

The Government Council discussed the climate issue and published an evaluation of selected results, drawn up pursuant to Methodology 2017+

The Government Council for Research, Development and Innovation (the Council) held a regular meeting on Friday, 27 September 2019, in Straka's Academy. The main items on the agenda again included the introduction of the Innovation Strategy of the Czech Republic 2019-2030, implementation of the Evaluation Methodology 2017+ or election of experts for the newly established Commission for Climate Action.



Out of the tasks and objectives of the Innovation Strategy, the Council discussed at the current meeting the proposed measures to reduce the administrative burden in the system of support for research, development and innovation (so-called de-bureaucratization) and the newly introduced programme of employing foreign scientists, adopted in Government Resolution No 581 of 26 August 2019. *"The insufficiently flexible employment of scientists and acceptance of doctoral students from abroad is one of the barriers separating us from the scientifically and technologically most developed countries. Therefore, the Council will pay exceptional attention to implementing Resolution No 581,"* said Petr Dvořák, 1st Vice Chairman of the Council.

The Council proposed to its Chairman Andrej Babiš the appointment of members of the **Commission for Climate Action** (CCA). The Council established the Commission as its expert and advisory body at the June meeting. Based on the results of a secret ballot, the Council members proposed a 12-member team of experts from a broad range of

disciplines, who should form the base of CCA. The position of the Chairman of the Commission for Climate Action was proposed to be filled by **Prof. Tomáš Jungwirth**. The purpose of CCA is to obtain **inter-ministerial expert views on the complicated issues related to climate change** in areas of climate adaptation and mitigation. The crucial issues include water management, agricultural production and soil protection, including health impacts. In the area of mitigation, the key role, next to energy, is played by transport including electro-mobility, hydrogen propulsion, and industry, agriculture and forestry, and the financial sector (evaluation of climate risks). The theme has effects also on the labour market and the social system in connection with impacts of the socio-economic transformation.

In the regular item on the agenda concerning the progress in implementing Methodology 2017+, the Council approved **publication of outputs from Module 1 – evaluation of selected results**. That evaluation is carried out by expert panels through remote reviews. The reports are generated by sectoral group and for the various research organisations separately for the second implementation year and cumulatively for both years. The reports draw on sectoral bibliometric analyses that were made accessible at the beginning of September 2019 (the first of the outputs of Module 2 - research performance). Outputs from the evaluation using Methodology 2017+ at national level are available on the R&D&I IS website www.rvvi.cz.

The Council members approved the continuation of the **conference Implementation of Methodology 2017+**, which will be held on 15 October in cooperation with the Czech Technical University in Prague and on 17 December 2019 in the Liechtenstein Palace.

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