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International cooperation in higher education – the case of Slovenia

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Slovene HE system facts

- **Number of HEI:** 3 public UNI, 1 private UNI, 2 private UNI in the phase of establishment, 52 other HE institutions
- **Numer of programmes in ENG (2017/2018):**
 - 1st: 33 programov
 - 2nd: 80,
 - 3rd: 80



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Mobile and international student and staff

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
% of Slovene mobile students going abroad	1,4	1,5	1,9	2,5	2,4	2,7	3,4
% of foreign mobile students in Slovenia	1,2	1,3	1,6	1,9	2,2	2,4	2,9
% of foreign students regularly enrolled at Slovene HEI					3,4	3,7	4,2
% of Slovene academic staff going abroad	3,5	3,4	3,6	3,4	4,5	5,5	6,2
% of foreign staff coming to Slovenia	3,9	3,6	4,2	4,3	5,2	5,9	4,8



Slovene HE system facts

- **Number of countries of origin** of foreign students: **97**
- **75% from ex-YU (Croatia, BiH, Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia) and Italy**
- **UNI ranking (The World University Rankings): 2**
UNI (Ljubljana, Maribor) among 601 and 800
- **Number of research organisations: 930**
- **Numer of foreign researchers: 1.012**



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Internationalisation strategy of Slovene HE

- Prepared within Erasmus+ EHEA project
- In cooperation between the Ministry of the Republic of Slovenia for Education, Science and Sport and CMEPIUS
- Adopted by Slovene government in June 2016
- Cover period: 2016 – 2020



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KEY DOCUMENTS

Political and theoretical guidelines, global higher education trends and national strategic documents, policies and directives:

- National Higher Education Programme 2011-2020,
- Knight, Marmolejo, de Wit, Kehm & Teichler , Beelen ...
- European strategy 2020, Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020), Communiqué of World conference on Higher Education, OECD documents, Ministerial communiqués (Bologna process), etc
- Examples of foreign strategies
- Comparative analysis of Slovene HE
- Discussions with different HE stakeholders



Baseline

- a **partnership** between the government, higher education institutions and the wider public and between key areas (culture, internal affairs, labour, family and social affairs, external affairs, etc.),
- a common **concern for the preservation and development of the Slovenian language**
- an integrated governmental policy, which will establish **flexible administrative and legal procedures**
- the establishment of a **recognizable, integrated, national identity for Slovenian higher education**



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Internationalisation strategy of Slovene HE

THE VISION

In 2020, Slovenian higher education will be a part of a global higher education area, continuously improving its quality of education through collaboration with the best international institutes. This will help it become a recognizable international centre of knowledge and an attractive destination for higher education study as well as for teaching, scientific research and professional work for international students and professionals.



Five main areas

1. **Mobility** as a key component of the Slovenian higher education community, open to the international environment;
2. **Quality international scientific research and development** cooperation;
3. **Promoting the development of intercultural competences;**
4. **Targeting priority regions and countries;**
5. **Promotion, support and monitoring of the Strategy** for the Internationalization of Slovenian Higher Education.



1. Mobility

ENCOURAGING THE MOBILITY OF SLOVENIAN STUDENTS ABROAD

Increasing the number of Slovenian students on student **exchange** and student traineeship abroad (Objective 1)

Increasing the number of Slovenian students studying abroad full-time (Objective 2)

Strengthening support environments for an improved quality of international mobility (Objective 3)

Implementation of a pilot project for the **promotion of students' competences** gained on mobility abroad (Objective 4)

ENCOURAGING THE MOBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO SLOVENIA

Increasing the number of international students participating in student exchange, traineeship or full-time study in Slovenia (Objective 5)

Enabling the **placement of international students in public student housing** (Objective 6)

Informing international students on Slovenian culture, society and language (Objective 7)

ENCOURAGING THE MOBILITY OF SLOVENIAN HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHERS AND
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES ABROAD

Increasing the international mobility of Slovenian higher education teachers and professional staff (Objective 8)

The **removal of regulatory barriers** for international mobility of Slovenian higher education teachers and professional staff (Objective 9)

Encouraging Slovenian citizens who have completed doctoral studies abroad or are employed at a higher education or research institution abroad to **return to Slovenia** (Objective 10)

