




Action plan **strategy for the internationalisation** **of Slovenian higher education** **2016-2018**

Collected objectives, measures,
indicators, responsibilities with a time plan

This Action Plan contains the targeted budgets of RS and EU, but does not contain
the resources of higher education institutions (HEIs) and other sources.



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 |
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| Objective 1 | Increasing the number of Slovenian students on student exchanges and student internships abroad | Implementation of programmes Erasmus+, CEEPUS, bilaterals | 5% of mobile students | 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 |
| | | Ad futura scholarships for study visits and participation in competitions abroad | | Ad futura scholarships for study visits | MDDSZ 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 | MIZŠ ² | Cohesion funds |
| Objective 2 | Increasing the number of Slovenian students studying abroad full-time | Ad futura scholarships for education abroad | Number of awarded scholarships | Awarding scholarships | MDDSZ/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 | | MK ³ | MK funds |
| 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 | MIZŠ, CMEPIUS, HEIs | CMEPIUS/Erasmus+ funds | As part of the operational budget of the national agency of the Erasmus+ programme |

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| Objective 4 | Implementing a pilot project to promote students' competences gained from mobility abroad | Creation of a database of international employers offering student internships to Slovenian students | Creation of a support system for students from the East cohesion region | Creation of databases within Career Centres | MIZŠ, HEIs | Cohesion funds | Approximately 340,000 EUR until 2020 |
| | | Creation of a database of Slovenian employers from the East-cohesion region for the purposes of student internships and employment of Slovenian graduates | | | | | |
| | | Training of students with the aim of appropriately including the competences gained during student internships abroad In CVs and presentations to employers | The number of participants that attend trainings | Workshops for students | MIZŠ, HEIs | Cohesion funds | |
| | | Promoting the impacts of international mobility on the development of competences (and employment potential) to employers | At least 100 informed staff workers/employers | Promotional activities for staff workers/employers | CMEPIUS | CMEPIUS/Erasmus+ funds | As part of the operational budget of the national agency of the Erasmus+ programme |

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2. Mobility of international students to Slovenia

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| Objective 5 | Increasing the number of international students participating in student exchanges, internships or full-time study in Slovenia | Promoting Erasmus+ programmes, CEEPUS, bilateral programmes, and the state-funded Ad Futura programme | Number of events | Promotional events, material | CMEPIUS, HEIs | Programmes/public tenders | Regular assignment |
| | | Increasing support for mobility and for the process of internationalisation at home (info points, orientation days, Slovenian language and culture courses, preparation module for foreign students and the adjustment of courses so as to be conducted in a foreign language) | Number of implemented actions | HEIs' activities | MIZŠ, HEIs | Public tender | 1,052,400 EUR (funds provided in the context of a broader PT) |
| | | Regulation of the relevant legislation | Accepted amendment to the Higher Education Act (ZVIS) - changes made to the teaching language clause | / | MIZŠ | / | / |
| | | Regular renewal of study agreements that state that students from the Western Balkan region can study at Slovenian HEIs under the same conditions as those applicable to domestic students, and on the basis of reciprocity | The number of renewed agreements The number of new agreements | Renewal of existing agreements and concluding new agreements | MIZŠ | / | / |
| | | Scholarships to enable Slovenians to study in neighbouring countries and elsewhere in the world, scholarships for undergraduate study for citizens of the Western Balkans in Slovenia, scholarships for the education of foreign citizens in Slovenia based on development agreements | The number of scholarships awarded | Public tenders for scholarships | MDDSZ/Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund | Public tenders | Approximately 800,000 EUR per annum |
| Objective 6 | Enabling the placement of international students in public student dormitories | Changes and amendments to the regulations on tuition fees and accommodation in students' dormitories for Slovene nationals without Slovene citizenship and foreigners in the Republic of Slovenia | The number of international students, placed in public student dormitories in Slovenia | Rules adopted in 2016 | MIZŠ | / | / |
| Objective 7 | Informing international students on Slovenian culture, society and language | Offering courses on Slovenian language and culture to international students, providing information about living and studying in Slovenia | The number of international students participating in courses | Websites, courses, modules, etc. | MIZŠ, HEIs | Public tender | 1,052,400 EUR (funds provided in the context of a broader PT) |

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3. Mobility of Slovenian higher education teachers and professional associates abroad

