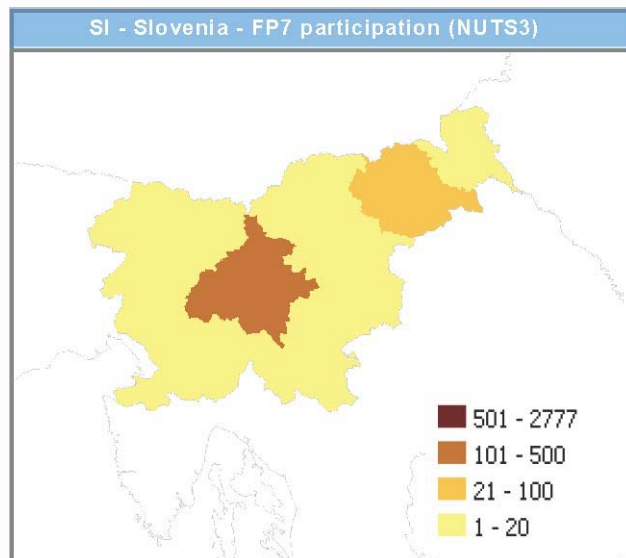




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Slovenia set its R&D target for 2020 at 3% of GDP, from 1.86% in 2009. Albeit ambitious, the target is realistic and achievable, provided that the capacity and resourcing of the research system are increased effectively and efficiently and that the European Regional and Development Fund is used smartly. A new National Research and Innovation Strategy 2011-2020 was prepared in order to set a path of reforms leading to higher and more efficient research and innovation and a relatively high proportion of structural funds have already been earmarked for R&D, innovation and competitiveness. In parallel, the new National Programme for Higher Education aims to increase the efficiency of matching the skills needed by industry, in particular in the area of science and engineering.



The overall effectiveness of the R&I system would benefit from a broader debate on the national S&T priorities for the decade as well as by a greater involvement of all stakeholders in improving the

coordination and policy design of R&I policies, with the aim of building a common vision and stakeholders' ownership of the country's priorities. In addition, medium-term improvements in the knowledge triangle links could be enhanced by better coordination of innovation support activities and more efficiency in education spending.

Innovation Union Scoreboard position	13 out of 27
R&D intensity target	3%
Number of eligible proposals	2.714 in response to 294 FP7 calls for proposals
Number of applicants	3.551 (1.13% of EU-27)
Success rate (EU-27 =21,5%)	16.2%
Rank in number of participants signed contracts (EU-27):	19
Rank in budget share (EU-27)	18
Top collaborative links	DE, IT, UK, ES, FR
Total Population & EU 27 Population Share	2.050.189 (0.4% of EU-27) / 0.4%