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Call for applications for contribution in civil aviation

The Ministry of Transport of the Slovak Republic, Námestie slobody 6, P.O.BOX 100, 810 05 Bratislava 15 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Ministry’ or ‘the provider’), in accordance with § 24(1)(c) in conjunction with § 16(1) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. on remuneration and the granting of a contribution in civil aviation and amending certain acts (hereinafter referred to as ‘Act No 213/2019 Coll.’) as amended by Act No 8/2024 Coll., in conjunction with the State aid scheme pursuant to Article 107(3)(c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union in conjunction with the Communication from the Commission – Guidelines on State aid to airports and airlines, as amended to promote the operation of scheduled commercial air transport services between airports in the territory of the Slovak Republic operated by airport companies or between an airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic operated by an airport company and an airport in the territory of a State which is a Member State of the European Union other than the Slovak Republic or a Contracting Party to the Agreement on the Establishment of a European Common Aviation Area (ECAA) [SA.113202 (2024/N)] (hereinafter referred to as ‘the State Aid Scheme’), and taking into account the Communication from the Commission – Guidelines on State aid for airports and airlines¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as ‘the State Aid Guidelines’) as amended

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Call for applications for contribution in civil aviation No P/ŠP/2024/03
(hereinafter referred to as ‘Call’)

1. PURPOSE OF THE CONTRIBUTION IN CIVIL AVIATION

{§ 12(3)(g) in conjunction with § 15 and § 24(1)(c)(2) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. as amended by the Act No 8/2024 Coll. and in conjunction with Article C of the State Aid Scheme}

1.1. The purpose of the aid is to improve the air accessibility of the territory of the Slovak Republic and the continuity of the economic function of the state, to support the

¹⁾ OJ C 99, 4.4.201.

development of tourism and the mobility of residents, to contribute to the development of regions and to make the Slovak Republic more attractive for businesses.

- 1.2. The purpose of the contribution in civil aviation is to support the operation of new scheduled air services between airport Letisko Košice (ICAO code: LZKZ) in the territory of the Slovak Republic and airport Göteborg Landvetter (ICAO code: ESGG) in the territory of Sweden.
- 1.3. Scheduled air services means the scheduled air service referred to in Article 2(16) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community (Recast)² as amended, for the carriage of passengers and baggage.
- 1.4. New scheduled air service means air service which
 - a) was not operated before the submission of application for contribution in civil aviation (hereinafter referred to as ‘the application’) or is not operated at the time of submission of the application or is or was not published in computer reservation systems or for which an individual sale to the public has not been initiated,
 - b) is not operated by a high-speed rail service or is not operated from another airport in the same catchment area under comparable conditions under point 151 of the State Aid Guidelines as amended.

2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT FOR CONTRIBUTION IN CIVIL AVIATION

{§ 13(3) in conjunction with § 24(1)(c)(1) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. as amended by the Act No 8/2024 Coll. and in conjunction with Article E of the State Aid Scheme}

- 2.1. The applicant for contribution in civil aviation, the beneficiary, (hereinafter referred to as ‘the applicant’) shall be air carrier which
 - a) holds an operating licence issued pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 as amended,
 - b) operates or will operate scheduled air services between airports as referred to in point 1.2. of this Call on the basis of binding international treaty or on the basis of an authorisation issued by the Ministry, unless otherwise provided for in Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 as amended.

3. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

{§ 25(1) in conjunction with § 24(1)(c)(3) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. as amended by the Act No 8/2024 Coll.}

- 3.1. The deadline for submission of the application is from 23 August 2024 to 9 September 2024.
- 3.2. When the application is submitted, the date of the time seal or the date of receipt of the paper form of the application may not be later than the date set for the last day of receipt of the application, 9 September 2024. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

²) OJ L 293, 31.10.2008.

