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**Implementing Regulations for Specific Objective 8.2.3 “**[**To Ensure Better Governance in Higher Education Institutions**](http://www.cfla.gov.lv/CFLA2/item.php?itemID=92)**” of the Operational Programme “Growth and Employment”**

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the Law On Management of the

European Union Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund in the 2014-2020

Programming Period

**I. General Provisions**

1. The Regulations prescribes:

1.1. the procedures, by which Specific Objective 8.2.3 “[To Ensure Better Governance in Higher Education Institutions](http://www.cfla.gov.lv/CFLA2/item.php?itemID=92)” of the priority axis “Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning” of the Operational Programme “Growth and Employment” (hereinafter referred to as specific objective) shall be implemented;

1.2. the objective of the specific objective;

1.3. the funding available to specific objective;

1.4. the requirements for the project applicant of the European Social Fund project (hereinafter referred to as the project) and cooperation partners of the project;

1.5. the eligibility conditions of supported activities and costs;

1.6. the conditions and procedures for application of simplified costs;

1.7. the conditions for a implementation of the specific objective, including conditions for a unilateral notice of termination of a project implementation contract or agreement.

2. The following terms are used in the Regulations:

2.1. academic fairness – performance of academic work, observing the highest standards of professionalism and precision standards, impartiality and truthfulness, moral and ethical principles, fairness, including prevention of plagiarism, provision of true data and accuracy in academic publications, as well as in communication and publicity measures shaping the image of the academic environment;

2.2. higher education institution – a higher education institution or a college established by the state or a private person and registered and accredited in the Republic of Latvia according to the set procedure;

2.3. management staff of the higher education institution – rector, principal, provost, dean, head of the structural unit, director of study directions, director of study programmes and deputies of all the above mentioned staff, as well as members of decision-making bodies of the higher education institution;

2.4. e-solutions – information systems and software for collecting, digitalisation and monitoring of data in order to increase the efficiency and quality of studies, foster sharing of resources, improve internal governance, as well as internal and external communication;

2.5. work programme – a software developed by a project applicant, which includes a detailed content and organisational description of the activities planned within the scope of the project, including:

2.5.1. a description of measures at each stage of implementation of the project – preparation, implementation, supervision and distribution of results;

2.5.2. the goal of the project, the scope of activities to be supported and the time schedule;

2.5.3. characteristics of the capacity of project implementation management and implementation staff, information about planned cooperation partners and their involvement in the implementation of the planned activities;

2.6. training curriculum – a plan developed by the higher education institution for the improvement of competencies of management staff, which justifies selected training directions, types of training and persons to be involved in the planned studies, as well as provides information about the planned range of suppliers of the training and the quality requirements set to them. The information provided in the training plan about the complementarity of the training and that it does not overlap with the trainings envisaged within the scope of Activity 1.2.1.2 “Support for Improvement of the Technology Transfer System” of Specific Objective 1.2.1 “To Increase Investments of Private Sector in R&D” of the Operational Programme “Growth and Employment” and Specific Objective 8.2.2 “To Strengthen Academic Staff of Higher Education Institutions in the Areas of Strategic Specialisation” of the Operational Programme “Growth and Employment”;

2.7. change agent – a person, who is responsible for the planning and implementation of changes in the higher education institution. A change agent can be a member of management or academic staff employed by the higher education institution, a researcher, an merchant’s representative, a student or a foreign expert;

2.8. teacher education development plan – a set of measures according to the proposal of the workgroup created by the Ministry of Education and Science for the creation of a conceptually new teacher education system, in order to ensure teacher education meeting the requirements of competency-based education. The teacher education development plan shall be drawn up by the project applicant, who implements study programmes of any level of higher education in the study direction “Education, Pedagogics and Sport”, and shall coordinate it with the Advisory Council for the New Formation of Teacher Education. The plan shall include measures for the development, approbation and accreditation of study programmes for teachers and for the improvement of management of teacher education, as well as shall set the procedure of implementation of the measures and responsible persons;

2.9. The Advisory Council for the New Formation of Teacher Education is a council created by the Ministry of Education and Science, which includes representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science, the National Cultural Centre of Latvia, the Student Union of Latvia, the Mission Possible Foundation, as well as experts of the projects of the National Centre for Education “Competency-Based Approach to the Content of Learning” implemented within the scope of Activity 8.3.1.1 “Approbation and Implementation of Competency-Based General Education Curriculum” of Specific Objective 8.3.1 “To Develop Competency-Based General Education Curriculum” of the Operational Programme “Growth and Employment” and experts of the sector. The work of the Council shall be regulated by the regulations developed and approved by the Ministry of Education and Science;

