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Summary

Among the various policies implemented by government, those concerning development are increasingly gaining importance. In theory, development policies are mainly associated with the development function, geared towards ensuring economic growth and development. Changes in social and climatic conditions have led to the formulation of an extended definition of development, which does not only prioritise economics, but also sustainable development, striking a balance between various policy objectives related to development.

Development policies are implemented by a set of programmes, as well as individual measures and projects, which may or may not have an impact on public finances. To ensure consistency of measures, it is necessary to: (1) co-ordinate them within the government, but also in co-operation with non-governmental institutions and stakeholders; (2) monitor their implementation and measure their effectiveness; and (3) change and supplement them as necessary. These procedures were determined by the institutional arrangement for development planning, adopted in 2007, which also anticipated the establishment of a single recording system and the formulation of an adequate methodology for monitoring implementation of development policies.

Since the establishment of record-keeping and of a methodology for monitoring development policies are only in the initial phase in Slovenia, this study may serve as one of the tools to establish an adequate system for monitoring and measuring the efficiency of development policies, in line with the provisions of the decree, and as recommended by professional institutions and experts, primarily from the field of development policies and public finances.