- 3.3. The submission of the application means that the applicant has been familiar with the State Aid Scheme, has duly read this Call and the terms and conditions for granting the contribution in civil aviation, understood their content and fully corresponds to his actual will, which has been expressed freely, seriously, in a clear and comprehensible manner, without error, without any pressure in time and without any psychological or physical coercion.

4. ELIGIBLE PERIOD

- 4.1. The eligible period is the IATA winter season 2024/2025 to IATA winter season 2026/2027, i.e. the period from 27 October 2024 to 27 March 2027.
- 4.2. The contribution in civil aviation shall be terminated on the date on which the air carrier's profitability in relation to the operation of the new scheduled air service is achieved.

5. BUDGET

{Article O of the State Aid Scheme}

- 5.1. The estimated budget for granting of State aid under the State Aid Scheme is EUR 3 600 000.

6. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

{Article H of State aid schemes}

- 6.1. Eligible expenditure shall be expenditure actually incurred by the air carrier and directly linked to the operation of the new scheduled air service as referred to in point 1.2. of this Call, in the form of costs or expenses of the applicant, provided that it is not covered by the applicant's revenue in the financial year in question.
- 6.2. The eligible costs are airport charges collected by airport operators in the territory of the Slovak Republic according to point 1.2. of this Call:
- a) landing charges,
 - b) passenger service charges,
 - c) parking charges,
 - d) ground handling services charges.

7. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION IN CIVIL AVIATION

{Articles H in conjunction with Article J of State Aid Schemes}

- 7.1. The contribution in civil aviation may be granted up to 50 % of airport charges for new scheduled air service to an undertaking expressed as a gross amount, i.e. before deduction of value added tax (VAT) or other charges during the eligible period.

8. CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING THE CONTRIBUTION IN CIVIL AVIATION

{Article 14(4), (9), (10) and (11) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. as amended by the Act No 8/2024 Coll.}

- 8.1. The contribution in civil aviation is granted to the applicant
- a) who has settled financial relations with the state budget,
 - b) who is not subject to bankruptcy proceedings, which not in bankruptcy, in restructuring and against which a bankruptcy petition has not been rejected due to lack of assets,
 - c) against whom execution and enforcement of a decision is not conducted,
 - d) who is not in liquidation,
 - e) who has not violated the prohibition of illegal employment in the previous three years,
 - f) who has no arrears on social insurance premiums and the health insurance company does not register overdue claims against it pursuant to §170(21) of Act No 461/2003 Coll. on social insurance as amended and § 25(5) of Act No 580/2004 Coll. on health insurance and amending Act No 95/2002 on insurance and amending certain acts as amended as amended by Act No 221/2019 Coll.,
 - g) who does not have a final prohibition on receiving subsidies or subsidies, receiving aid and support granted from European Union funds, participating in public procurement,
 - h) who is registered in the register of public sector partners pursuant to Act No 315/2016 Coll. on the register of public sector partners and amending certain acts as amended, or will be registered in the register of public sector partners no later than the date on which the contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation is signed, if it is a person who has an obligation to register in the register of public sector partners,
 - i) which has not had registered arrears towards tax authority or customs office under Act No 199/2004 Coll. the Customs Act and amending certain acts as amended, and Act No 563/2009 Coll. on tax administration (the Tax Code) and amending certain acts as amended, and has not registered tax arrears towards tax authority which is the municipality,
 - j) who is not obliged to repay the aid on the basis of a decision of the European Commission declaring the State aid illegal and incompatible with the internal market,
 - k) who does not have a limited or suspended validity of the document referred to in point 2.1.(a) of this Call,
 - l) who is not obliged to repay the aid on the basis of a previous decision of the European Commission declaring the aid unlawful and incompatible with the internal market,
 - m) who does not request or receive European Union funds, funds from a state other than the Slovak Republic, funds from another public authority or funds from another person managing state budget funds for the same purpose as those set out in point 1.2. of this Call,
 - n) who has not been convicted by a final judgment of the crime of subsidy fraud, the crime of damage to the financial interests of the European Union or the crime of contrivance in public procurement and public auction in the case of a natural person,
 - o) which is not the undertaking in difficulty pursuant to Article 2(18) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid

compatible with the internal market pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty³⁾ as amended.

