

SLOVENIA



0.14% GENUINE AID/GNI

0.17% TOTAL AID/GNI



“Addressing the root causes of migration and establishing comprehensive, mutually beneficial partnerships with third countries is crucial.”

– Dr Anže Logar, Minister for Foreign Affairs,
15 March 2021 for the Delo newspaper

MAIN CHANGES IN 2020

Slovenia's ODA remained static in 2020, at €76 million (preliminary figure), representing 0.17% of Slovenian GNI. Multilateral aid increased to two thirds of Slovenia's ODA in 2020, contrary to civil society's longstanding recommendation to increase bilateral ODA to at least half of total ODA, and signalling an end to a three-year positive trend of decreasing multilateral ODA. Imputed student costs and scholarships increased again, to 55% of bilateral ODA, at the same time cutting the scholarships share to less than 4% of total imputed student costs and scholarships, which is a stark contrast to almost 10% in 2019.

In October 2020 the MFA submitted two draft guidelines, concerning gender equality and environmental protection, to civil society, for consultation. In a joint response, NGOs reiterated the importance of withholding public funding from all projects and programmes that failed environmental and gender-equality impact assessments.

Unfortunately, the Slovenian government has failed to respond to the recommendations from last year's AidWatch report.

TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS FOR 2021 AND BEYOND

The Slovenian government has yet to confirm its ODA commitments for 2021 and beyond. A draft action plan for the gradual growth of ODA up to 2030 has not been adopted, nor has it been revised since the advent of COVID-19. The pre-pandemic draft projects only 0.26% ODA/GNI by 2030 and includes significant quantities of inflated ODA.

In the first half of 2021 the MFA published its first-ever call for strategic partnerships. As the current rules limit the size of implementer consortia to four organisations, civil society calls on the MFA to retain smaller humanitarian aid project grants to preserve the diversity of the sector.

In the second half of 2021, Slovenia assumed the presidency of the EU Council for its second term. In development cooperation, the main Slovenian priority will be water, with gender equality as the cross-cutting priority, and green transition and human development as the two main pillars.

CASE STUDY BOX:



To strengthen and coordinate collaboration with NGOs, the Guidelines on Cooperation between the Slovenian MFA, NGOs and the Network of NGOs in the field of International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid¹ were developed in 2013. Although these guidelines represented best practice at the time, they should now be updated to reflect current trends and challenges and to strengthen inclusive partnerships further. Similar guidelines should also be developed for other development cooperation actors.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SLOVENIAN GOVERNMENT

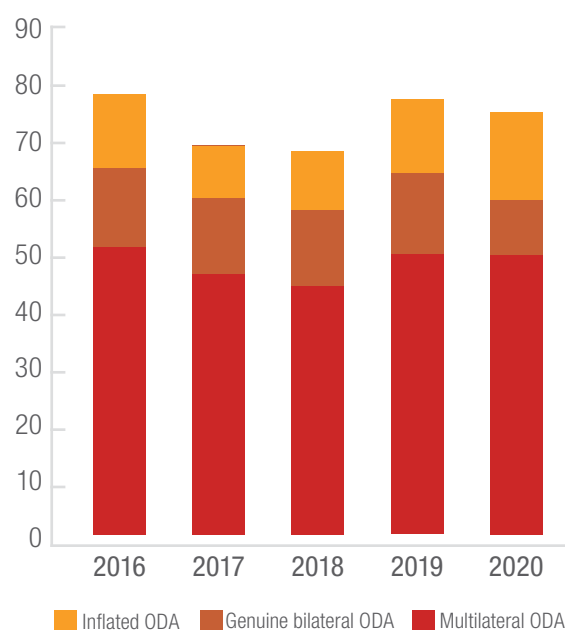
- Slovenia must scale up its ODA, to meet agreed targets but also to tackle the COVID-19 challenge by increasing ODA to the 0.33% target and the 0.2% target for LDCs; it must extend bilateral ODA until it is at least half of total ODA; and it must strengthen its financial support for NGOs.
- Responding to increasing imputed student costs, Slovenia must develop mechanisms for monitoring foreign students' input to their countries' development.
- Establish a permanent policy coherence assessment mechanism for sustainable development – one that is open, inclusive and participatory in line with the 2030 Agenda.
- The MFA should re-establish support for small NGO programmes in the field of advocacy, capacity-building, awareness-raising and Global Citizenship Education that significantly help to strengthen public support for development and humanitarian policies. The MFA should reconsider and provide support for its national NGDO platform to strengthen the NGDO sector at the national level.

¹ https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MZZ/Dokumenti/multilateralala/razvojno-sodelovanje/e97207a3df/Smernice_za_sodelovanje_z_NVO-na-podrocju-MRS.pdf

- To ensure the mainstreaming approach to the two thematic priorities, the MFA should adopt guidelines for the inclusion of gender equality and environmental protection into the International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Strategy of the Republic of Slovenia. Furthermore, to ensure full compliance with standards and principles, it should develop guidelines for private-sector involvement in international development cooperation and humanitarian aid.

SLOVENIA – GENUINE AND INFLATED ODA

(€ million, constant 2019)



ODA TO LDCS (€ million, constant 2019)

LDC	ODA to LDCs	ODA to LDCS (% GNI)	ODA to LDCS (% total ODA)
2016	12.65	0.03	16.04
2017	13.17	0.03	18.88
2018	8.80	0.02	12.82
2019	9.48	0.02	12.09

ODA TO DRM (€ million, constant 2019)

DRM	ODA for DRM	DRM (% bilateral)	DRM (% total ODA)
2016	0.03	0.13	0.04
2017	0.00	0.00	0.00
2018	0.01	0.02	0.01
2019	0.05	0.17	0.06

AID MODALITY (€ million, constant 2019)

Year	Bilateral gross	Grants	Loans	Loans (% of gross bilateral)
2016	27.05	27.05	0.00	0.00
2017	22.94	22.94	0.00	0.00
2018	24.06	24.06	0.00	0.00
2019	27.77	27.77	0.00	0.00

ODA TO SUPPORT GENDER EQUALITY (€ million, constant 2019)

Gender focus	Bi allocable	Total Screened	Not Screened	None	Significant	Principal	Significant (% of screened)	Principal (% of screened)
2016	10.25	5.49	4.76	4.42	0.79	0.28	14.45	5.03
2017	10.40	4.39	6.02	2.81	1.30	0.27	29.69	6.27
2018	10.15	5.51	4.64	2.74	2.39	0.37	43.48	6.77
2019	11.26	6.96	4.29	3.87	2.50	0.60	35.88	8.56

ODA TO SUPPORT CSOs (€ million, constant 2019)

CSO support	Non-CSO	Donor-CSO-Earmarked	International-CSO-Earmarked	Recipient-CSO-Earmarked	Donor-CSO-Core	International-CSO-Core	Recipient-CSO-Core	Total bilateral CSO support, % bilateral	Total bilateral CSO support, % total ODA	Core bilateral CSO support, % bilateral	Core bilateral CSO support, % total ODA
2016	25.22	1.17	0.14	0.00	0.36	0.14	0.00	6.72	2.30	1.84	0.63
2017	21.05	1.25	0.13	0.00	0.36	0.14	0.00	8.23	2.70	2.17	0.71
2018	22.26	1.32	0.14	0.00	0.27	0.07	0.00	7.51	2.63	1.44	0.51
2019	25.54	1.68	0.20	0.00	0.26	0.08	0.00	8.02	2.84	1.22	0.43