

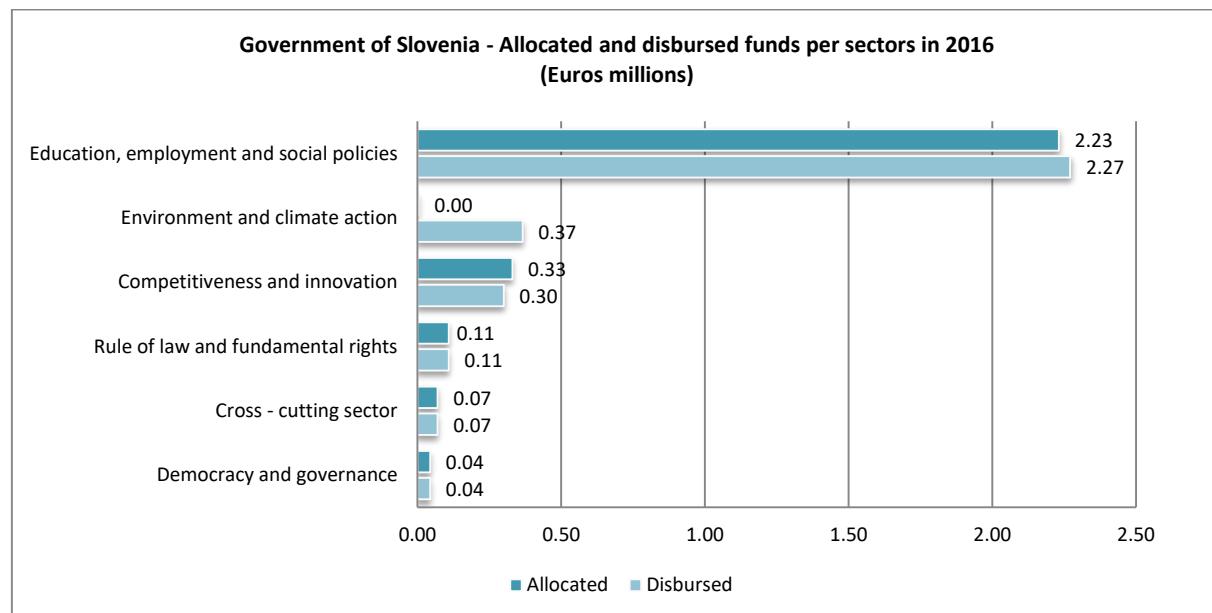
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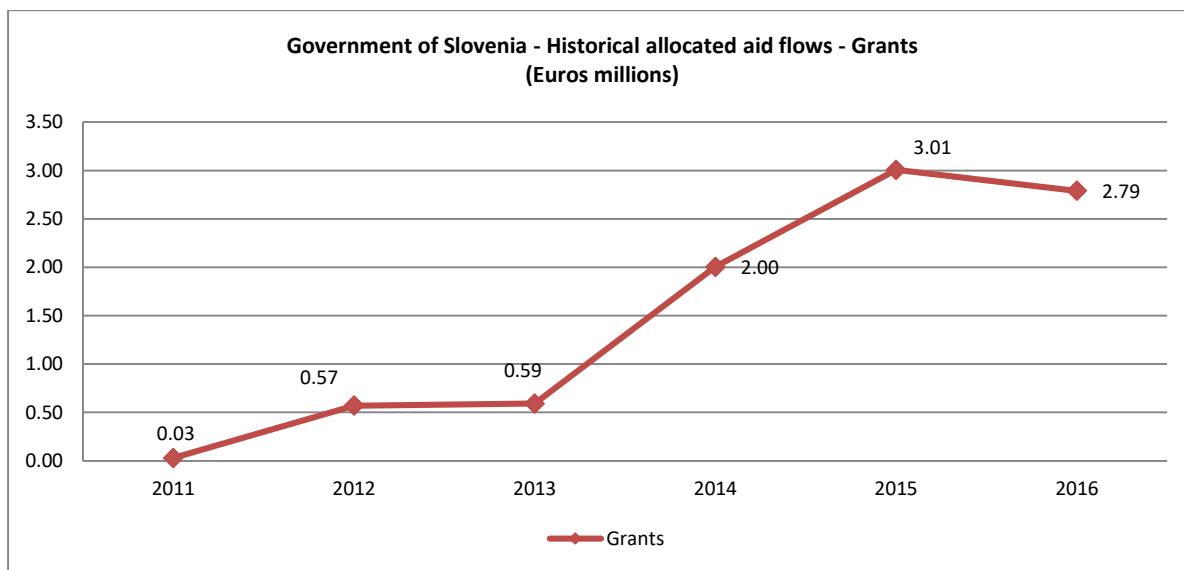
Policy approach

The thematic priorities of Slovenia's International Development Cooperation were defined in the Resolution on International Development Cooperation of the Republic of Slovenia for the period until 2015 (N.B. valid until adoption of the new resolution in September 2017). The target areas of development cooperation are listed in the bilateral Agreement on development cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Framework Programme of international development cooperation and humanitarian aid of the Republic of Slovenia for the period 2016 and 2019 operationalized planned activities, which in the case of BiH include the following sectors: Education, employment and social policies, Environment and climate action, Competitiveness and innovation, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Cross - cutting sector and Democracy and governance.

Key activities in 2016

Government of Slovenia allocated **€ 2.79 million and disbursed € 3.16 million in 2016 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Education, employment and social policies, Environment and climate action, Competitiveness and innovation, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Cross - cutting sector and Democracy and governance.





Medium and long-term approach

In September 2017 the National Assembly adopted the Resolution on development cooperation and humanitarian assistance of the Republic of Slovenia. Thematic priorities are (1) promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies, with a particular emphasis on good governance, equal opportunities, including gender equality, and quality education and (2) fight against climate change, focused on the sustainable management of natural and energy resources. Slovenia's **geographical priorities** are the Western Balkans, the European neighbourhood and Sub-Saharan Africa, notably the least-developed countries with respect to the latter.

Based on the new Resolution on development cooperation and humanitarian assistance of the Republic of Slovenia, **Slovenia will prepare the Strategy on development cooperation and humanitarian assistance** within a year which will define in more detail: (i) thematic priorities; (ii) geographical priorities, including the criteria for selecting priority partner countries and orientations for action in the selected programme partner countries; (iii) orientations for international humanitarian assistance; (iv) orientations for multilateral development cooperation, with an emphasis on activities within the European Union; (v) orientations for cooperation with non-governmental organisations and the private sector; (vi) orientations for raising public awareness of development cooperation. In the medium term Slovenia will continue providing support to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the same sectors as in the previous period.

Slovenia is also in the process of adopting of the new act on development cooperation. Slovenia has drafted a new template agreement, which will also simplify cooperation with other donors and will replace the existing bilateral agreements on development cooperation in the following years.

In the area of Democracy and governance Slovenian assistance will focus on aligning legislation with the EU standards. In the area of Rule of law and fundamental rights, Slovenia will contribute to the respect of human rights with an emphasis on children and young people and women. In the area of Environment and climate action Slovenia contributes to improved quality of life of the citizens in BiH through the implementation of environmental projects. In the area of Education, employment and social policies Slovenia will continue to enable studying at the Slovenian Universities for students from BiH. Slovenia will continue to support BiH in the field of mine protection also in the future.

Donor coordination efforts

Slovenia participates in meetings of donors in different formats. Slovenia does not participate in sector working groups but has bilateral contacts with other donor agencies where necessary.

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