



ERA PROGRESS IN SLOVENIA HIGHLIGHTS

This fact sheet provides a snapshot of Slovenia's progress in implementing the European Research Area (ERA) over the past decade..



POLICY CONTEXT

Structural reforms began in 2022 to update the formation and governance structure of R&I in Slovenia. It included setting up the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation (previously the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport) to cover innovation under its remit. The key body for innovation activity is the Innovation Council, which operates as the highest expert body of the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS), composed of members representing the various stakeholders in the innovation ecosystem.

Under the authority of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, the Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (ReZrIS30) was adopted, the government was restructured, and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation was established and began operating as an independent entity in April 2023.

In March 2023, the National Assembly amended the Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act while the government adopted the Strategy for the Internationalisation of Higher Education and Science in the Republic of Slovenia 2030.

The budgets for 2023 and 2024 provide additional integral funds for scientific research activities. In accordance with the Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (ZZrID), stable funding will increase by an additional EUR 7.5 million or 3% (30% of the total growth of the budget item), from the initial EUR 225 million in 2023 to EUR 232 million in 2024. Moreover,

in 2024, research organisations that already receive stable funding will additionally profit from a development pillar of EUR 13.1 million.

Overall, the main framework for implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda is set in the Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act, the Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (ReZrIS30), the Research Infrastructure Roadmap 2030 (NRRi 2030), and the Knowledge Platform.



KEY TAKE-AWAYS SLOVENIA



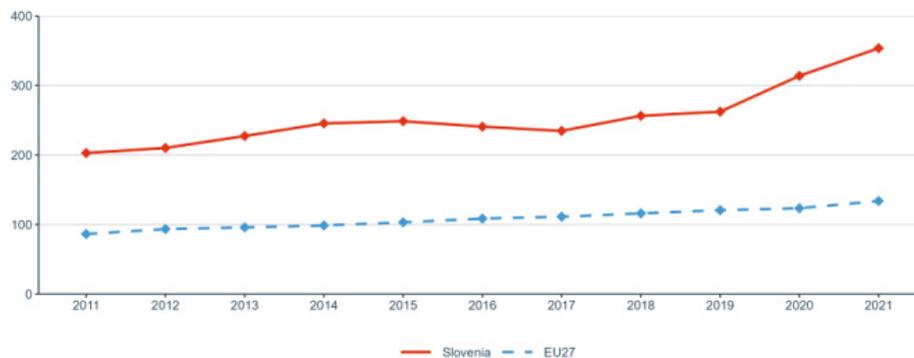
 Slovenia is a moderate innovator performing below the EU average according to the European Innovation Scoreboard 2023.

 Slovenia is in the process of significant structural and legal reforms that will include additional budget and human resources dedicated to the implementation of ERA and R&I objectives. The main driver for this activity is the newly adopted Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act. In addition, the planned budget for R&D in 2023 surpassed the funds allocated in previous years.

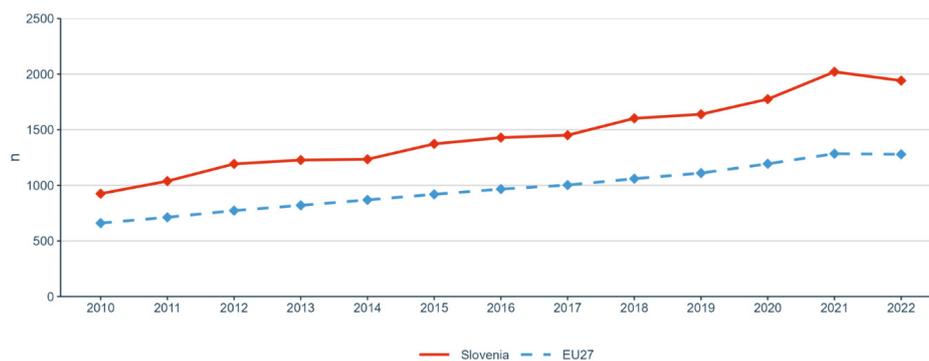
 The vast majority of the structural and legal reforms have been introduced in 2023, and therefore, their impact and contributions to the ERA Policy Agenda in Slovenia will be seen in the upcoming years.

CHARTING THE WAY FORWARD...

Sub-priority 1.5: Knowledge valorisation – Share of public-private co-publications per 1 mio. inhabitants



Sub-priority 1.7: Global engagement – International co-publications with non-EU partners per 1,000 researchers in the public sector



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- [Consult](#) the background on New ERA, the EU Pact for R&I, the EU Policy Agenda and more