- 8.2. The contribution in civil aviation is not granted or used for
- a) repayment of loans, borrowings and interests on loans and borrowings,
 - b) the payment of salaries, wages, service income, other personal compensation and management expenses of the applicant not related to the purpose of the contribution in civil aviation,
 - c) payment of obligations or reimbursement of expenses
 1. which have been or will be covered by the applicant's revenues for the operation of scheduled air services,
 2. for which European Union funding has been or will be made available, funds from a state other than the Slovak Republic, funds from another public authority or funds from another person managing state budget funds for the same purpose as those set out in point 1.2. of this Call, or
 3. which have been or will be covered by payments resulting from other measures, decisions or judgments or from the relevant insurance policies,
 4. which arose prior to the submission of the application,
 - d) reimbursement of expenditure not included in the budget of the project or not compatible with the purpose as those set out in point 1.2 of this Call,
 - e) the payment of value added tax (VAT) where the applicant is entitled to deduct it.
- 8.3. The contribution in civil aviation is not granted to the applicant if, in the financial year preceding the financial year in which the application was submitted,
- a) it has not made it possible to carry out controls on the management of the contribution granted in civil aviation,
 - b) did not submit accounting of the contribution in civil aviation provided within the deadline,
 - c) has submitted false information to the provider in the accounting of granted contribution in civil aviation,
 - d) the provider has withdrawn from the contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation for breach of its terms by the applicant; a further granting of contribution in civil aviation is not granted for a period of two years after the withdrawal from contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation.
- 8.4. The contribution in civil aviation is not granted to the applicant whose contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation or a similar contract for the granting of financial resources, as a form of minimum aid or state aid, was terminated in the previous three years as of the date of submission of the application.

9. APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO THIS APPLICATION

{§ 16(4), (7) and (9) in conjunction with § 24(1)(c) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. and § 25(3) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. as amended by the Act No 8/2024 Coll.}

- 9.1. The application and the attachments to the application must be submitted in the national language or together with a officially certified translation into the national language; officially certified translation into the national language is not required if the application

³⁾ OJ L 187, 26.6.2014.

and the attachments to the application are issued in the national language of the Czech Republic.

- 9.2. The application in electronic form shall be authorised by a qualified electronic signature or in an accepted manner of authorisation by the authorised person.
- 9.3. Electronic attachments drawn up by the applicant must be authorised by a qualified electronic signature or in an accepted manner of authorisation by the authorised person.
- 9.4. Attachments not drawn up by the applicant must be submitted in the form of a guaranteed conversion.
- 9.5. Attachments in paper form must be submitted in the form of an original or an officially certified copy. The attachments at the date of submission of the application are not older than three months.
- 9.6. The application shall include:
 - a) identification of the applicant to the extent
 1. the name or business name, designation of legal form, principal place of business (address of registered office), identification number, first name and surname of the statutory body or the names and surnames of the members of the statutory body in the case of a legal person,
 2. name, surname, address of permanent residence, address of the place of business, identification number if assigned, name and surname of the responsible representative, if any, in the case of a natural person – entrepreneur,
 3. name, surname, permanent address, date of birth in the case of a natural person,
 - b) definition of the purpose for which the contribution is requested,
 - c) the amount of contribution requested,
 - d) an account number in IBAN format opened with a bank or branch office of a foreign bank to which the contribution is to be transferred and the name of the bank or branch office of a foreign bank,
 - e) description of the project,
 - f) structured project budget and a detailed commentary on the structured project budget,
 - g) written declaration by the applicant
 1. has settled financial relations with the state budget,
 2. is not being in liquidation,
 3. an account opened with a bank or branch office of a foreign bank is used only for the purpose of receiving and using the contribution in civil aviation,
 4. is not being the subject to execution and enforcement of a decision,
 5. is not obliged to repay the aid on the basis of a previous decision of the European Commission declaring the State aid illegal and incompatible with the internal market,
 6. does not request (apply) or draw on funds from the European Union, funds from a State other than the Slovak Republic, funds from another public authority or funds from another person managing state budget funds for the same purpose as those set out in point 1.2. of this Call,

7. is not the undertaking in difficulty pursuant to Article 2(18) of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 as amended.

