

EUSDR EMBEDDING WEEK

A greener Danube Region

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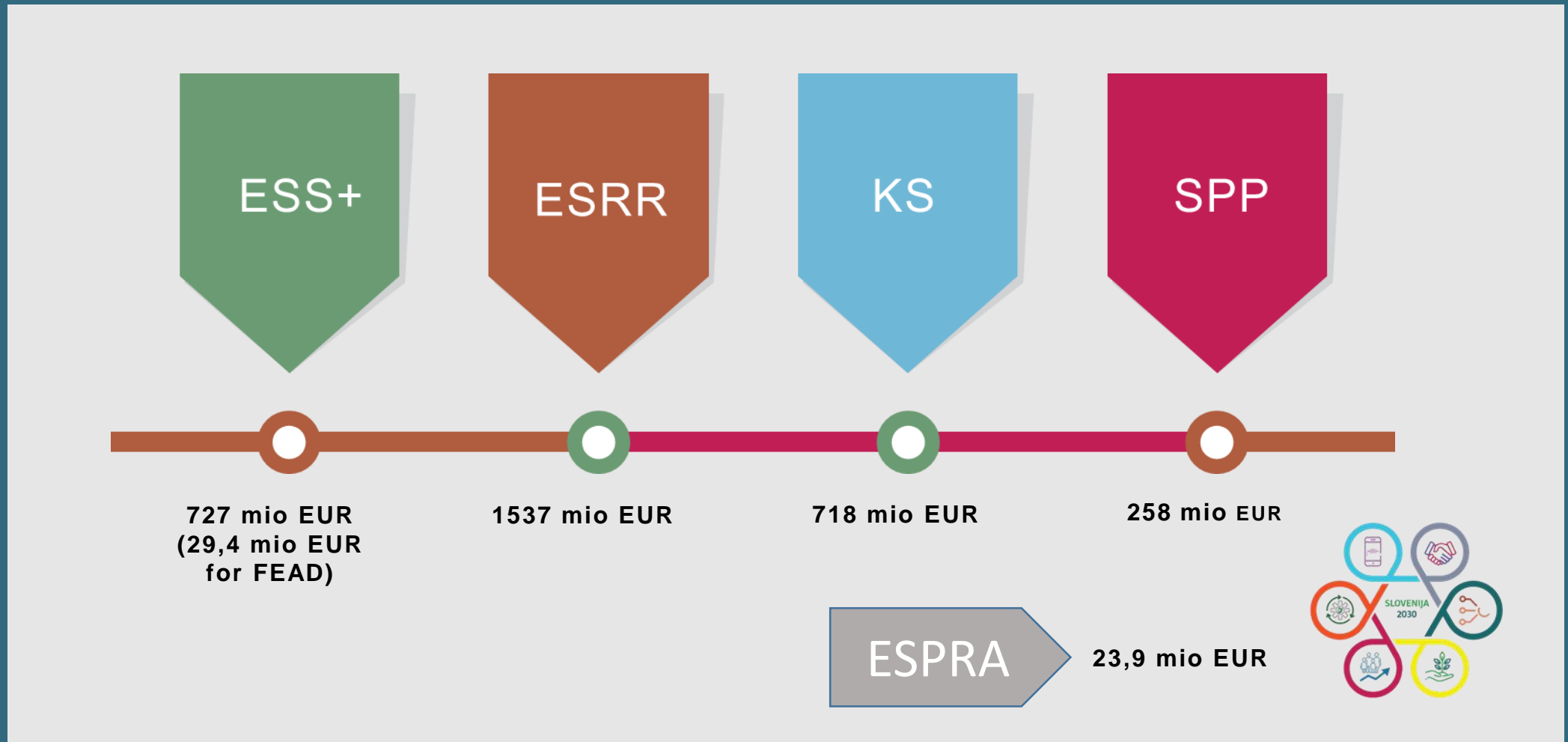
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Available funds for Slovenia

2021–2027: 3,2 billion EUR



Main focus by policy objectives

Slovenia gave priority to areas where it has perceived gaps: measures to increase productivity, digitization, infrastructure gaps - rail connectivity, sustainable mobility, missing larger systems for draining and cleaning waste water, the third axis of development – road infrastructure, (larger) systems for ensuring adequate quality of drinking water, energy renovation of buildings, investments in renewable energy sources, etc.

PO1. **a more competitive and smarter Europe**: development and improvement of research and innovation capacities and introduction of advanced technologies, strengthening sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation, digitization of services and processes

PO2. **a greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy**: seeking maximum impact in: delivering clean, affordable and secure energy; accelerating the transition to sustainable and smart mobility; mobilizing industry for a clean and circular economy; ambitions to achieve zero pollution for an environment free of toxic substances; preserving and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity and mitigating climate change; the creation of regions and cities that are resistant to the effects of climate change.