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| Objective 8 | Increasing international mobility of Slovenian higher education teachers and professional staff | Promotion of Erasmus+ programmes (mobility of higher education teachers and professional staff) | 8% of mobile higher education staff | Promotional events, material | CMEPIUS | Programmes/public tenders | Regular assignment |
| | | Mobility of Slovenian higher education teachers | | Awarded financial incentives ⁴ | MIZŠ | Cohesion funds | 1,013,000 EUR ⁵ |
| Objective 9 | Removing regulatory barriers to international mobility of Slovenian higher education teachers and professional staff | Collaboration on amendments and additions to legislation | The number of barriers removed | The proposal to amend/supplement the relevant legislation | MIZŠ | / | / |
| Objective 10 | Encouraging Slovenian citizens who have completed doctoral studies abroad or are employed at a higher education or research institution abroad to return to Slovenia | Pilot project - Funding of projects hosted at Slovenian HEIs | The number of times hosting | Awarded financial incentives | MIZŠ | Programmes/public tenders | 1,520,000 EUR |

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4. Mobility of higher education teachers and professional associates to Slovenia

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| Objective 11 | Increasing the number of visiting international experts and higher education teachers in Slovenian higher education institutions | Short- and long-term hosting of international experts and higher education teachers at Slovenian HEIs | The number of mobile teachers | Awarded financial incentives ⁶ | MIZŠ | Cohesion funds | 3,310,000 EUR ⁷ |
| Objective 12 | Informing international higher education teachers on Slovenian culture, society and language | Offering courses on Slovenian language and culture for foreign higher education teachers | The number of participating international higher education teachers | Websites, courses, modules, etc. | MIZŠ | Public tender | 1,052,400 EUR (funds provided in the context of a broader PT) |
| Objective 13 | Removing regulatory barriers to encouraging mobility of staff from non-EU countries | Collaboration on amendments and additions to legislation | The number of barriers removed | The proposal to amend/supplement the relevant legislation | MIZŠ | / | / |
| Objective 14 | Establishing a support centre to help international professionals, teachers and researchers with administrative processes | Establishment of the service centre EURAXESS (connection to Objective 15) | Support for international teachers, researchers, experts to manage administrative processes in Slovenia | Establishment of the service centre EURAXESS | CMEPIUS, HEIs | EURAXESS national point (CMEPIUS), EURAXESS contact points | As part of the operational budget of EURAXESS Slovenia |

Quality international scientific research and development cooperation

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| Objective 15 | Ensuring effective inter-institutional and international mobility of higher education teachers and researchers | Removing administrative and technical barriers to ensure international mobility in both directions | The number of removed barriers that prevent international mobility | Coordination with the relevant departments | MIZŠ, MNZ ⁸ , MJU ⁹ | MIZŠ | / |
| | | Enabling an effective network of information on career options for researchers in Slovenia and abroad (connected to Objective 14) | 20% increase in the number of posts for research spots in the public sector on the EURAXESS portal | Promotion of EURAXESS employment | MIZŠ, CMEPIUS, HEIs, institutes | EURAXESS contact points | As part of the operational budget of EURAXESS Slovenia |
| Objective 16 | Increasing the international visibility, attractiveness and competitiveness of Slovenian scientific research and development potential | Improving the quality and quantity of international co-operation | The number of international projects in Horizon 2020 | Informing and advising on, as well as supporting applications for the Horizon 2020 tenders | MIZŠ /ARRS | Designated appropriations | 2.400.000 EUR ¹⁰ |
| Objective 17 | Povečanje obsega mednarodnega večstranskega sodelovanja in vzpostavitve novih strateških oblik mednarodnega dvostranskega sodelovanja | Strengthening the functionality of the national network of national contact points (NKT) for Horizon 2020 | The number of successful projects in Horizon 2020 The amount of funds acquired from the EU | Information days, workshops | MIZŠ/ARRS, MZI, MGRT/SPIRIT, MOP | Funds and public tenders (MIZŠ/ARRS), Cohesion funds (MIZŠ, MGRT), MZI, MGRT/SPIRIT, MOP funds | 1.200.000 EUR ¹¹ |
| | | Entering new strategically interesting JPIs and ERA-NETs | The number of JPIs and ERA-NETs that Slovenia is a part of | Motivating the ministries to become involved in JPIs and ERA-NETs | MIZŠ/ARRS, NIJZ, MDDSZ, MZI, MKGP | MIZŠ/ARRS, NIJZ, MDDSZ, MZI, MKGP funds | 5.200.000 EUR ¹² |
| | | The Strategy for Internationalization in the Field of Science and Research | The number of bilateral mobilities and major projects | Work programmes and sessions of bilateral joint commissions | MIZŠ/ARRS ¹³ | MIZŠ/ARRS funds and public tenders | 3.080.000 EUR ¹⁴ |
| | | Participation in the development of key enabling technologies (KETs) and future emerging technologies (FET) | Active participation in the FET Flagship and in the Committee of financiers | Participation in FET Flagship invitations | MIZŠ | MIZŠ funds | 200.000 EUR ¹⁵ |

