## **Slovenia: Taking Action for Sustainable Development**



What are the bold actions being taken by the Government to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Slovenia?

Sustainable development has been defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia remains strongly committed to the protection of the environment towards building an inclusive, sustainable and resilient future for people and the country.

In October 2015, the Government adopted the Framework Programme for a transition to a **"green economy"** which is low-carbon, efficiently uses resources and is socially responsible.

The Framework Programme integrates environmental and economic goals into sustainable development. It includes government actions in many areas:

- it encompasses managing natural resources sustainably (e.g. water, waste, physical space, protected areas of nature, forests and wood);
- advancing green economy with a smart specialisation strategy;
- increasing green jobs along with a set of skills and





Slovenia will continue with activities aimed at bringing the global community closer to universal human-rights standards and decent life for all.

We will remain a strong supporter of environment in which every human being feels safe.

We will continue to advocate strong partnerships, inclusive dialogue and constructive cooperation.

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Miro Cerar Prime Minister Republic of Slovenia



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knowledge necessary for the jobs;

- implementing the green financial reform (e.g. tax reductions for green practices) and the green public procurement reform;
- realising sustainable urban development and developing a sustainable transport policy; and,
- introducing sustainable farming practices in agriculture.

To support the implementation of the framework programme, the Government has established the Partnership for Slovenia's green economy with interested parties from the private sector, NGOs and local communities.

## Why do the above actions matter to the people in Slovenia?

Transitioning from the current economy to a green economy has been increasingly significant for a more sustainable future for the country. The transition particularly requires a change of the current patterns of production and consumption which need to be more sustainable and greener.

To achieve sustainable development, providing support and economic incentives that can lead to the development of environmentally friendly technologies and innovations is also needed. Resource management policies have to be



improved in the areas of land, water, and energy use in addition to waste management.

## What SDGs have been particularly advanced through the Framework Programme?

Advancing all 17 Goals, Slovenia aims to implement several measures foreseen in the Framework Programme, particularly in the following fields:

- Sustainable resource management
- Green growth
- Green jobs
- Green public procurement
- Financial reform
- Sustainable urban management
- Trainings for the transition to a green economy
- Sustainable agriculture.



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