

Throughout the pandemic, the response to COVID-19 has been coordinated at the national level. The government also formed a special Advisory Commission comprising infectious disease specialists, pulmonologists, microbiologists and public health specialists/epidemiologists. The National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) also played an advisory role during the crisis. (from State of Health in the EU · Slovenia · Country Health Profile 2021 see https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/2021_chp_sl_english.pdf)

Around half of the Recovery and Resilience Plan allocation for health is dedicated to treatment for communicable diseases. (from State of Health in the EU · Slovenia · Country Health Profile 2023 see https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-12/2023_chp_sl_english.pdf)

Slovenia has low antibiotic consumption. In September 2019, Slovenia adopted the 2019-24 One Health Strategy – a national plan for surveillance, detection and reporting of antimicrobial-resistant pathogens (GHS Index, 2021). (from State of Health in the EU · Slovenia · Country Health Profile 2023 see https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-12/2023_chp_sl_english.pdf)

R&I Policies and Strategies

The information is not exhaustive and should be updated regularly.

Country has a dedicated strategy for R&I related to pandemic threat? No

Country has an open science portal with information on publicly financed scientific research? Yes

R&I portal <https://openscience.si/>

Country has R&I webpage on COVID-19

Website open science/ open data initiative with respect to pandemic threats, such as COVID-19 open

Name	URL	Short Description
European COVID-19 Data Portal	https://www.covid19dataportal.org/partners?activeTab=National%20Data%20Portals	
National COVID-19 Data Portal	https://covid19dataportal.si/	Portal is coordinated by Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation in cooperation with Faculty of Medicine at University of Ljubljana (UL), National Institute of Chemistry National Institute of Public Health, Central Technical Library at University of Ljubljana, ELIXIR Slovenia and University of Maribor

Country has coordinating structures to link public health needs and research needs? Yes

Coordinating structures URL <https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-zdravje/>

R&I Infrastructures

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Country has the following research infrastructure for infectious diseases and outbreaks available, or under construction BSL3; High level isolation units; High level isolation transport at University Medical Centre Ljubljana

Name Infrastructure	Type Infrastructure	URL	Available	Open to others
Biosafety Stage 3 Pathogenic Microorganism Research Infrastructure Centre (IC BSL-3+) Centre (IC BSL-3+)	BSL3	https://imi.si/project/infrastruktorni-center-za-raziskave-patogenih-mikroorganizmov-3-stopnje-bioloske-varnosti/	Institute of Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty of Medicine, UL and Institute of Microbiology and Parasitology, Faculty Veterinary Faculty, UL	
EVAg-European Virus Archive Global		https://www.european-virus-archive.com/	Faculty of Medicine, UL	Yes
In relation to European genome db under			Faculty of Medicine, UL	

Genomic Data Infrastructure project	construction		
Institute of Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty of Medicine, UL	diagnostic & research laboratories, including BSL3	https://imi.si/project/infrastruktorni-center-za-raziskave-patogenih-mikroorganizmov-3-stopnje-bioloske-varnosti/	Faculty of Medicine, UL Yes
ISIDORE- Integrated Services for Infectious Diseases Outbreak		https://isidore-project.eu/	Faculty of Medicine, UL Yes
Sequencer at University Medical Center Ljubljana in relation to Elixir			

Country supporting the participation to the following ESFRI initiatives relevant for infectious diseases
 BBMRI; EATRIS; Other (Elixir, Instruct, EuroBioImaging, EVA-GLOBAL, ISIDORE)
<https://www.combacte.com/>

Budget mobilisation mechanisms and funding sources *The information is not exhaustive and should be updated regularly.*

Basic Research

url <https://www.arrs.si/en/index.asp>
<https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/>
 funding for basic research accessible for industry Yes
 source of funding Public (research) agencies;

Applied Research

url <https://www.arrs.si/en/index.asp>
<https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/>
 funding for applied research accessible for industry Yes
 source of funding Public (research) agencies;

Translational Research

url
 funding accessible for industry? Yes
 source of funding Public (research) agencies;

Clinical Research (in general)

url
 funding accessible for industry?
 source of funding
 phase funded?

Clinical Research (in pandemic phase)

url
 accessible for industry?
 source of funding
 phase funded ?

Innovation Projects

url
 funding for innovation projects accessible
 source

Flexible funding in case of an emergency is possible – see Recovery and Resilience Plan:

<https://www.gov.si/en/registries/projects/the-recovery-and-resilience-plan/>

R&I actors, authorities and activated processes that are activated in case of a health threat

The information is not exhaustive and should be updated regularly.

R&I actors activated

ministries involved in case of an outbreak; international scientific collaboration in case of an outbreak

Name	Description	url
Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia	The Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia (i.e. Zavod za zdravstveno zavarovanje Slovenije) provides research funds to tertiary healthcare institutions (e.g. University Clinical Centre Ljubljana, University Clinical Centre Maribor), but does not decide on their detailed purpose and distribution. This is decided by committees for clinical research (including infectious diseases) in tertiary healthcare institutions based on applications for internally published calls for financing “tertiary clinical research projects”.	
Ministry of Health	funds target research programmes	https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-zdravje/
Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation	funds transnational -basic and/or applied - research (ERA-NETs, European partnerships)	https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/
National Institute for Public Health (NIJZ)	NIJZ identifies health threats and develops measures to control them	https://nijz.si/en/
other Slovenian funding actors	Other ministries and entities, when under their jurisdiction and institutions of supportive environment (in relation to entrepreneurship)	
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS)	funds basic and applied research	http://www.arrs.si/en/index.asp
University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Medicine, Institute of Microbiology and Immunology	Laboratory diagnostics in cases of disease outbreaks and provision of reference material to national and international community	https://imi.si/

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