



Executive summary

Evaluation¹ of the coverage of Priority Axis 2 by Operational Programme Research, Development and Education (OP RDE) calls was made by a functionally independent Evaluation Unit of the OP RDE for internal needs of the OP Managing Authority.

This analysis aims to identify activities listed in the OP RDE programme document which have not yet been covered by any announced/opened call and furthermore to determinate the coverage intensity of activities already covered by closed or ongoing calls.

In order to carry out this evaluation the method of desk research of primary sources (individual calls of the Priority axis including their Rules for Applicants and Beneficiaries - specific part) was used, as well as the OP RDE programme document itself.

Up to now, **nine calls were announced/opened with total budget of CZK 20,610,000,000** have been opened under Priority Axis 2 in total. Of these, six calls have already been closed. Within Priority Axis 2, three calls are currently ongoing, namely 02_16_027 International mobility of researchers, 02_17_050 International mobility of researchers - MSCA-IF and 02_17_044 Supporting the development of the study environment at higher education institutions.

The analysis shows that most of the calls have so far been opened in investment priority 1, specific objective 5, six calls in total with the budget of CZK 4,310,000,000, but this corresponds to the scope of this specific objective and to the greater extent of the activities mentioned in the OP RDE programme document under this specific objective. The fewest calls have been announced so far in a specific objective 1, 2 a 4 (only one call with budget of CZK 3,500,000,000), but all activities listed under these specific objectives in the OP RDE programme document are covered. So far, no call has been announced in a specific objective 3, which remains completely not covered by OP RDE's calls.

Within the investment priority 2, specific objective 1 two calls have been opened for CZK 12,800,000,000 up to now and all activities listed in OP RDE programme document are covered.

Overview of the specific objectives of Priority Axis 2 and their coverage of activities listed in the OP RDE programme document:

IP1 SO1 Improving the quality of university education and its relevance to the needs of the labour market; SO2 Increasing the participation of students with special needs and those from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds and ethnic minorities in university education; SO 3 Improving the conditions of lifelong learning at universities; SO4 The settings and development of

¹ November 2017





the evaluation system, quality assurance, and strategic management of universities; SO 5 Improve conditions for instruction combined with research and for development of human resources in R&D

- Improving the quality of university instruction
- Making higher education more relevant to the needs of the labour market
- Creation or upgrading of research-oriented study programmes with an emphasis on problem-oriented research
- Obtaining and training of key and promising researchers and academics, including foreign researchers and academics
- Development of international co-operation and international environment at universities
- Strengthening of the intersectoral mobility of researchers (from the private sector to public research) and international mobility of researchers**
- Support for international mobility of research, **technical and administrative staff in R&D**
- Establishment and development of study programmes such as international graduate schools and doctoral schools
- Development of capacity and knowledge of managers and other personnel working in strategic management of R&D and higher education, and support for systems of strategic and effective management of research organisations, evaluation systems, and quality assurance
- Support for measures to popularise science and research
- Support for human resources for effective implementation of RIS 3 at regional levels
- Preparation and development of new or innovated tools for fulfilment of RIS3
- Preparation of project intentions contributing to fulfilment of RIS3
- Measures designed to reduce the drop-out rate
- Provision of adequate expert capacities and conditions for the transfer of technologies from research to practice
- Staffing of internal grant support for research organisations
- Support of balanced professional development of research men and women according to the approach of cultural and institutional changes for promoting of gender equality
- Support of human resources in RD can include also organization of national and international scientific conferences, seminars, etc.
- Activities focused on better information availability of offered study programs and university studies for interested students in order to reduce their future study failure
- Activities that shall influence students and future students with Sen and from socio-economically disadvantages groups and ethnic minorities (mainly Roma people) in order to increase their number in universities
- Improving the qualifications of staff involved in the preparation and implementation of LL courses, and support of the acquisition and creation of relevant tools**

**red marked activities have not been covered by calls yet*

IP2 SO1 Enhancing the educational infrastructure at universities for the purposes of providing high-quality education, improving access for disadvantaged groups, and increasing the openness of universities



EUROPEAN UNION
European Structural and Investing Funds
Operational Programme Research,
Development and Education





- Adaptation of premises and purchase of necessary equipment to accommodate students with special needs
- Development and modernisation of classrooms and laboratories
- Development of premises intended for practical training at universities
- Reconstruction and restoration of unsuitable buildings intended for university education to improve the quality of the provided educational activities
- Acquisition of new information sources/development of the existing information sources and management systems, upgrade of software equipment and acquisition of new internal information sources/development of the existing internal information sources

Recommendations to the OP RDE Managing Authority are to consider and, if appropriate, to open calls in line with the non-covered activities listed above in the specific objectives of the Priority axis 2.



EUROPEAN UNION
European Structural and Investing Funds
Operational Programme Research,
Development and Education



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,
YOUTH AND SPORTS