PO3. **a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility**: investments in the modernization of the railway infrastructure and the construction of a system of cycling routes in wider urban areas.

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PO4. **a more social and inclusive Europe**: reducing the rate of long-term unemployment → measures for acquiring knowledge and skills, improving integration into society and improving the employment opportunities of vulnerable groups, social inclusion and social activation programs + integrated preservation of cultural heritage

PO5. **Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of all types of territories**: through territorial approaches we will address urban and local development → building an inclusive society and further integrated socio-economic development in urban and rural areas, reduction of differences between socially and economically disadvantaged persons and areas + integrated territorial investments → support for urban renewal projects + Community Led Local Development → better quality of life of the local population, accessibility of services, better long-term care and preventive health measures, intergenerational cooperation, strengthening of competences and care for disadvantaged groups.

Specific objective: Europe for a just transition: a clear transition process to achieve climate and energy targets by 2030 and climate neutrality by 2050.

Macro-regional strategies in the programming documents

The Partnership Agreement

defines the supported macro-regional strategies and the national coordination.

1. The national coordinators of EU macro-regional strategies are the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy. Together with the coordinators for priority areas of macro-regional strategies authorized by the Government, they will ensure that the operations will also take into account added value within the framework of EU macro-regional connections.
2. Macro-regional strategies that will be supported with European cohesion policy funds and ESPRA funds in Slovenia:
 - EUSAIR in the field of blue growth, connectivity, sustainable tourism and environmental quality.
 - EUSALP in the field of risk management and joint action in case of natural disasters, the introduction of green infrastructure, transport, energy and digital connectivity in the Alps etc.
 - **EUSDR in the field of high (flood) and low (drought) water management and the associated increased risks in the Danube basin**

Macro-regional strategies in the programming documents

The Program of ECP 2021-2027 in Slovenia

will ensure the 'embedding' of the EUSDR and other macro-regional strategies

– Slovenia's task in the coming weeks to concretize measures in the Program (also based on a study of the key macro-regional contents for EUSDR)!

Links between the shortlist of actions from the EUSDR action plan and individual sub-areas of the five priority pillars of the European cohesion policy Macroregional initiatives that will be supported with European cohesion policy funds and ESPRA funds will be taken into account

Some examples from the current version of the Program:

- Measures to promote energy from renewable sources will be complementary to EUSDR in supporting the energy transition to climate neutrality.
- Measures to respond to climate-related disasters that are planned at the level of the country will have a cross-border and interregional effect - in the sub-center for sleet and storms POŽUK foreign units could also be trained in the long term.

Strategic projects (will be defined in the Programme)

PO1: Development and improvement of research and innovation capacity and introduction of advanced technologies

PO2: Ensuring flood safety in the Savinja basin

The Savinja river basin is one of the most exposed areas in Slovenia from the point of view of the flood risk and the resulting risk, given the frequency, variety and scope of flood events. Despite the measures implemented in the past, larger urban areas are still at risk of flooding, so their development is limited. With local anti-flood arrangements in the affected areas, it is not possible to fully ensure a sufficiently high level of flood safety. The project "Ensuring flood safety in the Savinja basin" is a continuation of the first phase of the project "Ensuring flood safety in the Savinja basin - local measures" and is a strategic operation that ensures that the already implemented local measures will actually ensure the necessary flood safety.

PO3: Upgrade of the railway line Zidani Most-Dobova-d.m.

The railway section Zidani Most–Celje is part of the European transport corridors. With the upgrade of the 26-kilometer long railway section and with the upgrade of other sections the entire corridor will be completed and the load capacity of the D category line guaranteed. This will result in an increase in transport capacity and a reduction in journey times and a more optimal development of rail transport. Smooth rail traffic means the possibility of redirecting traffic flows in favor of the railway. By shifting traffic from road to rail environmental burdens will also be reduced.

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PO4 A more social Europe: Modernization of services and integration of labor market institutions also through the Competence Prediction Platform

PO5 Europe closer to citizens: GO! 2025

In 2025, the Slovenian Capital of Culture will be represented by Nova Gorica (in Slovenia) and Gorica (in Italy). European Capital of Culture GO! 2025 with the password GO! BORDERLESS is a story in which memories of the past and visions for the future intertwine and create a concrete, participatory and effective cultural strategy that aims to improve the quality of life of the residents of the entire border area in the long term.

Just Transition Fund: one operation of strategic importance will be designated for each coal region (currently we have a public survey going on ...)



Thank you for your attention!