9.7. The attachments to the application are:

- a) a copy of the agreement on the establishment of an account in a bank or branch office of a foreign bank to which the contribution in civil aviation is transferred,
- b) confirmation by the competent bankruptcy court, not older than three months, on the date of submission of the application, that it is not subject to bankruptcy proceedings, is not bankrupt, is not restructured and has not been refused a bankruptcy petition for lack of assets,
- c) confirmation by the competent labour inspectorate, not older than three months, on the date of submission of the application, that it has not infringed the prohibition on illegal employment,
- d) confirmation by the Social Insurance Agency, not older than three months on the date of submission of the application, that it has no arrears of social insurance premiums and contributions to old-age pension contributions,
- e) confirmation by the Health Insurance Company not older than three months on the date of submission of the application, that it has no arrears of health insurance premiums,
- f) confirmation by the local competent tax authority, which is the municipality and the tax office or customs office not older than three months on the date of submission of the application, that the applicant does not have arrears registered against the tax authority, which is the municipality or the financial administration,
- g) an extract from the criminal record or the data necessary to request this extract from the applicant's criminal record,
- h) an overview of the funds granted by the European Union or the funds of a state other than the Slovak Republic, or of funds granted by another public authority or other person managing the state budget funds in the last three years as of the date of submission of the application,
- i) information on the amount of funds requested or granted by the European Union or the funds of a state other than the Slovak Republic or the amount of funds requested or granted by another public authority or other person managing state budget funds for the same purpose as that stated in point 1.2 of this Call,
- j) information on the amount of funds covered or to be covered by the applicant's revenues for the operation of scheduled air services,
- k) information on the amount of funds that are or will be covered by payments resulting from other measures, decisions or judgments or from the relevant insurance policies,
- l) business plan, unless otherwise provided under point m) of this point,
- m) the applicant's written commitment to the airport operator in accordance with point 1.2. of this Call that new scheduled air service pursuant to this application will be operated at least for a period corresponding to the period during which it was granted contribution in civil aviation as start-up aid, unless business plan is submitted.

9.8. The business plan referred to in point 9.7.(l) of this Call shall include:

- a) the period for which contributions in civil aviation is requested,
- b) details of frequencies and time intervals (slots), with a minimum number of frequencies 2 frequencies of two-way (A-B-A) new scheduled air service,
- c) information on how the new scheduled air service is promoted,