2.10. peer learning activities – activities, which take place among several persons or institutions who exchange knowledge, experience and good practices in the area of improvement of the quality, management of the content of study programmes and the internal quality management system, as well as competencies and skills of management staff. The parties involved shall use the knowledge obtained in these activities for the improvement of their work (peer-learning);

2.11. international peer review – an external review conducted by independent foreign experts, who do not represent the higher education institution and whose work is not related to any conditions, which might cause a conflict of interest;

2.12. STEM study programme (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, including medical and creative industries) – under these regulations a higher education study programme, which according to the regulatory enactments on the classification of Latvian education is included in:

2.12.1. the thematic group of education:

2.12.1.1. life sciences, mathematics and information technology;

2.12.1.2. engineering science, manufacturing and construction;

2.12.1.3. agriculture;

2.12.2. the thematic field of education:

2.12.2.1. arts;

2.12.2.2. health (with the exception of the set of education programmes in cosmetology);

2.12.2.3. environmental protection;

2.12.3. in the set of education programmes – restoration;

2.13. scientific institution – a scientific institute registered in the Register of Scientific Institutions of the Republic of Latvia (a public agency, a derived public person and a legal person governed to private law) or a higher education institution.

3. The objective of the specific objective is to improve the quality of content of study programmes of higher education institutions and, using the resources available in an efficient way, to ensure better governance of higher education institutions and improvement of competencies and skills of management staff.

4. The target group of the specific objective is higher education institutions.

5. The specific objective shall be implemented by carrying out the activities to be supported that are referred to in Paragraph 20 of these Regulations and reaching the following monitoring indicators:

5.1. output indicator – by 31 December 2023 the number of higher education institutions, which have been granted support of the European Social Fund for the implementation of development strategies and results oriented governance is 20, including by 31 December 2018 – 10;

5.2. result indicator – by 31 December 2023 the number of higher education institutions, which have introduced development strategies and implemented results oriented governance – 20;

5.3. financial indicator – by 31 December 2018 certified expenses in the amount of 1,000,000 euro.

6. The total planned eligible funding of the specific objective is 20,000,000 euro, which is formed by funding of the European Social Fund – 17,000,000 euro and state budget co-funding – 3,000,000 euro.

7. The total eligible funding available to conclude an agreement or contract on the implementation of the project, by 31 December 2018 is 18,663,451 euro, including funding of the European Social Fund of 15,863,933 euro and the co-financing of the state budget – 2,799,518 euro. Respectively, after 1 January 2019 the responsible institution according to the decision of the European Commission on the fulfilment of the performance framework may propose to increase eligible funding available to the planned maximum amount of funding referred to in Paragraph 6 of these Regulations.

8. The amount of the funding of the European Social Fund shall not exceed 85 percent of the total eligible funding of the project, the state budget funding – 15 percent of the total eligible funding of the project.

9. The specific objective shall be implemented in the form of open selection of project applications.

10. The specific objective shall be implemented in one round of selection of project applications for the entire funding available for the specific objective.

11. The functions of the responsible institution within the scope of specific objective shall be carried out by the Ministry of Education and Science.

**II. Requirements for the Project Applicant and the Cooperation Partner**

12. Within the scope of the specific objective the project applicant can be a higher education institution (with the exception of agencies – colleges of a higher education institution established by the state), which, after an agreement or a contract on the implementation of the project has been concluded with the cooperation authority and the project application has been approved, shall also be the beneficiary of funding of the European Social Fund.

13. A higher education institution established by the state shall implement the project, envisaging that its agency – college (when applicable) – is also the beneficiary of the supported activities implemented within the project.

14. The project applicant shall submit a project application and shall implement the project individually or in cooperation with other higher education institution or scientific institution, justifying its choice in the project application and specifying its involvement in the implementation of supported activities.

15. The project applicant shall append to the project application a certification of the cooperation partner about its readiness to participate in the implementation of the project. After the approval of the project application, the project applicant shall conclude with each cooperation partner (when applicable) a cooperation contract according to laws and regulations regarding the procedures by which the institutions involved in the management of European Union Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund shall ensure preparation of planning documents and the implementation of such funds in the 2014-2020 programming period, and shall include in this contract at least the following information:

15.1. objectives, principles of cooperation and responsibility of the parties;

15.2. the activities implemented by the cooperation partner and their scope;

15.3. the procedure of ensuring the financial flow planned in the project application;

15.4. sanctions, if liabilities under the cooperation contract are not performed.

