

# Karol Frank

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Head of the Department of Macroeconomics

*Institute of Economic Research of Slovak Academy of Sciences* [ 10/2017 – Current ]

**Address:** Šancova 56, 81105 Bratislava (Slovakia) - <http://ekonom.sav.sk>

### Member of the VEGA Agency

*VEGA (Scientific and Grant Agency of the Slovak republic)* [ 06/2016 – Current ]

Evaluation of scientific projects funded by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic and Slovak Academy of Sciences.

### Senior Research fellow

*Institute of Economic Research of Slovak Academy of Sciences* [ 06/2003 – Current ]

**Address:** Sancova 56, 811 05 Bratislava (Slovakia) - <http://ekonom.sav.sk>

- **Business or sector:** Professional, scientific and technical activities

Department of Macroeconomics and Knowledge Economy

Chairman of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Economic Research

### Expert mandate

*European Economic and Social Committee* [ 11/2004 – 03/2005 ]

**Address:** Rue Beliard 99, 1040 Brussels (Belgium)

- **Business or sector:** Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies

Expert mandate for European Economic and Social Committee member. Main task - Elaboration of own initiative opinion on Cohesion Policy.

### Delegate Cat III at European Economic and Social Committee's Consultative Commission on Industrial

*Economic and Social Committee of the European Union* [ 02/2010 – 01/2011 ]

**Address:** Rue Beliard 99, 1040 Brusel (Belgium)

- **Business or sector:** Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies

The European Economic and Social Committee's Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCMI) combines over 50 years of experience with consultative dialogue gained from the European Coal and Steel Community's Consultative Committee with a wide-ranging composition and remit to produce a body unique to the European institutions. It is a new kind of model for discussion/dialogue of policy issues between different actors in the field of industrial change.

### Expert mandate

*European Economic and Social Committee* [ 01/2012 – 05/2012 ]

**Address:** Brussels (Belgium)

- **Business or sector:** Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies

Elaboration of opinion for the Proposal for a regulation on European Territorial Cooperation COM (2011)611 final.

### Member of the working group "Partnership for Cohesion Policy"

*Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic* [ 08/2012 – 01/2017 ]

### Member of the working group on statistical systems and indicators

*Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of Slovak Republic* [ 09/2012 – 12/2013 ]

Member of the working group responsible for the ex-ante conditionalities in the area of indicators and statistics for the next programming period.

Identification of statistical systems and data sources needed for monitoring and evaluation of effects and impacts of operational programmes.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### Masters degree

*University of Economics* [ 09/1998 – 06/2003 ]

**Address:** Dolnozemska cesta 1, Bratislava (Slovakia)

**Field(s) of study:** Economics

**National classification :** ISCED 5

Department of National Economy - specialization Economic policy

### Certificate

*Stiftung Europa-Kolleg Hamburg* [ 10/2008 – 12/2008 ]

**Address:** Windmühlenweg 27, 22607 Hamburg (Germany)

**Field(s) of study:** Economics

**National classification :** ISCED 5

DAAD scholarship focused on convergence process of new member states and Cohesion policy

### Ph.D.

*University of Economics Bratislava, Institute of Economic Research - Slovak Academy of Sciences* [ 10/2004 – 11/11/2010 ]

**Address:** Dolnozemska cesta 1, Bratislava (Slovakia)

**Field(s) of study:** Economics

National classification : ISCED 6

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s):

**Slovak**

**English**

LISTENING: C2 READING: C2 UNDERSTANDING: C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C1

SPOKEN INTERACTION: C1

**Czech**

LISTENING: C2 READING: C2 UNDERSTANDING: C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C2

SPOKEN INTERACTION: C2

**German**

LISTENING: C2 READING: C2 UNDERSTANDING: C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C1

SPOKEN INTERACTION: C1

## DRIVING LICENCE

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Driving Licence: **A1** Driving

Licence: **B**

## PROJECTS

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**Analysis of the requirements on evaluation of State aid in the 28 Member States [ 01/2020 – 05/2020 ]**

Full title of the project: **Analysis of the requirements on evaluation of State aid in the 28 Member States and in-depth analysis of implementation of the evaluation requirement in the cases for which an evaluation plan will be under discussion or approved by a Commission decision by 31.12.2019**

Contractor: European Commission - Directorate General Competitions

Coordinator: Ismery, Italy

**Projects**

**Research and Innovation Observatory - Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility**

Contractor: Joint Research Centre - European Commission

Duration of the project: 2016 - 2020

The project delivers analysis, insights, statistical data and best practices on designing, implementing and evaluating research and innovation policy at national level.

