

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	KOMPAS (KOMPAS+)
Name of the instrument - English translation	KOMPAS (KOMPAS+)
Scheme ID	303
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	The active labour market policy programme reimburses competency-building training activities of unemployed jobseekers registered by COLSAF. Introduced in September 2015, KOMPAS supports courses that are less vocationally specific and aimed at building more general competencies, e.g. PC skills or foreign language courses. 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 cost reimbursement based on the documented costs and proof of participation. There is no limitation to re-use the grant.
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 key professional competencies of registered jobseekers (social and supervising skills, as well as language and IT skills).
Year of implementation	2015
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/federations) 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	General, competency-building training of registered unemployed are covered. Training specialisation and provider are being selected by the participant.
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 458 7932018: EUR 6 691 9082019: EUR 1 169 361 Data on overall volumes of funding available are not published.
Beneficiaries/take up	Total number of beneficiaries:2017: 2 2472018: 8 8732019: 2 095
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Central Office of Labour Social Affairs and Family
Monitoring/evaluation	Not available

reports available	
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	<p>2018. A follow-up project KOMPAS+ introduced additional funding for the most vulnerable sub-groups of registered unemployed (youth and 55+). Addressing the need to intensify training for the age groups of registered unemployed, with an increased need for training (youth and 55+).</p> <p>Recent changes in response to COVID-19</p> <p>No changes</p>
Sources	<p>https://www.upsvr.gov.sk/br/sluzby-zamestnanosti/kompas.html?page_id=73...</p> <p>https://www.upsvr.gov.sk/buxus/docs/statistic/aotp_2019/Vyhodnotenie_AO...</p>