16. The project applicant shall prepare a project application according to the requirements set in the regulations on selection of project applications and shall submit it electronically to the cooperation authority, using the Cohesion policy fund management information system for 2014-2020. In addition to the requirements set in the selection regulations, the project applicant shall append to the project application the following documents:

16.1. the work programme;

16.2. the training curriculum;

16.3. the teacher education development plan (when applicable);

16.4. the teacher education communication and publicity plan (when applicable);

16.5. a translation of the project application and annexes thereto into English according to provisions of the selection regulations.

17. The project applicant shall submit one project application within the scope of the specific objective.

18. The total minimum amount of eligible funding of one project is 150,000 euro, the total maximum amount of eligible funding is 3,300,000 euro.

19. The amount of the total eligible funding within the scope of the project shall be determined by the project applicant using the following formula:

F = S + I x ST + M, where

F – total eligible funding available;

S – initial funding for the project applicant and the agency – college of the higher education institution (when applicable) – 150,000 euro to each;

I – funding, which does not exceed 300 euro per student studying a STEM study programme in the higher education institution;

ST – number of students in STEM study programmes in the higher education institution, including in the agency – college of the higher education institution (when applicable) – in academic year 2017/2018;

M – target funding of 500,000 euro for the implementation of teacher education governance improvement measures (applicable only to those higher education institutions, which implement study programmes in the study direction “Education, Pedagogics and Sport”).

**III. Supported Activities and Costs**

20. The following activities shall be supported within the scope of the specific objective:

20.1. improvement of content of existing study programmes and its alignment with industry development needs;

20.2. improvement of organisational and governance structures of a higher education institution;

20.3. improvement of the quality management system of a higher education institution;

20.4. development, improvement and implementation of e-solutions;

20.5. improvement of competencies of management staff of a higher education institution;

20.6. ensuring project management and implementation;

20.7. information and publicity measures on the implementation of the project.

21. The following activities shall be supported for the improvement of content of existing study programmes and its alignment with industry development needs as referred to in Sub-paragraph 20.1 of these Regulations:

21.1. analysis of the structure of the study programmes included in the study direction and development of proposals for restructuring and consolidation of the study programmes;

21.2. analysis of the content of the study programmes included in the study direction, assessment of compliances with industry development needs, including professional competencies needed by the industry, and development of proposals for the improvement of content of the study programmes;

21.3. development of innovative study methods, study courses and internship;

21.4. organization of international study programme content innovation conferences in Latvia;

21.5. research and anticipation of needs and skills for the development of human resources of the sector.

22. The project applicant, who implements pedagogical study programmes in the study direction “Education, Pedagogics and Sport”, according to the teacher education development plan and in addition to the actions referred to in Paragraph 21 of these Regulations shall be provided support in the following activities:

22.1. to develop a draft qualification structure of the education and science sector and submit it to the Vocational Education and Employment Tripartite Co-operation Sub-council of the National Tripartite Cooperation Council;

22.2. to develop a draft teacher’s occupation standard or professional qualification requirements (if no occupation standard needs to be developed for the occupation) and to submit it to the National Centre for Education in accordance with the laws and regulations, which lay down the procedure of development of an occupation standard, professional qualification requirements and a sector qualification structure;

22.3. to participate in international professional cooperation networks of teachers.

23. For the implementation of supported activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 22.1 and 22.2 of these Regulations, the project applicant shall ensure regular exchange of information and data with all higher education institutions, which will implement pedagogical study programmes in the study direction “Education, Pedagogics and Sport”, according to the teacher education development plan of the respective higher education institution to foster the application of unified principles and good practices, as well as the implementation of complementary activities.

24. The following activities shall be supported for the improvement of organisational and governance structures of a higher education institution as referred to in Sub-paragraph 20.2 of these Regulations:

24.1. an external audit of functions of structural units and positions, as well as governance processes of the higher education institution and the implementation of recommendations;

24.2. improvement of the internal financing model of a higher education institution, including:

24.2.1. an external audit of remuneration and the motivation system of a higher education institution and the implementation of an individual performance oriented remuneration and motivation system, including the development of support measures for the transition of academic activity of academic staff;

24.2.2. evaluation of costs of services of study places of a higher education institution and determination of prices for other paid services provided by the higher education institution;

24.2.3. ex-ante or ex-post evaluation of the financial management and accounting policy.