**Study on the Extent to Which and How Member States Used the European Social Fund and The European Regional Development Fund in the Programming Periods 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 to Support Their Justice System**

Contractor: European Commission, DG for Justice and Consumers

Project coordinator: Optimity Advisors, London, UK

Duration of the project: 1/2017 - 3/2018

### **Support of European Structural and Investment Funds to the Implementation of the Country Specific Recommendations and to Structural Reforms**

Contractor: European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy

Project coordinator: Ismeri, Italy

Duration of the project: 2/2016 - 12/2016

The study aims to produce evidence which can be used to support the implementation of the current programmes as well as the preparation of post-2020 ESIF programming. The study will focus on the relationships between structural reforms, linked to Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) proposed as part of the European Semester, and the strategic design and implementation of the ESI Funds. The role of the ESI Funds in promoting and supporting the reforms will be examined in depth, with particular attention on the impact of two of the novelties introduced in 2014-2020: the ex-ante conditionalities and thematic objective 11 on Enhancing Institutional Capacity of Public Authorities and Efficient Public Administration.

### **Ex-post Evaluation Cohesion Policy (2007-2013) Work Package 12 - Delivery System - task 5 - Assessment of Capacity Building Financed by Technical Assistance**

Contractor: European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy

Project coordinator: KPMG, Germany

Duration of the project: 10/2015 - 3/2016

### **Evaluation Helpdesk on Cohesion Policy**

Contractor: European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy

Project coordinator: Applica, Belgium

Duration of the project: October 2015 - September 2019

The consortium made of Applica, Ismeri Europa and Alphametrics has been awarded the contract to provide an "Evaluation Helpdesk" to the Commission that reviews the 2014-2020 evaluation plans, identifies evaluations undertaken by Managing Authorities in 2015-2019, reviews a sample of evaluations, and provides support to Member States in refining their evaluation plans and designing and managing evaluations. In addition, the Helpdesk provides structured information on the outcome of the reviews of evaluations to support the European Commission's syntheses of evaluation findings.

### **Ex post evaluation of Cohesion policy programmes 2007-2013, focusing on the ERDF and CF – Work Package 13: Geography of expenditure**

Contractor: European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy

Project coordinator: WIIW - Austria, Ismeri Europa - Italy

Duration of the project: November 2014 - July 2015

The project collects data on the NUTS 3 regional breakdown of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund (CF) programmes under the Convergence, Regional Competitiveness and

Employment (RCE) and the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Objectives. Regarding the latter, the focus is on Cross-border Cooperation (CBC) programmes, only. For this, the project is identifying the cumulative allocations to selected projects as well as the expenditure at NUTS 3 level, broken down by the 86 priority themes, for the period 2007-2013.

#### **Evaluation of Cohesion Policy in Slovakia Using a Suitable Econometric model**

Project contractor: Central Coordination Body of the Government Office of Slovak Republic

Project coordinator: KPMG Slovakia

Duration of the project: 11/2013 - 6/2015

#### **WWWforEurope - Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe**

FP7 Collaborative Research Project. SSH.2011.1.2-1 Europe moving towards a new path of economic growth and social development.

The project is in line with the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. The objective of WWWforEurope is to strengthen the analytical foundation of the Europe 2020 strategy. However, it goes far beyond that strategy, laying the analytical basis for a socio-ecological transition.

Project coordinator: Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO).

Duration of the project: 4/2012 - 3/2016

URL: [www.foreurope.com](http://www.foreurope.com)

#### **TRANSITION - Structural Changes in the Slovak Economy - Determinants of Transition to a Higher Stage of Development**

Project funded by the Slovak Research and Development Agency.

