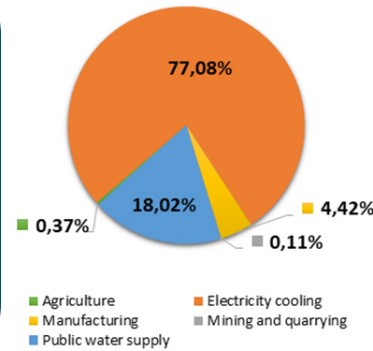
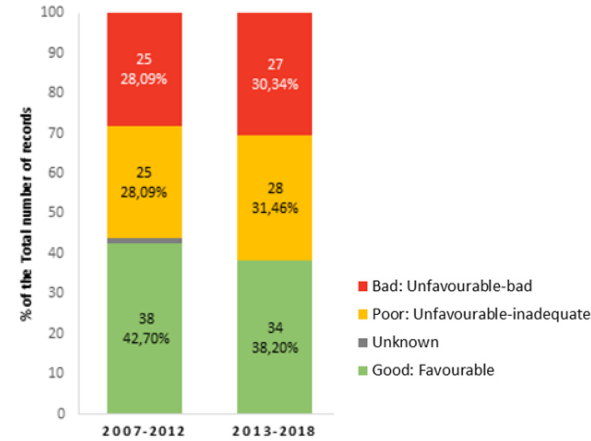




of inhabitants **2.1 million**
Surface area **20 145 km²**
GDP per capita **92 pps [1]**
Significant bodies of water (RBDs) **Adriatic; Danube**
Polity **decentralised unitary state**
Layers of government **central government; 12 regions; 212 municipalities**
Legislative powers at the sub-national level **No**
Decentralisation index **1.8 (10 out of 27) [2]**
Water Exploitation Index plus (WEI+) **0.7% (2017) [3]**



Water abstraction per sector in Slovenia - Source: EEA (2022)



Conservation status for habitats in 2007-2012 and 2013-2018 in Slovenia - Source: EEA (2021)



Water bodies with less than good ecological status in Slovenia - Source: EEA (2021)

Main actors responsible for WEFE nexus relevant governance

NEXUS PILLARS	POLICY MAKING	POLICY EXECUTION
Water	Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning	--
Energy	Ministry of Infrastructure	--
Food	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	--
Ecosystems	Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning	--

WEFE NEXUS PERSPECTIVE

CHALLENGES

- Assess the why and how of new modifications to water bodies
- Take action on nitrates' groundwater hotspots and address eutrophication of surface waters
- Improve wastewater management infrastructure
- Implement the necessary habitat and species conservation measures for all protected areas
- Improve the coordinated implementation of water, marine and nature policies

OPPORTUNITIES

- Shortcomings in biodiversity protection are addressed within the LIFE Integrated Project for enhanced management of Natura 2000 in Slovenia.
- According to its Recovery and Resilience Plan, Slovenia will invest in improved drinking water supply and water-saving projects
- Slovenia has set up a satellite observation system to monitor watercourses



More information on WEFE nexus governance in the EU

[1] EU purchasing power standard
[2] <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/divisionpowers/Pages/Decentralization-Index.aspx>
[3] The threshold for water scarcity is set at > 20%

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