

OSH Authorities — Slovenia

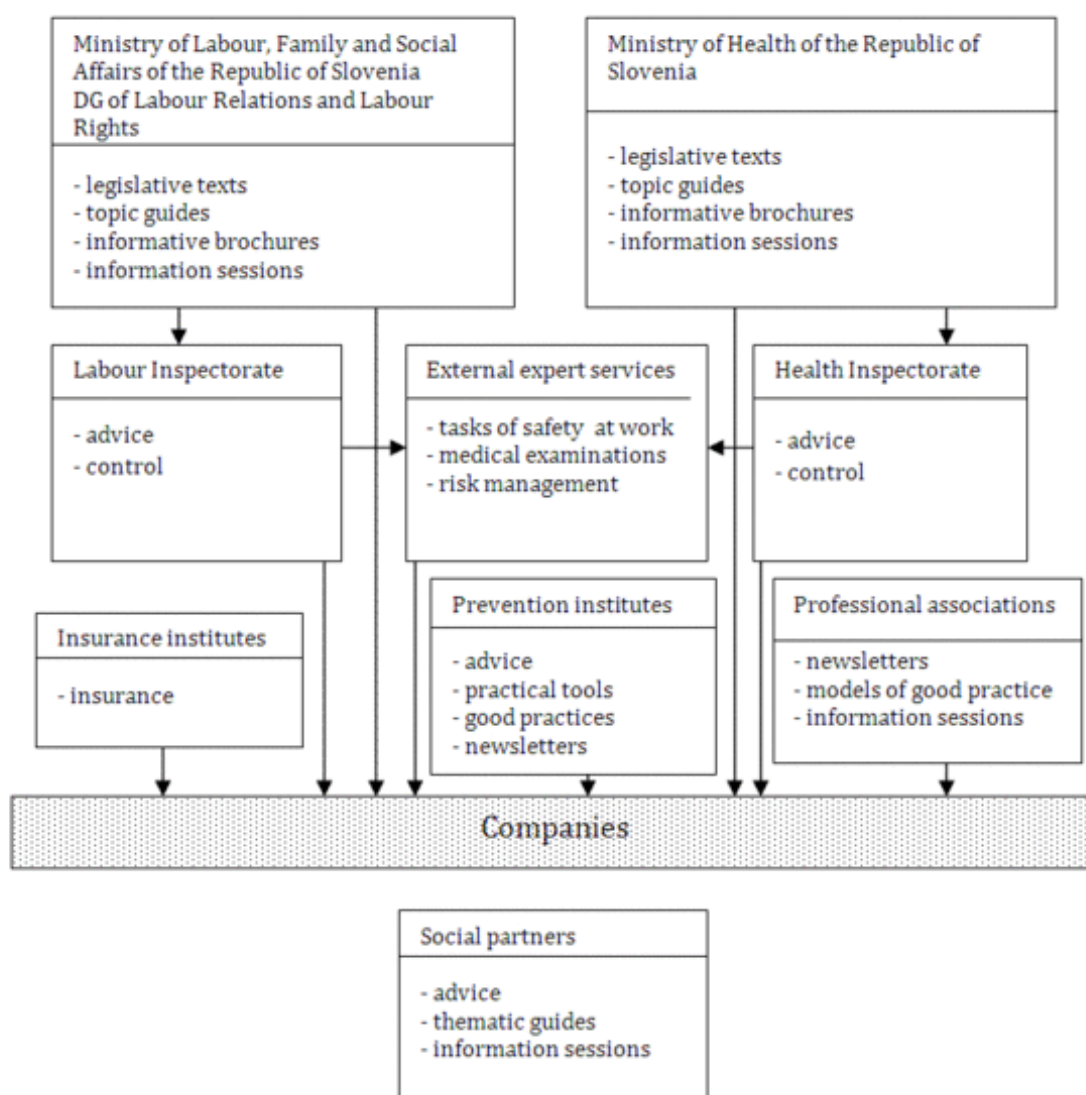
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▪ OSH authorities