- d) the estimated number of passengers during the period for which the contribution in civil aviation is requested,
 - e) information on the operation of the proposed scheduled air service, including the type of aircraft and the services provided,
 - f) information on the achievement of profitability after the end of period for granting contribution in civil aviation.
- 9.9. The applicant who has its principal place of business (address of registered office) or address of permanent residence, address of the place of business in the territory of the Slovak Republic does not submit the following annexes to the application:
- a) confirmation by the competent bankruptcy court, not older than three months, on the date of submission of the application, that it is not subject to bankruptcy proceedings, is not bankrupt, is not restructured and has not been refused a bankruptcy petition for lack of assets,
 - b) confirmation by the competent labour inspectorate, not older than three months, on the date of submission of the application, that it has not infringed the prohibition on illegal employment,
 - c) confirmation by the Social Insurance Agency, not older than three months on the date of submission of the application, that it has no arrears of social insurance premiums and contributions to old-age pension contributions,
 - d) confirmation by the Health Insurance Company not older than three months on the date of submission of the application, that it has no arrears of health insurance premiums,
 - e) confirmation by the tax authority, which is the municipality and the tax office or customs office not older than three months on the date of submission of the application, that the applicant that the applicant does not have arrears registered against the tax authority, which is the municipality or the tax administration, (Note: confirmation by the locally competent tax authority, which is the municipality not older than three months on the date of submission of the application, that the applicant does not have arrears registered against the tax authority, which is the municipality, has to be submitted),
 - f) extract from the criminal record (Note: data necessary to request extract from the applicant's criminal record has to be submitted).
- 9.10. In the case of an applicant who has his registered office, place of business or permanent residence outside the territory of the Slovak Republic and the State of his principal place of business (address of registered office) or address of permanent residence, address of the place of business does not issue any of the documents referred to in point 9.9. of this Call, these documents may be replaced by a similar document issued by the competent authority of that State; if that State does not issue a similar document, it may be replaced by a written declaration by the applicant.
- 9.11. The sample application and the samples of selected attachments to this application are published on the provider's website <https://www.mindop.sk/ministerstvo-1/doprava-3/civilne-letectvo/verejne-prostriedky-civilne-letectvo/prispevok/vzor-ziadosti>.

10. ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

- 10.1. The application and the attachments is delivered to provider of contribution in civil aviation, either in paper form or in electronic form, to the following address: Ministry of Transport of the Slovak Republic, Civil Aviation Department, Námestie slobody 6, P.O.BOX 100, 810 05 Bratislava, Slovak Republic.
- 10.2. An envelope in which the application, accompanied by attachments, is in paper form is marked with the words 'Not to open' and 'Call for the promotion of new air services'.

11. METHOD OF REMOVING FORMAL DEFICIENCIES IN THE APPLICATION

{§ 15a and §25(2) in conjunction with Section 24(1)(c)(4) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. as amended by the Act No 8/2024 Coll. in conjunction with Article N of the State Aid Scheme}

- 11.1. Upon receipt of the application and its registration in the provider's registry system, the received application will be checked for compliance with the mandatory requirements.
- 11.2. If the received application has formal deficiencies (e.g. incorrectly stated number of letters of the attachment, incorrect sum of individual amounts) or does not contain the required particulars or attachments, the applicant is requested by e-mail to
 - a) to remove formal deficiencies in an application or to complete an incomplete application or missing attachments within five (5) days from the receipt of the request to remove the formal deficiencies or to complete the incomplete application or the missing attachments; the date of receipt of the letter of formal notice by the applicant is deemed to be the date of receipt of the acknowledgement from the applicant, where, within 48 hours of the request to remove the formal deficiencies or to complete the incomplete application or the missing attachments, the applicant has not sent confirmation, the date of receipt of the request to remove the formal deficiencies or to complete the incomplete application or the missing attachments is deemed to be the date of submission of the request,
 - b) confirm receipt of e-mail.
- 11.3. If the applicant does not remove the formal deficiencies in the application within the deadline set or fails to complete the incomplete application or the missing attachments in accordance with the request to remove the formal deficiencies or to complete the incomplete application or the missing attachments, the application shall not be subject to assessment.
- 11.4. The provider is entitled to round off the financial data in cents indicated in the application for the whole euro. The modified application by the provider in this way is considered to be the application submitted in accordance with the Act No 213/2019 Coll. and the State Aid Scheme.

12. ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS

{§ 17(1) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. and § 15a and § 25(2) in conjunction with § 24(1)(c)(4) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. as amended by the Act No 8/2024 Coll. in conjunction with Article N of the State Aid Scheme}

- 12.1. Applications will be assessed and evaluated by the provider's evaluation committee (hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee') in a non-public session within 30 working days of the expiry of deadline referred to in point 3.1 of this Call.
- 12.2. Applications will be considered in the order in which they were registered in the provider's registry system.
- 12.3. If, during the evaluation of any document, the members of the Committee are unable to take a position due to ambiguities in the subject matter of the document, the chairman of the Committee shall suspend the evaluation of that document and the Committee shall ask the applicant, in writing or electronically, for clarification of the documentation that is part of the submitted application and, if necessary, for the submission of other documents necessary for the evaluation of the submitted application.
- 12.4. In the event that only 1 air carrier submits the application for the new scheduled air service pursuant to point 1.2 of this Call, the Committee will, when assessing and evaluating the application, assess the fulfilment of the conditions for granting the contribution in civil aviation and whether the proposed scheduled air service contains at least 2 frequencies of two-way new scheduled air service.
- 12.5. In the event that at least 2 air carriers submit applications for the same new scheduled air service pursuant to point 1.2. of this Call, the Committee will, when assessing and evaluating applications, assess the fulfilment of the conditions for granting the contribution in civil aviation and evaluate the applications in accordance with criteria which are:
 - a) for a new scheduled air service pursuant to point 1.2.(a) of this Call
 1. flight schedule, including the frequency of flights with a minimum of two (2) the frequency of the two-way new scheduled air service,
 2. the number of departures from the relevant airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic between 06:00 and 09:00 or between 16:00 and 20:00,
 3. price of a one-way ticket in economy class,
 4. planned number of passengers in the relevant year during the eligible period,
 - b) for a new scheduled air service pursuant to point 1.2.(b) of this Call
 1. flight schedule, including the frequency of flights with a minimum of two (2) the frequency of the two-way new scheduled air service,
 2. number of other scheduled air services operated from the destination airport
 - i. by the air carrier submitted the application, or
 - ii. by the air carrier with which the air carrier referred to in subparagraph (i) has established a code share agreement,
 3. the number of departures from the relevant airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic between 06:00 and 09:00 or between 16:00 and 20:00 or the number of arrivals at the relevant airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic between 08:00 and 10:00 or between 18.00 and 22:00,
 4. price of a one-way ticket in economy class,
 5. planned number of passengers in the relevant year during the eligible period.

- 12.6. Points to the criteria according to paragraph 12.5(a) of this Call are allocated as follows:
- a) for the criterion referred to in subparagraph 1, the application is allocated by points according to the order of frequencies of the two-way new scheduled air service, with a maximum number of points equal to the number of all submitted applications relating to the same new scheduled air service allocated to application with the highest number frequencies of the two-way new scheduled air service,
 - b) for the criterion referred to in subparagraph 2, 1 point is allocated for each departure from the relevant airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic between 06:00 and 09:00 or between 16:00 and 20:00; in the event that there is no departure from the relevant airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic within the specified time intervals, the applications is assigned 0 points,
 - c) for the criterion referred to in subparagraph 3, the application is allocated by points according to the order of the price of a one-way ticket in economy class with a maximum number of points equal to the number of all submitted applications relating to the same new scheduled air service allocated to the application with the lowest price of a one-way ticket in economy class,
 - d) for the criterion referred to in subparagraph 4, the application is allocated by points according to the order of the planned number of passengers in the relevant year during the eligible period with a maximum number of points equal to the number of all submitted applications relating to the same new scheduled air service allocated to the application with the highest planned number of passengers in the relevant year during the eligible period.
- 12.7. The criteria according to paragraph 12.5(b) of this Call are allocated as follows:
- a) for the criterion referred to in subparagraph 1, the application is allocated by points according to the order of frequencies of the two-way new scheduled air service, with a maximum number of points equal to the number of all submitted applications relating to the same new scheduled air service allocated to application with the highest number frequencies of the two-way new scheduled air service,
 - b) for the criterion referred to in subparagraph 2, the application is allocated according to the order of the number of scheduled air services operated from destination airport, with a maximum number of points equal to the number of all submitted applications relating to the same new scheduled air service allocated to the application with the highest number of scheduled air services operated from destination airport; in the event that other regular scheduled air services are not operated from the destination airport, the applications is assigned 0 points,
 - c) for the criterion referred to in subparagraph 3, 1 point is allocated for each departure from the relevant airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic between 06:00 and 09:00 or between 16:00 and 20:00 and 1 point for each arrival at the relevant airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic between 08:00 and 10:00 or between 18:00 and 22:00; in the event that there is no departure from the relevant airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic within the specified time intervals, the applications is be assigned 0 points in relation to departures, and in the event that there is no arrival at the relevant airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic within the specified time intervals, the application is be assigned 0 points in relation to arrivals,
 - d) for the criterion referred to in subparagraph 4, the application is allocated by points according to the order of the price of a one-way ticket in economy class with a maximum number of points equal to the number of all submitted applications

