

THE SWISS–SLOVAK COOPERATION PROGRAMME

**AMENDMENT No. 1 TO THE
PROJECT AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

SWITZERLAND

REPRESENTED BY

THE SWISS AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SDC)

AND

THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

REPRESENTED BY

THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

ON

THE GRANT FOR

**THE PROJECT “VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE LABOUR
MARKET”**

Preamble

Following the provisions of Article 21 of the above mentioned Project Agreement signed on 26 January 2012 in Bratislava, the Contracting Parties have mutually agreed to change the subsequent provisions of the mentioned Project Agreement as follows:

Article 1

Amended Provisions

1.1 The Contracting Parties have agreed that stipulations in Articles 3.7 and 3.8 of the Project Agreement are hereby amended and restated as follows:

“3.7 Any works, supplies and/or services carried out or delivered after the end of the Project as defined in Art. 23.2 of this Project Agreement are not eligible for grant support, except services for reporting, auditing and evaluation provided not later than 13 June 2017.

3.8 The final date for eligibility of costs is not later than 13 June 2017. Reimbursement requests must have been received by Switzerland not later than six months after the final date of eligibility of costs.”

1.2 The Contracting Parties have agreed that stipulations in Article 9.3 of the Project Agreement are hereby amended and restated as follows:

“9.3 The Project Completion Report is due to the Swiss Embassy not later than six months after the final date of eligibility of costs, meaning not later than 13 December 2017 for this Project. The Project Completion Report – together with the last Project Interim Report and the conclusions of the Final Financial Audit – is the base for the payment of the final reimbursement. The Project Completion Report has an operational part that documents and comments the overall achievement of outputs and outcomes against the original plan, the compliance with principles such as cross cutting themes and sustainability, and suggests lessons learned and conclusions. It contains a financial part (Final Financial Report) having a summary of financial data for the whole project and compare effective with planned expenses.”

1.3 The Contracting Parties have agreed that stipulations in Article 10.2 of the Project Agreement are hereby amended and restated as follows:

“10.3 At Project completion, an external licensed auditor will carry out a Final Financial Audit. The audit shall cover the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2016. It shall also provide a final declaration based on the results of any intermediary financial audits conducted. The conclusions and recommendations shall be transmitted to Switzerland, together with the Project Completion Report, by the NCU latest six months after the final date of eligibility of costs, not later than 13 December 2017.”

1.4 The Contracting Parties have agreed that stipulations in Article 23.2 of the Project Agreement are hereby amended and restated as follows:

“ 23.2 The Project shall be implemented in 60 months, starting on 27 January 2012 and ending on 31 December 2016.”

Article 2

Other provisions, Entry into Force

2.1 All other provisions of the Project Agreement and its Annexes remain unchanged.

2.2 This Amendment No. 1 forms an integral part of the Project Agreement No.4/2012 dated 26 January 2012.

2.3 This Amendment No. 1 to the Project Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing by the Contracting Parties and shall enter into effect the next day after its publication in the Central Register of Contracts maintained by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic.

Done in Bratislava on....., in six originals in the English language and in six originals in the Slovak language. NCU shall receive five originals in both language versions and SDC shall receive one original in both language versions. In case of divergence in the interpretation of this Amendment No. 1 to the Project Agreement the English version shall prevail.

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