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Opportunities for Synergies

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Outline


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- **Framework for synergies 2014-2020 in Slovenia**



Good practice examples: National Institute of Chemistry + Jožef Stefan Institute

**Example of combining National, Structural and Framework
Programme funds →**

1. Slovenian Research Agency (SRA) – national funding
2. European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
3. 7th Framework Programme (FP7 project)



Good practice example: National Institute of Chemistry

- **SRA**: national funding of research group programme (ongoing)
- **ERDF 2007-2013**: Centres of Excellence (research equipment) and Pregl research centre (infrastructure – building)
- **FP7**: EUROLIS -> research project: Li-Sulfur battery project, 5 countries and 11 partners: coordinated by National Institute of Chemistry



Good practice example (2): Jožef Stefan Institute

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Framework for synergies 2014-2020 in Slovenia


Broad provisions for synergies in Slovenia for the following instruments:

- ERC
- ESFRI
- ERA-NET Cofund
- JPIs
- Article 185 and 187 of TFEU
- Widening instruments (teaming, ERA chair)
- SME Instrument



Framework for synergies 2014-2020

1. National Research and Innovation Strategy 2011-2020
2. Slovenian Smart Specialization Strategy (S4)
3. Operational Programme for Implementing European Cohesion Policy in Slovenia
4. Decree on the use of European Cohesion Policy funds in the Republic of Slovenia in the 2014–2020
5. Programme for R&D support 2016-2020



Framework for synergies 2014-2020: strategies

1. In relation to internationalisation

Title “3.3 Co-operation in R&D area within the EU and worldwide”

2. Part of a policy mix, p. 33 and 34

Title “Complementarity with Horizon 2020 and international initiatives”

“Support will be given to activities relating to the establishment of the European Research Area (e.g. the ERA-NET), Innovation Union and Horizon 2020 with a focus on co-financing instruments targeted at expanding participation within Horizon 2020 (Teaming, ERA Chair, Twinning)”.



Framework for synergies 2014-2020: implementation act

3. Support within Priority 1, p. 52, 54 and 255

“The measures will aim at building up the European Research Area (ERA) and subsequent stepping up of Slovenia’s competitiveness and of the EU area as a whole. Support to and upgrade of the instruments under Horizon 2020 will create synergies between the structural funds and funds provided by the central EU programmes (Horizon 2020).” → p. 52

Title “Efficient integration in the international research programmes, including in Horizon 2020 programme” → p. 54

4. Direct support to operations (articles 25 and 27 of the Decree)

Article 25, 1st paragraph, last point: on when the direct support can be issued

“There is a possibility to complementary fund a project from the national or cohesion funds, if the project passed threshold, but was not financed due to lack of available funding.”



Framework for synergies 2014-2020 in Slovenia: next steps

Teaming projects:

Government decision to top-up the selected teaming project(s)

Cooperation with the Managing Authority

(Government Office for Development and European Cohesion
Policy)



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