

## Slovenia (SMEs, Entrepreneurship and Innovation)

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHEST) and the Ministry of the Economy (ME) have been supporting R&D and innovation activities in SMEs through co-financing R&D projects, innovative research investments, research infrastructure, participation in international research networks, and innovation vouchers. In 2009, the measure to co-finance R&D projects was redesigned in terms of its focus, conditions for application and budget. Its goal is to stimulate the investment of micro and small enterprises in R&D, new technologies, products and processes. The wider aim is to increase the technological level, value added and competitiveness of SMEs. The R&D activity can be carried out within the enterprise, or in co-operation with other enterprises and/or public R&D institutions.

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