic, the Plan of legislative tasks of the Government of the Slovak Republic, the Work plan of the Government of the Slovak Republic for the relevant year.

²⁴⁾ Labour Code, as amended; Act No 552/2003 Coll on the performance of work in the public interest, as amended; Act No 553/2003 Coll. on remuneration of certain employees during the performance of work in the public interest, as amended; Act No 55/2017 Coll.

(2) The Ministry applies in its activities such principles of the organisation of public service, forms and methods of activity, which aim at the streamlining and higher efficiency of its activities by:

- a) Ensuring and applying professional approach to problem-solving as well as systemic control of the fulfilment of tasks;
- b) Cooperating closely with the ministries and other central bodies of the state administration, by exchanging information and documents with them, and discussing the measure relevant to them;
- c) Ensuring and applying the “value for money” principle, observing and promoting the maximum benefit for a reasonable price and cost, and by applying RIA2020 principles – Better Regulation Strategies;
- d) Conducting research and cooperation in research projects, implementing evaluation and public opinion survey in the area of competence of the Ministry;
- e) Using ideas and experience of public authorities as well as the suggestions of the general public;
- f) Using knowledge of socio-economic partners and engaging them especially in the work on addressing issues of conceptual and legislative nature;
- g) Cooperating with socio-economic partners in matters affecting them;
- h) Using efficiently the technical, communication and information infrastructure of the Ministry and the forms of teamwork.

(3) To ensure fulfilment of the conceptual, strategic and other tasks of a decisive nature in the remit of the Ministry, the Minister may establish the permanent bodies of the Minister. They are the meeting of the management of the Ministry or the operational meeting of the Minister. If necessary, the Minister may establish expert advisory bodies of the Minister, coordination groups, steering committees and project councils, commissions and work groups, which discuss important issues in relation to the activity of the Ministry.

Article 8

Relations of the Ministry to other ministries, other central state administration bodies, local state administration bodies, local self-government bodies and other bodies and organisations

(1) The Ministry cooperates with other ministries, other central state administration bodies, other local state administration bodies in accordance with a special regulation²⁵⁾, other generally binding legal regulations and agreements that the Ministry concluded with them.

(2) The Ministry cooperates with the local self-government bodies, socio-economic partners and other subjects in accordance with a special regulation¹⁹⁾ and other generally binding legal regulations.

(3) The Ministry, within the scope of its competence, also cooperates with the bodies of the European Union and the Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the European Union, bodies of the EU Member States, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations Organisation, international organisations as for example with the United Nations Organisation, Organisation for the Economic Cooperation and Development, and other organisations relevant for the areas of competence of the Ministry, including the Ministry’s participation in the meetings of the working groups, technical expert groups and committees.

Article 9

Final provisions

²⁵⁾ Act No 575/2001 Coll. as amended.

An amendment to the Statute shall be approved by the Government of the Slovak Republic in the event of fundamental changes in the competence or tasks of the Ministry by a change in generally binding legal regulations or a resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic, on the basis of which the Ministry performs its tasks.

Article 10
Repealing provisions

This Statute repeals:

1. The Statute of the Office of the deputy prime minister of the government of the Slovak Republic for investments and informatisation (approved by the resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 204 of 1 June 2016 as amended by the resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 556 of 12 December 2018).
2. The Statute of the deputy prime minister of the Government of the Slovak Republic for investments and informatisation (approved by the resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 202 of 1 June as amended by the resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 555 of 12 December 2018).

Article 11
Entry into force

This Statute was approved by the Government of the Slovak republic by its resolution No ... of and enters into force on 1 July 2020.