25. The following activities shall be supported for the improvement of the quality management system of a higher education institution as referred to in Sub-paragraph 20.3 of these Regulations:

25.1. improvement of the internal quality management system and reinforcement of performance orientation;

25.2. development or improvement of internal quality management services;

25.3. subscription to and use of international management and quality management analysis tools, including the tools intended for quality monitoring of study programmes and self-assessment of academic staff;

25.4. formation of academic fairness, including the development and approbation of an academic fairness model.

26. The following activities shall be supported for the creation, improvement and implementation of e-solutions as referred to in Sub-paragraph 20.4 of these Regulations:

26.1. creation and improvement of a governance system for a higher education institution;

26.2. development or improvement of e-sharing solutions, e-learning and digitalisation solutions, staff management e-solutions, student service e-solutions and student self-assessment e-solutions for the increase of efficiency and quality of studies, development of sharing solutions and reinforcement of the governance structure;

26.3. purchasing, creation of the financial management and accounting software, extension or alignment of functionality and briefing on usage.

27. The beneficiary of the funding shall provide an international peer review of the organisational and governance structure, quality management system improved and the e-solutions introduced in a higher education institution as a result of the supported activities referred to in Paragraphs 24, 25 and 26 of these Regulations.

28. The following activities shall be supported for the improvement of the competencies of management staff of a higher education institution as referred to in Sub-paragraph 20.5 of these Regulations:

28.1. peer-learning activities with the leading foreign higher education institutions;

28.2. according to the training curriculum of the higher education institution trainings for the management staff of the higher education institution were adapted in the following areas:

28.2.1. innovation of education content and its alignment with industry development needs;

28.2.2. development of online learning and digitalisation of the training content;

28.2.3. learning of English;

28.2.4. academic fairness;

28.2.5. administrative efficacy, quality management and financial management.

29. The following types of costs exist within the scope of the specific objective:

29.1. direct eligible costs, which are directly related to the implementation of project activities and are necessary for the achievement of results of the project, and this liability is clearly comprehensible and provable;

29.2. indirect eligible costs, which are not directly related to the achievement of project results, but support and ensure corresponding circumstances for the implementation of project activities and achievement of project results;

29.3 ineligible costs, which are covered from the beneficiary’s own funds.

30. The direct eligible costs referred to in Sub-paragraph 29.1 of these Regulations include the following cost items:

30.1. direct eligible staff costs:

30.1.1. costs for the remuneration of project management staff, with the exception of extra hours, for the implementation of the supported activities specified in Sub-paragraphs 20.6 and 20.7 of these Regulations;

30.1.2. costs for the remuneration of project implementation staff (including change agents, advisers, experts and specialists, also foreign), with the exception of extra hours, for the implementation of the supported activities specified in Sub-paragraphs 21.1, 21.2, 21.3, 21.5, 22.1, 22.2, 24.1, 24.2.1, 25.1, 25.2, 25.4 and 26.2 of these Regulations;

30.2. costs of purchasing or renting equipment, office furniture and devices, computer programmes and licences for the newly created workplaces, including equipment maintenance and repair costs, no more than 3000 euro per workplace for the entire project implementation period, if project management or implementation staff is employed at least 30 percent of normal working hours on the basis of an employment contract. If the project management or implementation staff is employed part time or timeshare, the costs of purchasing or rent of equipment for the newly created workplaces shall be eligible in proportion to the distribution of their workload percentage;

30.3. costs of domestic business trips and work travel for the project management and implementation staff for the implementation of the supported activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 21.1, 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, 21.5, 22.1, 22.2, 28.2.1, 28.2.2, 28.2.3, 28.2.4 and 28.2.5 of these Regulations and costs of domestic missions of management staff of the higher education institution referred to in Sub-paragraphs 28.2 for the implementation of the supported activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 28.2.2, 28.2.3, 28.2.4 and 28.2.5 of these Regulations according to the laws and regulations on the procedures of compensation of business trips-related costs, if those are justified and related to the implementation of the project;

