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PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN SLOVENIA

Basic data:

- **1.200** young reasearchers (850-900 FTE) financed per year
- 250 new candidates for young researchers accepted per year
- 5.613 mio SIT (125 mio EUR) per year
- 19 % of the budget of Slovenian Research Agency

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Policy **goals** in the field of Human Research Resources:

- to educate top-quality research personnel
- to increase the extent of research activity
- to foster high research quality
- to increase the application of knowledge through knowledge transfer (mobility of researchers)

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Young researchers programme ("New blood")

- Start in **1985** as an important program to prevent Slovenia from lagging behind in scientific and technological development.
- Dubling the research budget in the late 80 s

Goals:

- to renew and rejuvenate the research personnel in research institutes and universities,
- to educate qualified professional research staff, also for industry and other non-academic institutions

Research training programme:

- young researchers are employed for a specified period
 - They have salaries, cost-covering schoolarship and material expenses, including small equipment
- along with the post-graduate studies, they work on basic and applied projects or programmes
- within the period of training and education at home, they can also study abroad (from 1 month to 12 months)

General rules:

Admittance

- Average Study Grade at least 8 at Level II.
- As a Rule, Age up to 28

Funding Period

- 2.5 Years for a Master's Degree
- 2.5 Years for Doctor's Degree
- 4 Years Uniform Doctoral Studies

Benefits

- Temporary Employment
- Earnings according to Collective Agreement
- Funding of Research WorkCost Covering of Post Graduate Studies

Some **novelties** in programme:

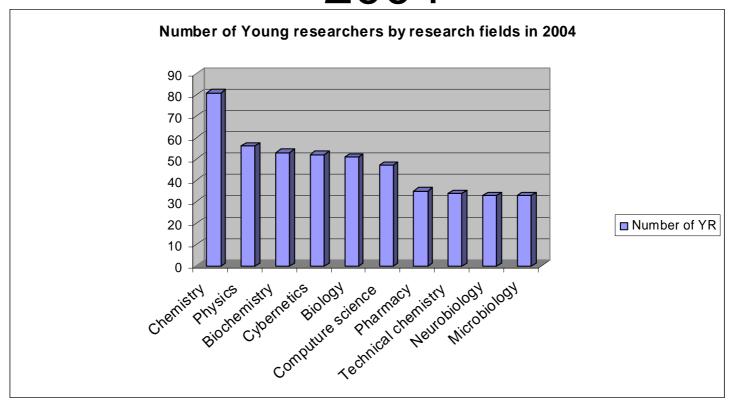
- Young researchers for bussines sector
- Public call for tutors of young researchers instead for applicants
- Thematic oriented public call by priorities of Government
- Possibilities for applicants of young researchers from foreign countries (also for post-doc applicants)

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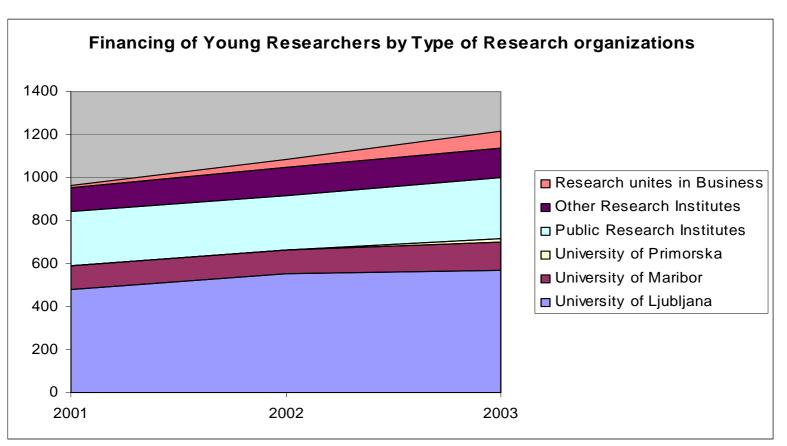
Total volume of financed young researchers by scientific disciplines, 1985-2004

Discipline	Number	Structure
Natural Sciences	1.341	25,1
Technical Sciences	2.046	38,3
Medicine	478	8,9
Agricultural Sciences	593	11,1
Social Sciences	500	9,4
Humanities	387	7,2
Others	2	0,0
Total	5.347	100,0

Top ten research fields by number of Young researchers in 2004

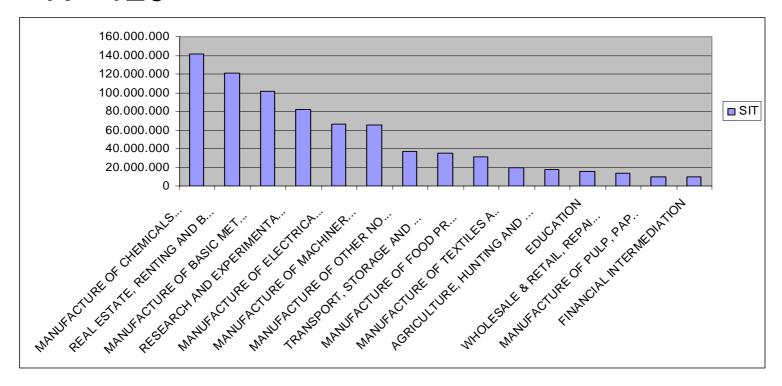


Young researchers by **Research Organizations**



One of novelties: Young researchers in **business sector** by fields of production (2001-2004)

