



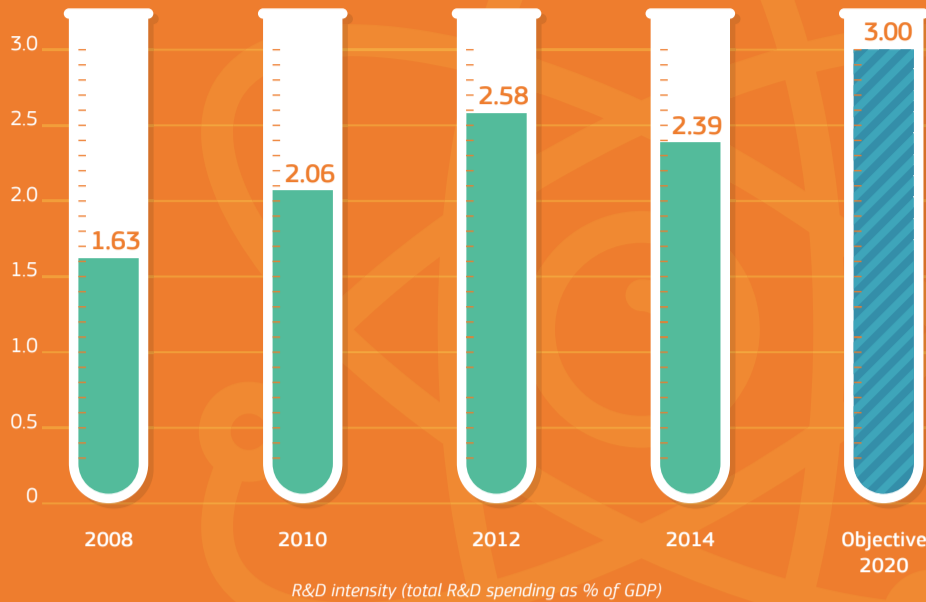
# Slovenia

Nurturing the science base and ensuring innovation-friendly framework conditions to unleash Slovenia's economic potential

## INVESTMENT IN R&D

### R&D SPENDING

Slovenia has made some progress towards its national R&D intensity target but, after years of growth, its R&D expenditure dropped in 2014

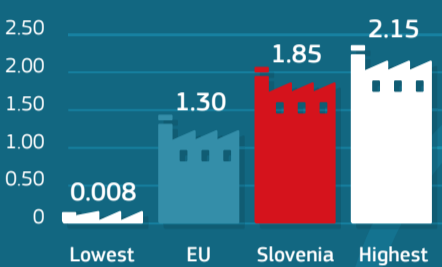


## STRENGTHS OF R&I SYSTEM

### BUSINESS R&D INVESTMENT

### PUBLIC SUPPORT TO BUSINESS R&D

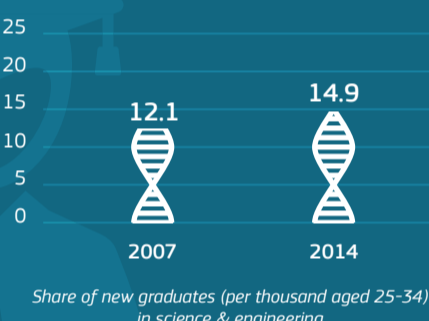
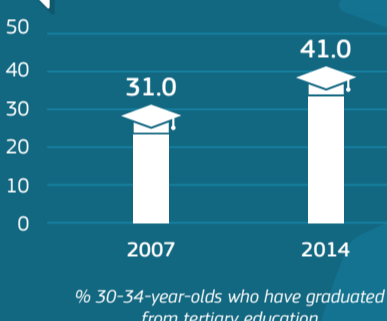
In the business sector, Slovenian R&D spending is better than the EU-average, due to generous R&D tax incentives and ambitious innovation measures co-financed from the Structural Funds



### TERTIARY EDUCATION

### SCIENCE & ENGINEERING SKILLS

Slovenia has seen a steady growth in its graduates rate during the 2007-2014 period



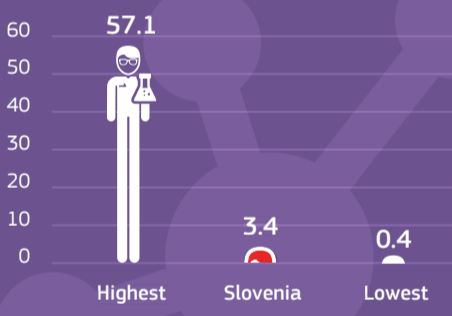
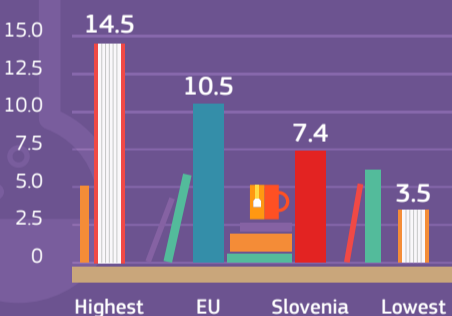
## KEY CHALLENGES

### QUALITY OF RESEARCH SYSTEM

### FOREIGN RESEARCHERS

The efficiency and quality of the public R&D system needs to be nurtured to increase performance...

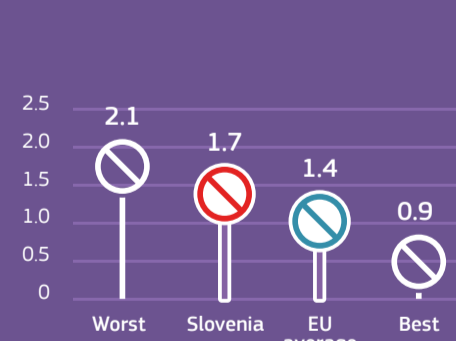
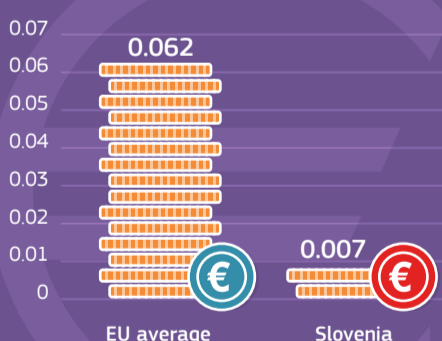
... and attract top researchers from other countries



### VENTURE CAPITAL

### PRODUCT MARKET REGULATION

The regulatory environment is not fully supportive and limits growth opportunities for innovative companies



## RECOMMENDATIONS

### ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT



Raise the quality and boost the internationalisation of the public science base to **increase the competitiveness of Slovenia's public R&I system**



Develop a venture capital market for SMEs



Ensure innovation-friendly framework conditions to unleash economic potential and competitiveness.

### H2020 POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY ACTIVITIES



Slovenia has asked for **specific support** for i) the internationalisation of the science base and ii) academia-business cooperation



Slovenia has participated in the **Mutual Learning Exercises on Alignment and interoperability of research programmes (phase I: national coordination) and Performance-based funding of public research**