

EU Danube Region Strategy

PA 8 LIGHTHOUSE

SUPPLY CHAINS & FINANCE



Voucher Program

Slovene Enterprise Fund



Steinbeis
Europa Zentrum
Enabling Innovators to Grow



Gospodarska
zbornica
Slovenije

Chamber of Commerce
and Industry of Slovenia



Interreg Programme
Danube Region



Co-funded by
the European Union



REPUBLIC of CROATIA
Ministry of
Economy



Baden-Württemberg
Ministry of Economic Affairs,
Labour and Tourism

Basics

Name: Slovene Enterprise Fund Vouchers

Country: Slovenia

Scoring: 45/50

Key Project Data:



2019 – 2023

2023 – 2028



34 Million €

21 Million €

Funded by the:

- Republic of Slovenia
- European Regional Development Fund
- National private contribution

Project Coordinator:



Slovene Enterprise Fund



Rok Huber



<https://ogy.de/vouchers>

Contact Person:



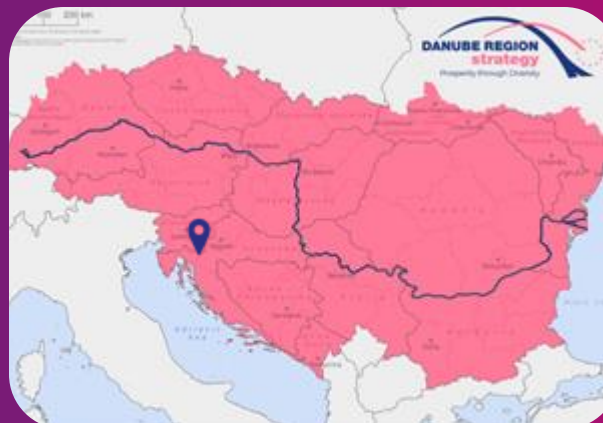
Jana Lorger



jana.lorger@podjetniskisklad.si

Partner:

Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Economy, Tourism and Sport



About the project

The **Voucher program** (Vouchers for Co-Financing Individual Services for Improving Business Competences) is an initiative coordinated by the Slovene Enterprise Fund.

The main purpose of the voucher program is the establishment of a system of **allocating small-scale incentives**. This allows micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSEs and SMEs) to have **significantly simplified access to co-funding for specific services**. The aim is to help them strengthen their competitiveness, competencies, market presence and reputation, and innovativeness in areas based on their specific needs such as the circular/green economy, digitalization, internationalization, intellectual property protection, certification, etc.



SIMPLE & FAST & ACCESSIBLE PROCESSING

The Voucher Program offers simple and accessible small value incentives for SMEs. They are **quick and easy to obtain**, being **available throughout the whole year** and without any excessive approval procedures. SMEs can benefit from a maximum of 3 active vouchers, or a total value of a maximum of 30,000.00 per year.



CO-FINANCING 60% OF ELIGIBLE COSTS

The Voucher Program is co-financing up to a max. of 60% of the eligible costs per granted voucher or in the amount of a lump sum.



FROM 300 € TO 9,999.99 € IN GRANTS

Voucher forms

The most notable aspect of the voucher programme is its demand-driven structure, which allows SMEs to apply for support in specific thematic areas relevant to their development needs:

Voucher for participation in business delegations abroad	Life cycle assessment (LCA) voucher	SME Sustainability Reporting Voucher (ESG voucher)
Voucher for obtaining quality certificates	Voucher for the status transformation of companies	Intellectual property protection voucher
Ownership transfer voucher	Cyber security voucher	Voucher to boost prototyping in startups

Vouchers are implemented through public calls in which no evaluation methodology or scoring criteria are used. Beneficiaries are selected based on meeting the conditions specified in the public call. Applications are processed on a "first come, first served" basis.

Open Vouchers until 31 March 2028

V1 – Voucher for participation in business delegations abroad

Purpose: Encourage companies to join economic delegations by facilitating connections with potential business partners.

Amount of funding: Minimum subsidy: 300 €
Maximum subsidy: 3.000 €

Available funds: 0.5M €

V2 – Voucher for patents, models, brands

Purpose: Protect intellectual property (IP) by covering costs related to patents, designs, and trademarks.

Amount of funding: Minimum subsidy: 500 €
Maximum subsidy: 5.000 €

Available funds: 2.0M €

V3 – Voucher for Certification

Purpose: Supports companies in obtaining, maintaining, or renewing internationally recognized certifications and management systems.

Amount of funding: Minimum subsidy: 1.000,00 €
Maximum subsidy: 9.999,99 €

Available funds: 3.0M €

V4 – Voucher for transfer of ownership

Purpose: Support companies in preparing and implementing ownership transitions, ensuring business continuity, job preservation, and enhanced competitiveness.

Amount of funding: Minimum subsidy: 500 €
Maximum subsidy: 3.000 or 9.000 €

Available funds: 0.7M €

Open Vouchers until 31 March 2028

V5 – Voucher for the Status Transformation of Companies

Purpose: Encourage companies to join economic delegations by facilitating connections with potential business partners.

Amount of funding: Minimum subsidy: 1.000 €
Maximum subsidy: 5.000 €

Available funds: 1.50M €

V6 – Voucher for Co-financing the Development of Project Proposals for Calls for Tenders under the Second Pillar of EU's Horizon Europe Framework Programme

Amount of funding: Minimum subsidy: 500 €
Maximum subsidy: 4.000 €

Available funds: 0.5M €

VL – Voucher for Research, Development and Design in Woodworking Enterprises 24-2

Application deadline: only until March 2025

Purpose: To increase the competitiveness and growth of enterprises in the woodworking industry.

Amount of funding: Minimum subsidy: 1000,00 €
Maximum subsidy: EUR 9.999,99 €

Available funds: 0.3M €

Voucher acquisition procedure

Public call

Easy and quick application preparation

Electronic submission

The company submits the application via ePortal.

Application processing at Slovene Enterprise Fund

The SEF examines the submitted application. The complete applications, which also comply with all of the requirements set out in the call for tenders, will be approved and funded within the limits of the available funds. A co-financing agreement is forwarded to all the applicants who have been successfully selected for funding.

Signing agreement with the SEF

If the application is approved, a co-financing agreement is signed with the SEF. The contract signing and delivery are carried out digitally, by means of a qualified digital certificate for business entities.

Implementation

Payment request and evidence

Payout

Results

Period

2019 - 2023

Number of public calls

15

Projects supported

8.000

Total amount of support

34M €

Review

Obstacles during 2019 - 2023:

- High demands for certain types of support
- Limited financial resources available

New program period 2023 - 2028:

- Vouchers are already being re-implemented and public calls from the previous cycle will be reopened
- Introduction of new topics, that reflects current market conditions and the needs of SMEs