Promoting the development of intercultural competences

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| Objective 18 | Including intercultural competences and internationalized learning outcomes in study programmes | Training of higher education teachers in the field of intercultural competencies and the inclusion of internationalized learning outcomes in study programmes | The number of higher education teachers participating in training courses | Workshops and training courses in the field of intercultural competences and internationalized learning outcomes | MIZŠ, CMEPIUS, HEIs | MIZŠ, CMEPIUS LDN ¹⁶ | 64,000 EUR |
| Objective 19 | Removing administrative barriers to the accreditation of international joint and double/multiple degree study programmes | Regulation of the relevant legislation | The adopted amendment to the Higher Education Act | / | MIZŠ | / | / |

Targeting priority regions and countries

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| Objective 20 | Promoting Slovenia as a study destination in the Western Balkans | Presence and promotion of »Study in Slovenia« at HEIs in the Western Balkans | Four fairs a year (HR, SR, BiH, MK) | Promotional events, material | HEIs, MIZŠ, CMEPIUS | HEIs' funds (own sources), MIZŠ, CMEPIUS | 10,000 EUR |
| | | Promotion of Erasmus+ and CEEPUS programmes as well as bilateral scholarships for the countries of the Western Balkans | 10% more students from the region | Promotional events, material | CMEPIUS, HEIs | Programmes/public tenders | Regular assignment |
| | | Promotion of the publically funded Ad Futura scholarships for the education of citizens of Western Balkan countries in Slovenia | The number of scholarships awarded | Promotional events, material | MDDSZ/Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund | MDDSZ | Regular assignment |
| Objective 21 | Promoting the development of strategic partnerships in the region of the Western Balkans | The participation of universities from the region in doctoral study programmes and other activities within the Regional Platform for Benchmarking and Cooperation in Higher Education and Research | The number of established strategic partnerships | HEIs' activities for the establishment and strengthening of strategic partnerships in the region | MIZŠ, HEIs, SQAA ¹⁷ | Regional Platform for Benchmarking and Cooperation in Higher Education and Research | 10,000 EUR |
| Objective 22 | Promoting mobility between Slovenia and priority regions and countries | Pilot project - funding of the study and scientific visits of Slovenian students and researchers to top foreign universities | The number of grants awarded to Slovenian students for short-term research | Awarding scholarships | MIZŠ/Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund | Programmes/public tenders | 160,000 EUR |
| | | Fulbright scholarships | The number of scholarships awarded | Awarding scholarships | MDDSZ/Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund | Public tender | 130,000 EUR per annum |
| | | Ad Futura scholarships for doctoral study for foreign nationals from priority regions | 8 scholarships for doctoral studies (expected) | Awarding scholarships | MIZŠ/Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund | Public tender | 300,000 EUR |
| | | Ad Futura scholarship for education of foreign nationals on the basis of development agreements | The number of scholarships awarded | Awarding scholarships | MZZ/Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund | Public tender | Approximately 100,000 EUR per annum |
| | | Scholarships for doctoral study at the European University Institute | 3 scholarships usually awarded | Awarding scholarships | MDDSZ/Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund | Public tender | Approximately 50,000 EUR per annum |

