

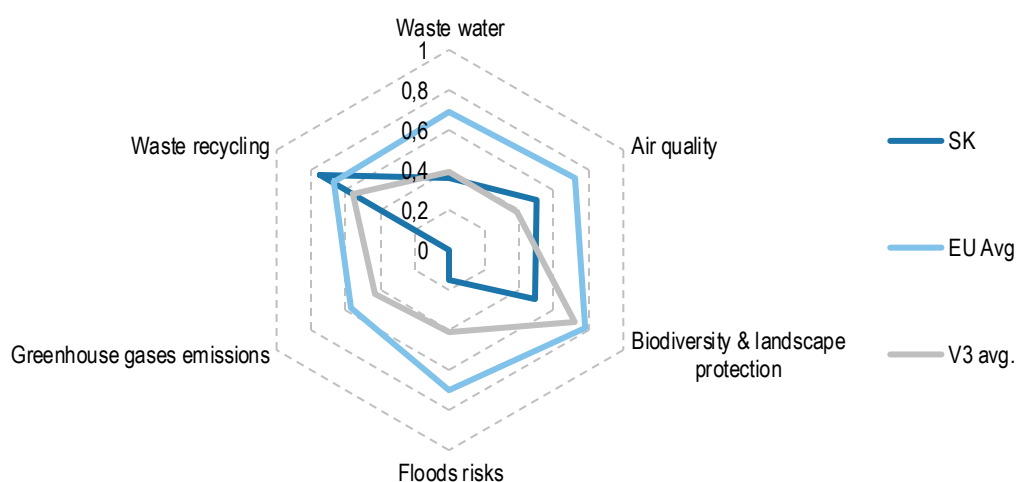
Mandate for environmental spending review

The environmental spending review in an annual amount of 0.6 per cent of GDP will propose measures to improve efficiency of the investment portfolio, to increase effectiveness of environmental programmes and to reduce unit operating costs in a sustainable way within the budgetary chapter of the Ministry of Environment SR. The objective of environmental public investments and policies is to improve the quality of the environment.

Performance objectives

The key objective of the environmental policy is to improve quality of the environment in order to protect health of the population, to avoid loss of biodiversity and ecosystems, to avoid environmental risks and to support market with secondary raw materials. Considering the complexity of environmental issues, the results will be monitored using a set of indicators. The purpose is to improve the effectiveness and thus get closer to the EU average.

FIGURE 1: Performance indicators for environmental issues



Source: MF SR, MŽP SR

Fiscal objectives

Investment expenditures will be derived mainly from drawdown of financial funds from the *Operational Programme Quality of Environment* (OP QoE). During the programming period 2014 – 2020, €3.1bn plus co-financing are available to finance the objectives. The cost-benefit analysis will examine environmental investment projects financed from the state budget and from EU funds with the aim to prioritize those bringing the highest value for money.

Efficiency and target-orientation of expenditures for waste, sewage water, reduction of pollution, nature and landscape protection and water supply will be evaluated, with the aim to reallocate expenditures towards programmes with the highest effectiveness. The review will seek ways to reduce operating costs of the Ministry of Environment, its subordinate organisations, state-owned enterprises established by the Ministry and the Environmental Fund.

Responsibility and deadlines

The interim and final reports fall under the responsibility of the MF SR; the report is to be prepared in cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment SR. For the purpose of preparation of analysis of the above mentioned issues, MŽP SR and MF SR undertake to cooperate in providing complete and detailed data and information. The interim report will be prepared by the end of April 2017, the final report will be prepared and published by the end of June 2017.