• N= 120



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Evaluation of tutors for applicants of young researchers:

- Scientific excellence of tutors (bibliometrics data in COBISS)
- The past success of tutors in young researchers training (number of doctor's degree, master's degree)
- **Links with users** in industry, economy ... (share of income gained outside of state budget)



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Znanstvene publikacije (2000-2005)

Kategorizacija po metodologiji ARRS

Tip	SCIE/1	SCIE/2	SCIE/3	SCIE/4	SSCI/1	SSCI/2	AHCI	МВР	SLOR	NK	Skupaj
1.01	41	2	4	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	56
1.02	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MZZ	NZZ	DRZ								
2.01	0	0	1							0	1
1.16	1	0	1							1	3

A		Number of points in line with 30. paragraph of Rules on the Co-financing of Basic, Applied and Postdoctoral Research projects
	1. Scientific Articles published in the last 5 years	
	 Scientific journal article based on SCI Expanded, with impact factor 	
	Scientific journal article based on SSCI, with impact factor	
	Scientific journal article based on A&HCI	
	 Scientific journal article which is not based on ISI database but international bibliographic database, specialized for research fields 	
	 Scientific article in other slovenian scientific journals from the Slovenian Research Agency list 	

A		Number of points in connection with 30. paragraph of Rules on the Co-financing of Basic, Applicative and Postdoctoral Research projects
	2. Scientific Monograph	
	■Monograph, edited by international (scientific) publisher	
	■Monograph, edited by national (scientific) publisher	
	■Monograph, edited by other publishers	
	Chapter or article in the scientific monograph	

A		Number of points in connection with 30. paragraph of Rules on the Co-financing of Basic, Applicative and Postdoctoral Research projects
	3. Science citation index of published bibliographies	
	Scientific articles of the candidate from the first criterion were quoted in the last 5 year period (without self-citation)	

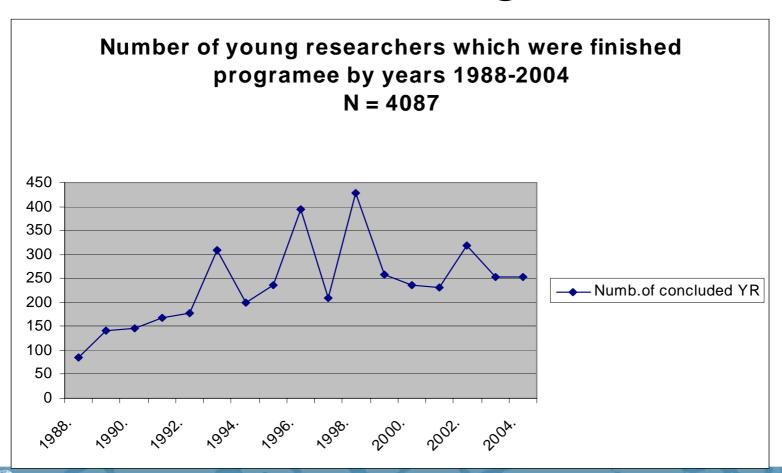
В		Number of points
	1. Links between research work and users	
	■Candidate is the head or coordinator of project which was financed in the last five years: ➤ Applied project extended overFTE per year ➤ International project extended overFTE per year ➤ Industrial project extended overFTE peryear ➤ Development project extended overFTE per year ➤ Target research program extended overFTE per year	

C Quality of program group in which collaborate candidate for the tutor

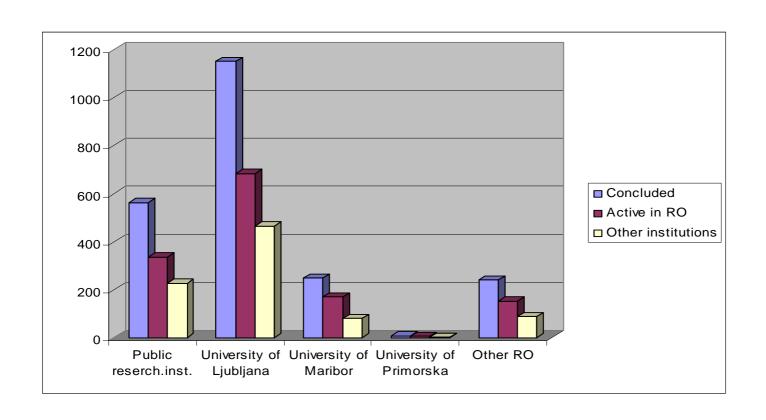
D		Number of young researchers/ number of points
	1. Number of young researchers which were financed by the Slovenian Research Agency in the last 10 year period	
	2. Number of successfully qualificated young researchers in the last 10 year period > with master's degree > with doctor's degree	
	3. Number of unsuccessfully qualificated young researchers in the last 10 year period	
	•young researchers	
	4. Number of young researchers employed outside the research organization in the last 10 year period	
	•young researchers	

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Results of Programme:



Employment of Young researchers in period 2000-2004:



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Conclusions:

- Qualified and active human resources play many important roles at several levels of Slovenian development
- Slovenian research agency will continue with young research programme which will be more oriented toward national research and development **priorities** for strenghten our competitiveness in global world.