



Policy wonks at the Ministry of Environment

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- In April 2016 Minister and State Secretary proposed building an analytical unit at the Ministry of Environment that would provide independent economic analysis for the government and public
- IEP was officialy set up in July 2016
- **Institute for Financial Policy (IFP)** know-how and process as an example
 - good track record since 2004, critical policy analysis and forecast
 - own research, policy briefs and papers
 - IFP opinion does not have to necessarily reflect the official one of the MoF
 - Facebook, web page

Evidence based policy making (1)

- Policy assesment and recommendations
 - Bridge between academia and policy making
 - Best practice from other countries
 - Critical assesment of proposed policies
 - Proposal of new measures
 - Quantification of impacts (mainly fiscal, distributional impacts)

- Applied „research“ in the field of Environment
 - publication of policy briefs and papers to facilitate public debate on certain topics



Evidence based policy making (2)

- Strategic economic view
 - Environmental Strategy (December 2017)
 - Low–Carbon Strategy (May 2018)
- Value for Money
 - Spending review of environmental expenditures (June 2017)
- IEP is NOT a coordination or an implementation unit. IEP simply provides evidence for decision making

What we have done so far

- Getting started the institution (processes, logo, web page, fb)
- Hiring the best people: 5+1
 - 2 economists, 2 environmentalists, 1 modeler
 - Aim is 7 + 1
- Applied policy research
 - First policy brief published (*Cuases of illegal waste dumping sites*), second to be published this year (*Cheap landfilling*)
 - First policy paper almost ready: *Three challenges*
- Number of background papers for management

What is next ... in 2017

- Preparation of Environmental strategy that would broadly define main priorities and ways to achieve them
- Building an CGE economic model to assess the impact of climate policy measures on the economy and employment
- Spending review – where spendings bring outcomes and where don't
- Joining IEP-OECD paper on how to make Slovakia more resource efficient economy (May 2017)

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