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Development Promotion Instruments in Slovenia 2014-2020

- Public instruments: structural funds + (national) co-funding
- EU 2020 strategy: Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth
- Documents:
 - Operational Programme for the Implementation of the EU Cohesion Policy (December 2014)
 - Partnership Agreement (EC and Slovenia, October 2014)
 - Smart Specialisation Strategy 4 (2015)
 - regulations (EU, national)
- Implementing institutions: SVRK*, ministries + public implementing agencies (e.g. SPIRIT Slovenia, Slovene Enterprise Fund, ...)

Thematic objectives and priority axes

- Promotion of RDI investments in business sector and establishing links between businesses, (public) RD and educational organisations; investments in product/service development, technology transfer, etc.
- ICT: accessibility, use, quality
- Dynamic and competitive entrepreneurship for green economic growth
- Sustainable energy production & consumption, smart grids
- Adjusting to climate change
- Improved environment and biotic diversity
- (Transport) infrastructure and sustainable mobility
- Promoting employment and transnational labour mobility
- Social inclusion and reduction of risk of poverty
- Knowledge & skills for improved employability
- The rule of law, ..., efficient public administration, ..., strengthening the capacity of social partners

Support for economic development – investment priorities 2014-2020

(Planned) typical investment priorities for RDI & businesses:

- Researchers to businesses; links between academia and business sector
- Promotion of innovation processes and associated business investments (e.g. applied research in cooperation between RDs and businesses, commercialisation, launch to markets)
- Social innovation, social enterprises
- (Planned) typical investment priorities for SMEs:
 - Enterprise formation start-ups
 - Increased VA in SMEs
 - Investment in innovation support environment

Support for economic development – planned MEDT support

- 2014-2020: EUR 60.8 million grants + EUR 114.5 million loans
- 2016 (planned):
 - Wood processing industry: EUR 4.7 million
 - Entrepreneurship and competitiveness: EUR 12 million
 - Internationalisation: EUR 4.6 million
 - Tourism: EUR 1.1 million
 - Regional development: EUR 72.5 million.
- To be supported (grants, loans/guarantees, financial instruments)
 - Enterprise projects (innovation, RD, investments), start-ups, social enterprises, development partnerships, participation at foreign fairs, new jobs (competences, internationalisation), investors and FDIs, Involvement in EU programmes (Horizon 2020)

Support for regional development

- RDPs regional priorities according to OP, Smart Specialisation at regional level
- 2 "Cohesion regions"
- Large infrastructure projects (e.g. transport infrastructure, water supply,...)
- Municipal investments, e.g. sewerage systems, (waste) water management, RES and EE projects, tourism (products, destination management)
- Tenders vs. direct approval

Thank you!

Any questions?

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