Name of authority	Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia (<i>Ministrstvo Za Delo, Družino, Socialne Zadeve in Enake Možnosti</i>)
Link	http://www.mddsz.gov.si/en/
Short abstract	Key occupational safety and health (OSH) authorities are located within the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia.
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Name of authority	Directorate-General of Labour Relations and Labour Rights (<i>Direktorat za delovna razmerja in pravice iz dela</i>)
Link	http://www.mddsz.gov.si/en/areas_of_work/labour_relations_and_labour_rights/
Short abstract	The main executive body within the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities is the Directorate-General of Labour Relations and Labour Rights, which encompasses the Health and Safety at Work Section (<i>Sektor za varnost in zdravje pri delu</i>). Other key bodies within the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities are the Labour Inspectorate (<i>Inšpektorat Republike Slovenije za delo</i>) and the Council for Health and Safety at Work, which is the expert advisory body that considers and adopts views and recommendations on innovation, strategy and the implementation of integrated policies and priorities for OSH.
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Name of authority	Labour Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia
Link	http://www.id.gov.si/en/
Short abstract	The Labour Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia, in its repressive role, carries out inspection activities in the fields of labour relations, OSH and, since 2004, social welfare. Since 1 January 2005, it has acted as a first instance authority for minor offences in an accelerated procedure on the basis of the Minor Offences Act — the Labour Inspectorate supervises the implementation of the Health and Safety at Work Act, which also defines offences for the violation of its provisions. When labour inspectors carry out regular inspection activities in accordance with this law, they also maintain, in cases in which offences are detected, the proceedings for the offence in an accelerated procedure, as a first instance authority. First instance authority means that there may be an appeal against the labour inspector's decision regarding the offence in the form of a request for judicial protection. Through its preventive and advisory role as inspectorate, the Labour Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia provides expert support and advice to both employers and employees, companies, and workers; it is involved in law-making; and it informs the public of its findings, actions and consequences of violations of regulations to protect the rights of legal and natural persons.
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Name of authority	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia (<i>Ministrstvo za zdravje</i>)
Link	http://www.mz.gov.si/en/
Short abstract	The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia deals with activities concerning health at work that are carried out by occupational physicians. Within its scope, the control function concerning the protection of human health against the harmful effects of ionising and non-ionising radiation is performed by the Slovenian Nuclear Safety Administration (<i>Uprava Republike Slovenije za varstvo pred sevanji</i>). Drafting regulations, granting concessions to occupational physicians, coordinating health-at-work programmes, and leading and coordinating activities concerning health promotion for managers and working population are within the powers of the Ministry itself.
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Name of authority	Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia (<i>Zdravstveni inšpektorat Republike Slovenije</i>)
Link	http://www.zi.gov.si/en/
Short abstract	The Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia carries out inspections on the implementation of laws and other regulations related to areas of public health, such as infectious diseases, food safety, drinking water and the medical profession, to ensure compliance with legislation.
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▪ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of body	Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia
Link	http://www.zzzs.si
Short abstract	The Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia is a public institution that provides compulsory health insurance. Compulsory health insurance is covered by contributions of insured persons, employers, the Republic of Slovenia and other stakeholders. The rates of contributions are determined by the Social Security Contributions Act. The groups that are insured by the compulsory health insurance include employees in Slovenia; Slovenian nationals employed in foreign companies; the self-employed; farmers; apprentices; top sportsmen, and top chess players. Compulsory health insurance allows insured persons to claim the right to health services, medicines and medical devices, and to request compensation, such as salary compensation during a temporary absence from work, compensation for fatal accidents or wrongful death and funeral expenses, and reimbursement of travel expenses in connection with exercising the right to health services.
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Name of body	Institute of Pension and Invalidity Insurance of Slovenia
Link	http://www.zpiz.si
Short abstract	The Institute of Pension and Invalidity Insurance of Slovenia is also a public institution. It is a carrier and provider of compulsory pension and invalidity insurance. Compulsory insurance is covered by contributions of insured persons, employers and the Republic of Slovenia. The rates of contributions are determined by the Social Security Contributions Act. People insured by compulsory pension and invalidity insurance include employees in Slovenia, Slovenian nationals employed in foreign companies, the self-employed, farmers, apprentices, top sportsmen and top chess players. This compulsory insurance covers invalidity pensions, occupational rehabilitation, invalidity benefits, reassignment, part-time work and other benefits.