ENCOURAGING THE MOBILITY OF SLOVENIAN HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHERS AND PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATES TO SLOVENIA

Increasing the number of visiting international experts and higher education **teachers** in Slovenian higher education institutions (Objective 11)

Informing international higher education teachers on **Slovenian culture, society and language** (Objective 12)

The **removal of regulatory barriers** for encouraging mobility of staff **from non-EU countries** (Objective 13)

Establishing a support centre to help international professionals, teachers and researchers in the administrative entry processes (Objective 14)



2. Research and development

ENCOURAGING QUALITY INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Ensuring effective inter-institutional and international mobility of higher education teachers and researchers (Objective 15)

Increasing the international visibility, attractiveness and competitiveness of Slovenian scientific research and development potential (Objective 16)

Increasing the volume of international multilateral cooperation and establishing new strategic forms of international bilateral cooperation (Objective 17)



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3. Promoting the development of intercultural competences

ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERCULTURAL, SOCIAL AND CIVIC COMPETENCES OF STUDENTS AND ACADEMIC STAFF

Including intercultural competences and internationalized learning outcomes in study Programmes (Objective 18)

Removing administrative barriers to the accreditation of international joint and double/multiple degree study programmes (Objective 19)



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4. Targeting priority regions and countries

TARGETING PRIORITY REGIONS AND COUNTRIES

Promoting Slovenia as a study destination in the Western Balkans (Objective 20)

Promoting the development of strategic partnerships in the region of the Western Balkans (Objective 21)

Promoting mobility between Slovenia and priority regions and countries (Objective 22)

Promoting Slovenia as a study destination in the countries in the priority regions (Objective 23)



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5. Promotion, support and monitoring of the strategy

PROMOTION, SUPPORT AND MONITORING OF THE STRATEGY

Promoting a single entry point „Study in Slovenia“ (Objective 24)

Monitoring the implementation of the objectives, measures and indicators of the Strategy (Objective 25)





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Action plan 2016 - 2018

- **collected objectives (25), measures (over 50), indicators, responsibilities with a time plan**
- **In total cca 57 mio EUR (18 mio EUR for science and research)**

Mobility as part of the internationalisation of the higher education community:

1. Mobility of slovenian students abroad

Objective no.	Objective	Measures	Indicators – strategy until 2020	Implementation activities	Carriers	Instruments/ Sources	Envisaged funding until 2018 in euro	
Objective 1	Increasing the number of Slovenian students on student exchanges and student internships abroad	Implementation of programmes Erasmus+, CEEPUS, bilaterals		Allocated grants and/or scholarships	CMEPIUS, HEIs	Programmes/Public tenders	Approximately 6,000,000 EUR per annum	
		Additional funding for Erasmus + grants (for all students)		Allocated grants and/or scholarships		Public tender	Approximately 860,000 EUR per annum	
			5% of mobile students					
		Ad futura scholarships for study visits and participation in competitions abroad		Ad futura scholarships for study visits	M DDSZ ¹ /Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund	Public tender	Approximately 250,000 EUR per annum	
				Ad futura for participation in competitions abroad		Public tender	Approximately 200,000 EUR per annum	
		The inclusion of students from disadvantaged backgrounds in mobility programmes (additional funding for mobile students from disadvantaged backgrounds in Erasmus+)	10-15% of all Erasmus+ students will come from a disadvantaged background	Allocated additional funding	M ZŠ ²	Cohesion funds	2,224,750 EUR	
Objective 2	Increasing the number of Slovenian students studying abroad full-time	Ad futura scholarships for education abroad	Number of awarded scholarships	Awarding scholarships	M DDSZ/Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund	Public tender	Approximately 1,800,000 EUR per annum	
		Implementation of programmes from the Ministry of Culture for studying abroad in the area of arts, film and cultural heritage and for performing artists	Number of awarded scholarships	Awarding scholarships	M K ³	MK funds	Approximately 100,000 EUR per annum (tender)	
Objective 3	Strengthening support environments for the improved quality of international mobility	Creating a system for monitoring the quality of mobility (before, during and after mobility)	Creating a system at all large HEIs	Evaluation of ECHE, implemented at all large HEIs	M ZŠ, CMEPIUS, HEIs	CMEPIUS/Erasmus+ funds	As part of the operational budget of the national agency of the Erasmus+ programme	



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