30.4. costs of foreign business trips for the project implementation staff for the implementation of the supported activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 21.3, 22.3, 24.1, 24.2.1, 24.2.3, 25.1, 28.1, 28.2.1, 28.2.2, 28.2.4 and 28.2.5 of these Regulations and costs of foreign business trips of management staff of the higher education institution referred to in Sub-paragraphs 28.2 for the implementation of the supported activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 28.1, 28.2.2, 28.2.3, 28.2.4 and 28.2.5 of these Regulations according to the laws and regulations on the procedures of compensation of business trips-related costs, if those are justified and related to the implementation of the project;

30.5. transport costs (cost of fuel, rental of vehicle, purchase of transport services, fee for the use of public transport) for the implementation of the activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 21.1, 21.2, 21.3, 21.5, 22.1 and 22.2 of these Regulations;

30.6. costs of services and delivery, including translations costs, costs of the international peer review and costs of change agents, advisers, experts and specialists, including foreign, for the implementation of the activities referred to in Paragraphs 21, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of these Regulations;

30.7. fee for participation in study programme content innovation conferences during the implementation of the project for the implementation of the activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 21.1, 21.2, 21.3 and 21.5 of these Regulations;

30.8. costs of evaluation of changes in a study direction for the implementation of the supported activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 21.1 and 21.2 of these Regulations according to the pricelist of paid services provided by the Academic Information Centre foundation;

30.9. costs related to the organization and implementation of conferences, discussions, trainings and experience exchange events, including rental of premises, if rental of premises outside the registered or business address of the beneficiary or the cooperation partner of the project implementer is required for the implementation of project activities, costs of handouts and rental of computer equipment for the implementation of the activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 21.1, 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, 22.1, 22.2, 28.1, 28.2.1, 28.2.2, 28.2.3, 28.2.4 and 28.2.5 of these Regulations;

30.10. costs of licences and subscription costs for international management tools and quality management analysis tools for the implementation of the supported activity referred to in Sub-paragraph 25.3 of these Regulations;

30.11. costs of development, improvement and implementation of e-solutions, including integration and connection of existing information systems for the implementation of the supported activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 26.1, 26.2 and 26.3 of these Regulations;

30.12. costs of purchasing, creation of financial management and accounting software, extension or alignment of functionality and briefing on its usage for the implementation of the supported activity referred to in Sub-paragraph 26.3 of these Regulations;

30.13. training costs for the implementation of the activities referred to in Paragraph 28 of these Regulations;

30.14. participation fee in international professional cooperation networks of teachers for the implementation of the supported activity referred to in Sub-paragraph 22.3 of these Regulations;

30.15. costs of information and publicity measures of the project in accordance with the laws and regulations regarding the procedures by which the requirements for communication and visual identity shall be ensured in introduction of the European Union Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund for the 2014-2020 programming period for the implementation of the supported activities referred to in Sub-paragraph 20.7 of these Regulations.

31. When planning the direct eligible staff costs referred to in Sub-paragraph 30.1 of these regulations, the beneficiary and the cooperation partner (when applicable) shall record working time about the functions performed and time worked within the framework of the project management and implementation staff project and shall ensure that for the staff, who is employed:

31.1. full time, part time or timeshare not less than 30 percent of normal working hours, direct eligible staff costs shall include wages, mandatory state social insurance contributions from taxable eligible costs, allowances and social guarantee payouts set out in the laws and regulations in the area of employment relations and remuneration;

31.2. timeshare less than 30 percent of normal working hours, costs of remuneration shall be made according to the time remuneration rate set in the waging policy of the beneficiary and the cooperation partner (when applicable), taking into account the number of hours worked on the project. Direct eligible staff remuneration costs shall include employee’s wage and mandatory state social insurance contributions from taxable eligible costs, but shall not include allowances and social guarantee payouts set out in the laws and regulations.

32. The indirect eligible costs referred to in Sub-paragraph 29.2 of these Regulations shall be planned as one cost item, applying a flat rate of indirect costs of 15 percent of the direct eligible staff costs referred to in Sub-paragraph 30.1 of these Regulations. The flat rate of indirect costs shall be applied to the staff costs, which occurred on the basis of an employment contract.

33. Within the scope of the specific objective the beneficiary shall implement a project, which is not related to the performance of economic activity or is not qualified as aid for commercial activity.

34. Value added tax shall be considered eligible costs, if it is not recoverable according to laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia in the field of tax policy.

35. If the service provider referred to in Sub-paragraph 30.6 of these Regulations is not a natural person and is not registered in the State Revenue Service as a self-employed person, employer’s mandatory state social insurance contributions shall also be eligible.

