Factsheet on Cohesion Policy implementation and performance

Case study: Slovenia

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| **Basic info** | **Western Slovenia** | **Slovenia** | **Unit** |
| Population [2008] | no data | 2010.3 | thous. |
| GDP [2008] | 21131 | 37951 | mln EUR |
| Population [2014] | 966.4 | 2061.1 | thous. |
| GDP [2014] | 20888 | 37303 | mln EUR |
| ***Total allocation*** |  |  |  |
| Allocation ERDF+CF 2004-2006 | no data | 390.8 | mln EUR |
| Allocation ERDF+CF 2007-2013 | 1281.0 | 3426.3 | mln EUR |
| Ratio [period 2007-2013 to 2000-2006] | n/a | 8.77 | ratio |
| ***Absorption rates ERDF+CF*** |  |  |  |
| Absorption rate 2000-2006 [final] | n/a | 97.7 | per cent |
| Absorption rate 2007-2013 [in 2014] | 76.7 | 78.4 | per cent |

The total allocation for Western Slovenia was roughly one third of the country total in the programming period 2007-13. In per capita terms, Western Slovenia received 1.3 thous. EUR, while the national average equalled 1.7 thous. EUR. The 2014 absorption rate in Western Slovenia was slightly below the national average.

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| **Thematic structure\*** [NUTS-2, 2007-13, ERDF+CF] | **Western Slovenia** | **Slovenia** |
| ***% of allocation\*\**** |  |  |
| Category A “Innovative enivironment”: business support, human resources, IT infrastructure and services, research and technology | 38.7% | 29.0% |
| Category B ”Basic infrastructure”: energy, environment and natural resources, transport infrastructure | 47.0% | 57.4% |
| Category C “Quality of life”: social infrastructure, tourism and culture, urban and rural regeneration | 12.9% | 11.7% |
| ***Rate of absorption [in 2014]*** |  |  |
| Category A “Innovative enivironment”: business support, human resources, IT infrastructure and services, research and technology | 85.2% | 89.0% |
| Category B ”Basic infrastructure”: energy, environment and natural resources, transport infrastructure | 66.3% | 71.2% |
| Category C “Quality of life”: social infrastructure, tourism and culture, urban and rural regeneration | 89.4% | 88.1% |

\* The categories presented here were created on a basis of data on allocations and expenditures broken down by the 86 thematic priorities (taken from the *Database of cumulative allocations to selected projects and expenditures*), and not by clustering the 12 thematic categories from the *Integrated database of allocations and expenditure*. Thus, the values presented above are not directly comparable with respective values in the remaining WP3 factsheets.

\*\* % of allocation does not add to 1, because the “technical assistance” is not included in any of the categories.

The thematic structure of allocation in Western Slovenia shows a more balanced approach, as compared to figures from the national level. In both cases it is Category B, representing mainly investments in basic infrastructure, that gets the largest share of funds. However, in Western Slovenia a relatively high share of funds is allocated to the Category A, clustering investments in an innovative environment. Analysis of the absorption rates broken down by themes show that the Category B tends to perform worse, than the remaining two, and that this effect is more pronounced in the case of Western Slovenia than at the country level.

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| **Regional OP** [ERDF] | **Western Slovenia** | **Slovenia** | **Unit** |
| ***Allocations to Regional OPs*** |  |  |  |
| Allocation 2007-2013 | n/a | 0.0 | mln EUR |
| Allocation 2014-2020 | n/a | 0.0 | mln EUR |
| Ratio [period 2014-2020 to 2007-2013] | n/a | 0 | ratio |
| ***Reported achievements period 2007-2013 [as in 2013]*** |  |  |  |
| Jobs created | n/a | 5307 | jobs |
| New and reconstructed roads | n/a | 56.2 | km |
| Additional population covered by broadband access | n/a | 73316 | persons |
| Number of start-ups supported | n/a | 17 | start-ups |
| Direct investment aid projects to SME | n/a | 2605 | projects |

Western Slovenia is one of the two so-called cohesion regions in the country, created for legal and statistical purposes, and therefore it does not play an important role in managing and implementing the Cohesion Policy. Consequently, there are no regional OPs in Slovenia, and reported achievements are available only at the national level. A few basic indicators are presented in the table above, and a more comprehensive set of measures can be found in the WP3 regional datasheet for Slovenia.