

Foreword

The OECD review of Slovenia’s innovation policy is part of a series of OECD country reviews.* It was requested by the Slovenian authorities, represented by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHEST) and was carried out by the OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry (DSTI) under the auspices of the Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP). The review draws on the results of a series of interviews with major stakeholders of Slovenia’s innovation system and on a background report commissioned by the Slovenian authorities. This background report (Bucar *et al.*, 2010) was prepared by a team of Slovenian experts: Maja Bucar (main author) together with Andreja Jaklic and Bostjan Udovic. It contains a broad range of valuable information that is widely drawn upon in this report.

The purpose of this review is to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the key elements, relationships and dynamics which drive the Slovenian innovation system and the opportunities to enhance it through government policy. More specifically, the review will:

- Provide an independent and comparative assessment of the overall performance of Slovenia’s national innovation system (NIS).
- Recommend where improvements can be made within the system.
- Formulate recommendations on how government policies could contribute to such improvements, drawing on the present experience of other OECD countries as well as on the envisaged global development of R&D and innovation capabilities and trends.

The review is intended to be relevant to a wide range of stakeholders in Slovenia, including government officials, entrepreneurs and researchers as well as the general public, and to provide an accessible and comprehensive presentation of Slovenian innovation to a global audience using OECD communication channels. A draft “overall assessment and recommendations” (OAR) containing numerous observations and recommendations was delivered at the end of December 2010. This final report draws on and elaborates the OAR and has benefitted from comments provided by the Slovenian authorities (MHEST).

This report was drafted by Michael Stampfer (consultant to the OECD; Managing Director, Vienna Science and Technology Fund – WWTF, Austria), Irwin Feller (consultant to the OECD; Professor Emeritus, Pennsylvania State University and Senior Visiting Scientist, American Association for the Advancement of Science, United States) and Walter Lee (consultant to the OECD; at the time Head, Technology Transfer Network – TTN, A*STAR, Singapore), under the supervision of and with contributions from Gernot Hutschenreiter (Country Studies and Outlook Division, DSTI, OECD). Michael Hofer (WWTF, Austria) contributed to the finalisation of the report by providing statistical support and web-based research.

The review owes much to Slovenian government officials, in particular Jana Kolar (Director General, Directorate for Science and Technology, MHEST) and Ales Mihelic (Head, Sector Technology, MHEST). Andrej Cvelbar (Sector Technology, MHEST) helped in providing background information, arranging the interviews in Slovenia, in supporting the OECD team throughout the process and in commenting on the drafts of this report, which was completed in the autumn of 2011 and reflects the situation at that time.

*www.oecd.org/sti/innovation/reviews



From:
OECD Reviews of Innovation Policy: Slovenia 2012

Access the complete publication at:
<https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264167407-en>

Please cite this chapter as:

OECD (2012), "Foreword", in *OECD Reviews of Innovation Policy: Slovenia 2012*, OECD Publishing, Paris.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264167407-1-en>

This work is published under the responsibility of the Secretary-General of the OECD. The opinions expressed and arguments employed herein do not necessarily reflect the official views of OECD member countries.

This document and any map included herein are without prejudice to the status of or sovereignty over any territory, to the delimitation of international frontiers and boundaries and to the name of any territory, city or area.

You can copy, download or print OECD content for your own use, and you can include excerpts from OECD publications, databases and multimedia products in your own documents, presentations, blogs, websites and teaching materials, provided that suitable acknowledgment of OECD as source and copyright owner is given. All requests for public or commercial use and translation rights should be submitted to rights@oecd.org. Requests for permission to photocopy portions of this material for public or commercial use shall be addressed directly to the Copyright Clearance Center (CCC) at info@copyright.com or the Centre français d'exploitation du droit de copie (CFC) at contact@cfcopies.com.