36. The beneficiary may include the costs, which exceed the total eligible funding set in Paragraphs 18 and 19 of these Regulations, when implementing the project, in total project costs as ineligible costs.

37. Any increase in costs that occurs during the implementation of the project shall be covered by the beneficiary from its own funds.

38. Within the framework of the specific objective, those costs of the beneficiary shall be eligible, which correspond to the cost items specified in these Regulations and where incurred:

38.1. for state colleges – from the day, when an agreement on the implementation of the project was concluded;

38.2. for other beneficiaries – from the day of entry of these Regulations into force.

39. Costs of cooperation partners shall be eligible after the conclusion of the cooperation contracts referred to in Paragraph 15 of these Regulations, but not earlier than from the day of conclusion of the project implementation agreement or contract.

40. The beneficiary shall be responsible for the fulfilment of duties by the cooperation partner in the implementation of the project and for the functions implemented by cooperation partners in the project, including preventing the risk of double funding and ensuring demarcation with other similar or related projects.

41. For the activities supported within the scope of the project the beneficiary shall ensure synergy and complementarity with other supported programmes promoting the improvement of governance, internal quality, e-solutions of higher education institutions, staff and content of study programmes of higher education institutions.

**IV. Rules of Implementation of the Specific Objective**

42. During the selection of project applications the cooperation authority shall ensure the involvement of proper experts included in the database of experts of the European Commission, using the following selection criteria:

42.1. the expert has a doctoral degree;

42.2. the expert had practical or research experience in governance of higher education, development of leadership or institutionalisation of academic fairness in the last four years;

42.3. it is preferable that the expert has experience in research in higher education of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development or other equivalent international-level research.

43. The beneficiary shall implement the project according to the concluded agreement or contract on the implementation of the project, but not longer than until 30 November 2023.

44. The territory of the Republic of Latvia is the place of project implementation.

45. If an advance payment is intended for the beneficiary during the implementation of the project, it can be paid in instalments. One advance payment shall not exceed 30 percent of the total amount of funding from the European Social Fund and state budget co-financing that was granted to the project. For the beneficiaries, having a status of a derived public person partially funded from the state budget, who implement the project within the scope of the state management tasks delegated to them, the total amount of advance and interim payments can amount to 100 percent of the total amount of funding from the European Social Fund and state budget co-financing that was granted to the project. For the beneficiaries, which are higher education institutions established by private persons, the total amount of advance and interim payments can amount to 90 percent of the total amount of funding from the European Social Fund and state budget co-financing intended for the project.

46. When implementing the project, the beneficiary shall:

46.1. ensure information and publicity measures that are set out in Annex XII, Sub-paragraph 2.2 of Regulation (EU) No [1303/2013](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2006/1083?locale=LV) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No [1083/2006](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1303?locale=LV), and in the laws and regulations regarding the procedures by which the requirements for communication and visual identity shall be ensured in introduction of the European Union structural funds and the Cohesion Fund in 2014-2020 programming period;

46.2. collect data on the horizontal indicator of the horizontal principle “Sustainable development” – number of persons educated about aspects of application of eco-innovations, green workplaces or green public procurement (when applicable);

46.3. collect data about the specific outcome indicator “study direction councils created, functioning within the scope of projects” (when applicable).

47. At the end of implementation of the project the beneficiary shall submit to the Ministry of Education and Science a self-assessment report on the implementation of the higher education institution development strategy approved by its decision-making body for the evaluation of the result indicator set in Sub-paragraph 5.2 of these Regulations. The beneficiary shall prepare the self-assessment report on the implementation of the higher education institution development strategy according to the self-assessment report form indicated by the Ministry of Education and Science.

48. The beneficiary shall post current information regarding project implementation on its website not less than once in three months.

49. The beneficiary and cooperation partners shall purchase goods and services necessary for the implementation of the project according to the laws and regulations regulating public procurement. The integration of environmental requirements in procurements of goods and services (green public procurement) is supported.

50. The co-operation authority has the right unilaterally withdraw from the project implementation contract or agreement in any of the following cases:

50.1. the beneficiary does not fulfil the project implementation contract or agreement, including if the implementation of the project does not take place according to the deadlines specified in the project or other circumstances have set in, which negatively affect or may affect the achievement of the objective of specific objective referred to in Paragraph 3 of these Regulations and the achievement of the monitoring indicators referred to in Paragraph 5 of these Regulations;

50.2. in other cases determined in the project implementation agreement or contract.

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