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■ Research institutes

Name of institute	Clinical Institute of Occupational Medicine, Traffic and Sports
Link	https://www.kclj.si/index.php?dir=/divisions_departments/independent_units/institute_of_occupational_traffic_and_sports_medicine
Short abstract	The Clinical Institute of Occupational Medicine, Traffic and Sports is a unit of the University Medical Centre of Ljubljana (<i>Univerzitetni klinični center Ljubljana</i>). It is principal authority in the field of OSH in Slovenia. It carries out healthcare activities at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Within these activities, the institute provides teaching, performs research and development and carries out professional methodological work in the field of workers' health. In addition, the institute prepares the professional grounds for drafting legal acts.
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■ Prevention services

Name of service	National Institute of Public Health (<i>Inštitut za varovanje zdravja Republike Slovenije</i>)
Link	http://www.nijz.si/en
Short abstract	<p>The National Institute of Public Health is the central national institution that studies, protects and increases the level of health of Slovenia's population by raising awareness and operating other preventive measures. Together with its partners, the National Institute of Public Health is a source of data and information for decisions and actions of individuals, professionals and health policy. It recognises the critical public health challenges among the population, including the determinants that affect health, and proposes measures to improve public health. The National Institute of Public Health monitors the healthcare system, prepares analyses and proposes measures to improve the availability, performance and development priorities of the healthcare system. It identifies potential health threats, assesses risks and prepares measures for the protection of health. With the support of research and international cooperation, it contributes to and disseminates new knowledge and good practice.</p> <p>The National Institute of Public Health performs basic preventive health care in the Republic of Slovenia. Notably, through the implementation of a national programme, it implements the strategic direction of the country in the field of preventive medicine and public health. There are nine regional healthcare institutions. The actions of these individual healthcare institutions do not differ significantly. Among the regional institutes, the Institute of Public Health of Ljubljana (<i>Zavod za zdravstveno varstvo Ljubljana</i>) is the largest institute in terms of both size (area) and population. The area covered by its activities encompasses 40 municipalities with more than 600,000 inhabitants.</p>
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▪ **Other OSH services**

Name of association	Chamber of Health and Safety at Work (<i>Zbornica varnosti in zdravja pri delu</i>)
Link	http://www.zbornica-vzd.si/
Short abstract	This chamber unites safety practitioners and occupational physicians on a voluntary basis, although the latter are also members of the Medical Chamber of Slovenia (<i>Zdravniška zbornica Slovenije</i>). The chamber was founded in 2000 on the basis of the previous Occupational Health and Safety Act. Its most important tasks, according to the provisions of this act, were raising the level of health and safety at work and participating in drafting legal acts. Because it was designed to be a private professional association — although its members also became companies that are, as external expert services, active in the field of OSH — it informally became a business association. This is the reason why the new 2011 OSH legislation does not regulate the Chamber of Health and Safety at Work anymore; however, the chamber still exists and is active in the field of OSH, as it was before this change in legislation was made.
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Name of association	Medical Chamber of Slovenia
Link	http://www.zdravniskazbornica.si/
Short abstract	This chamber is an independent professional organisation of medical physicians and dentists. Membership is obligatory. Members of this chamber are those who work as physicians or dentists in Slovenia and have direct contact with patients. It protects and represents the interests of the medical profession and ensures the compliance of doctors with their medical duties.
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Name of association	Association of Societies of Safety Engineers (<i>Zveza društev varnostnih inženirjev Slovenije</i>)
Link	http://www.zveza-dvis.si/
Short abstract	This is a professional association that unites municipal, inter-municipal and regional societies of safety practitioners. Membership is not obligatory. The association offers education and integration to its members. The association founded the Foundation of Avgust Kuhar, which is tasked with awarding outstanding achievements in the field of OSH and rewarding those who play an active role in societies of safety engineers.
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Name of association	The Association of Occupational Medicine, Traffic and Sports (<i>Združenje medicine dela, prometa in športa — Slovensko zdravniško društvo</i>)
Link	http://www.zmd.si/
Short abstract	This association unites those who work in occupational medicine, traffic and sports. Membership is not obligatory. The association organises professional education for members and non-members and solves other relevant issues of its members.
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▪ **Standardisation bodies**

Name of body	Slovenian Accreditation (<i>Slovenska akreditacija</i>)
Link	http://www.slo-akreditacija.si/
Short abstract	Slovenian Accreditation is a public institute responsible for carrying out tasks of national accreditation. It follows the Accreditation Act and the decision on the establishment of a public institute for Slovenian accreditation. It is responsible for the harmonious development of standards in Slovenia and is a member of the European Cooperation for Accreditation, the International Accreditation Forum and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation.
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