Duration of the project: 2012 - 2015.

#### **Strategic Evaluation of the National Strategic Reference Framework 2012 Project**

coordinated by Consulting Associates LLC.

Duration of the project: 10/2012 - 1/2013

URL: [http://www.nsrr.sk/download.php?FNAME=1362662447.upl&ANAME=Strategic\\_evaluation+NSFR+2012.pdf](http://www.nsrr.sk/download.php?FNAME=1362662447.upl&ANAME=Strategic_evaluation+NSFR+2012.pdf)

**CENTROPE Capacity - Regional Development Report 2010 – 2012.** Multilateral regional cooperation project with emphasis on business cycle analysis, business sector services, innovation, research and development and spatial development of CENTROPE region. Cooperation of WIFO Austria, wiiw Austria, IER SAS Slovakia and WHRI Hungary.

The concept of the CENTROPE Regional Development Report is based on the experiences of the CENTROPE Business & Labour Report which was elaborated as a prototype in 2007. While the Regional Development Report provides a valuable annual overview of major economic developments in the region, four focus reports will allow for a more pointed look at specific areas: (1) extent of spatial integration within CENTROPE and of the region itself within the EU, (2) technology policy, R&D and innovation, (3) human capital, education and the labour market, and (4) the service industry as a growth factor in CENTROPE.

Project coordinator: Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO).

Duration of the project: 2010 - 2012

URL: <http://www.centrope.com/en/centrope-project/pilot...>

#### **ANARED - Analysis of Regional Disparities of Slovak Republic and Forecast of Future Trends.**

Project funded by the Slovak Research and Development Agency.

Duration of the project: 9-2008 - 12/2010

**Expert Evaluation Network on the Performance of Cohesion Policy 2007 - 2013** (Cohesion Fund and European Regional Development Fund)

Project funded by Directorate General Regional Policy and Urban Development. Coordinated by Applica and Ismeri. The objective of this network of experts is to synthesise evidence on the performance of Cohesion policy in the 2007-2013 period by examining the physical and financial performance of the operational programmes and evaluation and other evidence available. Every year the expert network produces country reports on the achievements of cohesion policy and on a selected theme. All reports look at the physical and financial performance of the operational programmes and analyse evidence coming from evaluations undertaken in the Member States.

Duration of the project: 3/2010 - 12/2013

URL: [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/information/e...](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/information/e...)

**Ex Post Evaluation of Cohesion Policy Programmes 2000 – 2006 financed by the European Regional Development Fund in Objective 1 And 2 Regions, National Report of Slovakia** Project coordinated by Applica, Ismeri and wiiw.

Duration of the project: 4/2008 - 10/2008

**From policy takers to policy makers – Adapting the EU Cohesion Policy to the Needs of the New Member States**

The objective of the projects was to analyse the needs of the "New Member States" related to the 2007 - 2013 programming period. The work was carried out by researchers from Slovakia, Sweden, Austria, Poland, Czech republic, Hungary and Latvia.

Project coordinator: The Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies SIEPS, Stockholm

Duration of the project: 1/2005 – 9/2005

URL: <http://www.sieps.se/en/publikationer/from-policy-takers-to-policy-makers-adapting-eu-cohesion-policy-tothe-needs-of-the-new-20055>

**Economic Development of Slovakia**, co-author of the annual project prepared on behalf of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Institute of Economic Research of Slovak Academy of Sciences.

Duration of the project: 2003 - onwards

**CENTROPE Business and Labour Report 2007**

Cooperation with WiiW Vienna, WIFO Vienna, West Hungarian Research Institute, The Institute for Structural Policy Prague and Institute of Economic Research - Slovak Academy of Sciences.

Duration of the project: 2007

URL: <http://www.centrope.com/en/centrope-project/pilot...>

## **ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**

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### **Organisational skills**

Chairman of the Scientific Board of the Institute of Economic Research of Slovak Academy of Sciences.

Director of the Department of Macroeconomics and Knowledge Economy at the Institute of Economic Research of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

## JOB-RELATED SKILLS

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### **Job-related skills**

- Macroeconomic analysis
- Public finance
- Cohesion policy
- Innovation policy