- relating to the same new scheduled air service allocated to the application with the lowest price of a one-way ticket in economy class,
- e) for the criterion referred to in subparagraph 5, the application is allocated by points according to the order of the planned number of passengers in the relevant year during the eligible period with a maximum number of points equal to the number of all submitted applications relating to the same new scheduled air service allocated to the application with the highest planned number of passengers in the relevant year during the eligible period.
- 12.8. When assessing the criterion under point 12.5(b)(2) of this Call a distinction is made between the promotion of new scheduled air service allows connectivity to other destinations or applies to air transport of passengers from point to point.
- 12.9. The application which does not comply with the conditions for granting of the contribution in civil aviation or if the air carriers' proposed flight schedule does not contain the frequency of flights with a minimum of two (2) the frequency of the two-way new scheduled air service is identified as not complying with the conditions for granting the contributions in civil aviation and is not allocated by points in the evaluation.
- 12.10. If 2 applications for the same new scheduled air service are allocated the same number of points, the decisive criterion is the higher score for
- a) the criterion according to point 12.5.(a)(1) of this Call in relation to new scheduled air service in accordance with point 1.2.(a) of this Call or
- b) the criterion according to point 12.5.(b)(1) of this Call in relation to new scheduled air service in accordance with point 1.2.(b) of this Call.
- 12.11. Following the assessment and evaluation of the applications for the same new scheduled air service, to the Minister for Transport of the Slovak Republic for approval is submitted the application with the highest number of points representing
- a) the sum of the points allocated under point 12.6 of this Call in relation to new scheduled air service in accordance with point 1.2.(a) of this Call or
- b) the sum of the points allocated under point 12.7. of this Call in relation to new scheduled air service in accordance with point 1.2.(b) of this Call.
- 12.12. The assessment and evaluation of applications is not covered by the Administrative Code and is not subject to review by the competent courts of the Slovak Republic.
- 13. APPROVAL OF THE GRANTING OF THE CONTRIBUTION IN CIVIL AVIATION**
{§ 17(1) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. in conjunction with Article N of the State Aid Scheme}
- 13.1. The Minister for Transport of the Slovak Republic decides, based on the proposal of the Committee according to point 12.12. of this Call, on the granting of the contribution in civil aviation by signing the decision of granting of contribution in civil aviation.
- 13.2. The provider informs the applicant about the approval of granting of the contribution in civil aviation or non-approval the granting of the contribution in civil aviation within 10 working days from the date of signature of the decision according to point 13.1. of this Call.

13.3. The provider at the same time as informs the applicant about the approval of granting of the contribution in civil aviation requests the applicant to sign copies of the contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation. If the applicant according to the first sentence does not sign the copies of contract within the deadline set by the provider, the application of that applicant is deemed to be withdrawn from side of the applicant. The provider will launch a new call for contributions in civil aviation within 30 (thirty) days.

13.4. The granting of the contribution in civil aviation is not covered by the Administrative Code, but is subject to review by the competent courts of the Slovak Republic.

