

# **The Public Administration Reforms within EU funds Management System in Slovakia and Hungary**

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## **Abstract**

Accession to the European Union opens a relatively wide range of opportunities of EU funding for the new member states. Utilization of those opportunities, falling under shared management such as ESI funds, is accompanied by the necessity to create functioning institutional system ensuring their effective use. Although management and control system of the EU funds should comply with Common provision regulation and fund specific rules, the system of implementation differs between the member countries, as well as between different programming periods within a country. As we will show in this paper, political changes have strong influence on the institutional system setup and the way how the funds are managed. This article focuses on comparative analysis of Cohesion policy funds management system in Slovakia and Hungary within three programming periods 2004-2006, 2007-2013 and 2014-2020. We analyse the changes in system of implementation and try to identify good practices, as well as risks within the framework of comparative analysis of two neighbouring new member countries, for which EU funds represent a substantial share of public investments.

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