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| Objective 23 | Promoting Slovenia as a study destination in the countries in the priority regions | The presence and promotion of »Study in Slovenia« at the higher education fairs in countries in the priority regions | 1 fair a year in Asia and/or the Mediterranean and 1 online fair in the USA | Promotional events, material | CMEPIUS, MIZŠ, HEIs, Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund | CMEPIUS, MIZŠ, HEIs, Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund | As part of the existing available resources |
| | | The presence and promotion of »Study in Slovenia« at the higher education fairs in countries in the priority regions | Number of events/ activities | Promotional events, material | Lectureships at foreign universities, MIZŠ | Lectureships at foreign universities, MIZŠ | Approximately 1.600,000 EUR per annum |
| | | Strengthening cooperation in various international activities, such as AECHE ¹⁸ , ASEM ¹⁹ and ASEF ²⁰ | Number of times participated at events | Participation of at least one Slovenian representative at events and activities | HEIs, CMEPIUS, MIZŠ | HEIs, CMEPIUS, MIZŠ | As part of the existing available resources |

Promotion, support and monitoring of the strategy

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| Objective 24 | Promoting a single entry point »Study in Slovenia« | Upgrading, updating and operation of the »Study in Slovenia« website | Number of views and followers from the priority regions | Promotional events, material | CMEPIUS, HEIs | Erasmus+, HEIs' funds, CMEPIUS LDN | Regular assignment |
| Objective 25 | Monitoring the implementation of the Objectives, measures and indicators of the Strategy | Report on the implementation of the Action Plan | Overview/evaluation of the implementation of the objectives or the steps in each objective | 2-year report on the implementation of the Action Plan | CMEPIUS | CMEPIUS LDN | Regular assignment |
| | | Coordinating the work of the relevant ministries and other stakeholders | Annual meeting | Formation of an inter-service working group | MIZŠ | / | / |

1 Ministry of labour, family, social affairs and equal opportunities

2 Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

3 Ministry of Culture

4 Two public tenders: Mobility of Slovenian higher education teachers 2016-2018; funds 2017: 487.000,00 EUR; 2018: 325.000,00 EUR, Mobility of Slovenian higher education teachers 2018-2020; 2018: 200.000,00 EUR; 2019: 712.500,00 EUR; 2020: 275.000,00 EUR (combined funds 2016-2020: 2,0 mil EUR).

5 2017: 487.500,00 EUR; 2018: 525.000,00 EUR

6 Two public tenders: Shorter and longer hosting of foreign experts and higher education teachers at Slovenian higher education institutions in the years 2016–2018; funds 2017: 1.540.000,00 EUR; 2018: 1.540.000,00 EUR and Shorter and longer hosting of foreign experts and higher education teachers at Slovenian higher education institutions in the years 2018–2020; projected combined budget 2018: 230.000,00 EUR; 2019: 1.190.000,00 EUR; 2020: 1.125.000,00 EUR (projected combined budget 2016 -2020 5,6 mil EUR)

7 2017: 1.540.000,00 EUR; 2018: 1.770.000,00 EUR

8 Ministry of the Interior

9 Ministry of Public Administration

10 2017: 1,2 mil EUR; 2018: 1,2 mil EUR

11 2017: 600.000 EUR; 2018: 600.000 EUR

12 2017: JPI/ERA-NETs: 2,5 mil EUR; 2018: JPI/ERA-NETs: 2,7 mil EUR

13 Slovenian Research Agency

14 2017: 1.54 mil EUR; 2018: 1.54 mil EUR

15 2017: 0 EUR; 2018: 200.000 EUR

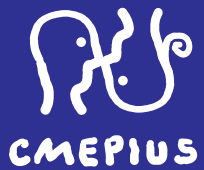
16 Annual Work Plan

17 Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency

18 AECHE is an Arab-Euro conference on higher education, which brings together the Association of Arab Universities (AARU) and the European University Association (EUA) and their members. Its aim is to open a sustainable process of dialogue, mutual understanding, to exchange knowledge and to increase cooperation between Arab and European Universities.

19 (The Asia-Europe Meeting) is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation bringing together 30 European countries, the EU, 21 Asian countries and the ASEAN secretariat (an association of Asian countries). The ASEM dialogue addresses political, economic, and cultural issues with the objective of strengthening the relationship between Europe and Asia, mutual respect and an equal partnership.

20 ASEF is an Asian-European foundation, the purpose of which is the strengthening of the European-Asian connections, strengthening of the mutual understanding, shared learning experiences and dialogue and development of options for deeper collaborations.



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