14. CONTRACT FOR GRANTING OF THE CONTRIBUTION IN CIVIL AVIATION

{§ 18 of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. as amended by the Act No 8/2024 Coll. in conjunction with Article N of the State Aid Scheme}

14.1. The contribution in civil aviation is granted based on a written contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation between the provider and the applicant with approved granting of the contribution in civil aviation pursuant to point 13.2. of this Call.

14.2. The contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation contains in particular:

- a) the identification of contract parties,
- b) purpose of granting the contribution in civil aviation,
- c) the amount of the contribution in civil aviation,
- d) the applicant's account number in IBAN format opened with a bank or branch office of a foreign bank to which civil aviation contribution is transferred and the name of the bank or branch office of a foreign bank,
- e) the conditions for granting the contribution in civil aviation, the conditions for its use, accounting and control,
- f) the date of the levy of the unused part of the contribution in civil aviation and the proceeds from the contribution in civil aviation and the IBAN account number established at the State Treasury for which the unused part of the contribution in civil aviation and the proceeds from the contribution in civil aviation are transferred,
- g) the rights and obligations of the parties,
- h) contractual penalty for breach of contractual obligations,
- i) the conditions for withdrawal,
- j) the definition of the time for which the contract is concluded,
- k) the applicant's written commitment to return the granted contribution in civil aviation or the relevant part of the granted contribution in civil aviation if, in the financial year in question, the European Union funds or other funds have been or will be made available to it from another public authority or funds from another person managing funds of the state budget for the same purpose,
- l) obligation to notify changes in the identification data of the beneficiary.

14.3. Commitments contained in the contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation can not be transferred to third parties. In the event of the termination of the applicant without a legal successor, the applicant has to notify the provider of this fact without delay after he becomes aware of it; in this case, the contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation expires on the date on which the applicant ceases to exist, but the applicant is required to fulfil all his contractual obligations towards the provider until he ceases to

exist. In the event of the cessation of the applicant with the successor in title, the applicant has to also inform the provider in advance of the name and registered office of his successor in title to whom the obligations under the contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation are transferred.

14.4. The contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation enters into force on the date on which it is signed by both parties and takes effects on the day following that of its publication in the Central Register of Contracts maintained by the Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic. The contract for granting the contribution in civil aviation has to be effective no later than April 4, 2027.

15. CONDITIONS FOR THE DRAWING OF THE CONTRIBUTION IN CIVIL AVIATION

15.1. The applicant submits to the provider, after the end of each IATA season, the information containing the particulars and attachments referred to in point 15.2 of this Call and an application for payment of the contribution in civil aviation to this IATA season.

15.2. The information and attachments submitted to the provider includes:

- a) assessment of the operation of the new scheduled air service,
- b) the review of flight schedule,
- c) number of passengers,
- d) type of aircraft,
- e) further information needed to assess the payment of the contribution in civil aviation
- f) copies of invoices relating to airport charges for the relevant IATA season.

15.3. Prior to each payment, the provider assesses the information and attachments referred to in point 15.2. of this Call, evaluates the eligibility of the payment request and the amount of the contribution in civil aviation.

16. AMENDMENT OF CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION IN CIVIL AVIATION NO. P/ŠP/2024/03 *{Article 24(3) of the Act No 213/2019 Coll. as amended by the Act No 8/2024 Coll.}*

16.1. Before the expiry of the period referred to in paragraph 3.1. of this Call, the provider may amend this call by supplement to this call.

16.2. The supplement to this call is published by the provider on its website without undue delay.

17. CONTACT FOR CONSULTATIONS

17.1. Further information related to this call can be obtained by sending the request to the email address letectvo@mindop.sk at least 5 working days before the deadline under point 3.1 of this Call. In the subject of the e-mail, the words 'call for the promotion of regular air connections' have to be indicated.

- 17.2. Requests for information which will not be included in the subject of the e-mail the words 'call for the promotion of regular air connections' pursuant to point 17.1. of this Call, or which are not related to this call, shall not be dealt with by the providers.

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