

To the Institute of Political Science  
Slovak Academy of Sciences

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The evaluation panel appreciates the effort made by the Institute to reflect on and respond to our assessment of the work of the Institute. As it was made clear during the site visit, the overall aims of the assessment exercise are two. First, to evaluate the Institute according to international standards with due respect paid to the local conditions and the specificity of its subject area. Second, to offer recommendations for further advancement from the present position of the Institute in the research landscape. The perspective of the assessment is first of all future oriented.

With regard to the concrete objections listed in the appeal, we observe that one point of the assessment needs amendment and another one needs clarification.

- IPS was, indeed, part of two EC applications. Still, in the assessment period, the European Commission had various schemes and calls in FP7 and H2020 that could have been applied for: ERC, Societal Challenges, COST, Marie-Curie etc.
- Regarding the numbers of employees, the Questionnaire contains different tables. The Panel based calculations on Table 2.8.1

Otherwise the appeal of the Institute repeats information already given in the questionnaire and the observations gathered by the panel during the site visit, all of which had been carefully taken into consideration before we formulated the assessment. The initiative to follow our recommendations or not lies entirely with the Institute.

The panel finds no reason to change the assessment, the recommendations, the sub-rankings and the overall ranking.

On behalf of the Panel



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