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Q1

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Respondent (Donor country or headquarters location in the case of Organizations)

Q2

About you

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Q3

Does your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan include trade priorities (i.e., Aid-for-Trade priorities)?

Yes,

Additional information on the trade (or Aid-for-Trade priorities) included in your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan (or other trade-related policy document):

Aid for Trade is mentioned among the Development Cooperation priorities in the Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Strategy of the Republic of Slovenia until 2030, specifically mentioning SDG target 8.a (Increase Aid for Trade support for developing countries, particularly least-developed countries, including through the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries) and with the following justification: "Decent work for decent pay is the basis for eliminating poverty and inequality. Favourable conditions for business development in partner countries, which is environmentally friendly and offers equal opportunities to both genders, facilitate better adaptability of the economy of the partner country to the situation in the domestic and international market and foster innovation. Poverty can also be reduced or eliminated by fostering trade and participating in the global economy. As a result, attaining EU standards and thereby cooperation in the European single market is particularly important to partner countries which have a European perspective and an association agreement with the EU. As to countries of sub-Saharan Africa, it is vital that they receive support for entering the global economy on the basis of economic partnership agreements with the EU."

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Q4

If yes, please highlight what these Aid-for-Trade priorities are: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top priority areas among the ones listed below (1 being the most important).

Women's economic empowerment (please specify in the box below: rural women, women-owned businesses, women-led businesses, female workers, etc.)

1

Youth economic empowerment

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Additional information and weblink(s) to the relevant strategy(ies), polic(ies) or plan(s) in which your Aid- for-Trade priorities are included.

Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Strategy of the Republic of Slovenia until 2030, providing a framework for multilateral activities and scope to enhance bilateral co-operation. Link: <https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MZZ/Dokumenti/multilateral/razvojno-sodelovanje/Development-Cooperation-and-Humanitarian-Aid-Strategy-of-the-Republic-of-Slovenia.pdf>

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Q5

No

Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2019?

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Q6

Respondent skipped this question

If yes, please identify the top drivers of change in your Aid-for-Trade priorities from the list below: (Please select no more than 5 options from the areas listed below).

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Q7

Same

Has Aid for Trade become a more or less important part of your development policy since 2019?

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

Q9

No

Do you have a specific development or aid strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic?

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Q10

Respondent skipped this question

If yes, please indicate whether your strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic addresses any of the following areas: (You may tick more than one box).

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Q11

Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to your Aid-for-Trade activities and action.

Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Strategy of the Republic of Slovenia until 2030, providing a framework for multilateral activities and scope to enhance bilateral co-operation. Link:

<https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MZZ/Dokumenti/multilateral/razvojno-sodelovanje/Development-Cooperation-and-Humanitarian-Aid-Strategy-of-the-Republic-of-Slovenia.pdf>

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Q12

Is the environmental dimension of sustainable development reflected in your development or aid policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies)?

Yes,

Additional information on how sustainable development is reflected in your development or aid policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies). (Please provide weblinks as applicable):

Environmental dimension is understood as an integral part of sustainable development. It has also been actively mainstreamed through Development Cooperation.

Environmental dimension is a mandatory criterion in the Methodology for the selection of projects, as prescribed by the Decree on implementing development cooperation and humanitarian aid of the Republic of Slovenia. With the same Decree, Slovenia also banned projects that contribute to an increased use of fossil fuels.

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Q13

If yes, please indicate in which of your strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) sustainable development is reflected: (You may tick more than one box).

Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan,

Additional information on the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) in which sustainable development is reflected.:

Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Strategy of the Republic of Slovenia until 2030 (for link see Q9).

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Q14

Does your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan explicitly target any of the following environment-specific goals? (You may tick more than one box).

Sustainable Production and Consumption (SDG 12),

Climate Action (SDG 13),

Additional information on the environment-specific goals and approaches such as financing, sharing of know-how, technology transfer (including sharing of know-how), promotion of value chain integration targeted by your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan.:

Resolution on development cooperation and humanitarian assistance of the Republic of Slovenia of September 2017 defines two broad priorities for development cooperation, namely: a) promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies, with a particular emphasis on good governance, equal opportunities, including gender equality, and quality education; and b) fight against climate change, focused on the sustainable management of natural and energy resources. These have been narrowed down in the Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Strategy of the Republic of Slovenia until 2030 of December 2018, specifically to encompass SDG 8, SDG 12, SDG 13 and SDG 16.

Q15**Yes**

Does your sustainable development strategy, policy, or plan include trade objectives?

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Q16**Yes,**

If yes, do the trade objectives address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

Additional information on how the environmental dimension of sustainable development is reflected in your development policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies). (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:

Environmental dimension is understood as an integral part of sustainable development. It has also been actively mainstreamed through Development Cooperation.

Environmental dimension is a mandatory criterion in the Methodology for the selection of projects, as prescribed by the Decree on implementing development cooperation and humanitarian aid of the Republic of Slovenia.

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Q17**Unsure**

As a donor, do you have coordination or dialogues with developing countries' national committees, ministries of trade and agencies on sustainable development?

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Q18**Respondent skipped this question**

If yes, do these dialogues address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

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Q19**Respondent skipped this question**

Please identify the economic sector(s) in your developing and least-developed partner countries that would gain the most in terms of economic and export diversification as a result of the move to sustainable development? (You may tick more than 1 box).

Q20**Respondent skipped this question**

Please identify the economic sectors that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development. (You may tick more than 1 box).

Q21

In your view, what challenges constitute the main obstacles to the transition towards sustainable development in developing and least-developed partner countries?(You may tick more than 1 box).

- Access to finance,
- Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)
- ,
- High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector
- ,
- Lack of data to support decision-making,
- Lack of human resource capability,
- Lack of political will,
- Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,
- Social pressures (poverty, population growth),
- Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment
- ,
- Lack of technology transfer (including know-how)

Q22

Please highlight the main challenges that Aid for Trade should address to support a transition to sustainable development? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Access to finance,
- Developing countries' political challenges (e.g., security and stability)
- ,
- Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Gender inequality,
- High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector
- ,
- Lack of human resource capability,
- Lack of political will,
- Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,
- Social pressures (poverty, population growth),
- Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment
- ,
- Lack of technology transfer (including sharing of know-how)

Q23

Do your Aid-for-Trade or development strategies include a circular economy strategy, policy, plan or objectives?

Unsure,

Additional information on your circular economy strategy, policy, plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: Aid for Trade and Circular Economy are addressed separately in our Development Cooperation Strategy, as focus on SDG 8 and on SDG 12, but intersections are always possible and even desirable.

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Q24

If yes, which economic sectors does the circular economy strategy, policy, plan or objectives cover?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Respondent skipped this question

Q25

If yes, does the circular economy strategy, policy, plan or objectives include trade goals?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q26

Is digital connectivity reflected as a priority in your sustainable development strategy, policy, or plan?

No,

Additional information on how digital connectivity is reflected in your sustainable development strategy, policy or plan.: In the Development Cooperation Strategy (external dimension) not.

Q27

Do you have an Aid-for-Trade strategy, policy or plan for digital connectivity (including digital economy, e-commerce, etc.)?

No,

Additional information on your Aid-for-Trade policy documents for digital connectivity. (Please include weblinks of the source used).: In its Development Cooperation Strategy, Slovenia places attention to digital entrepreneurship, promotion of digital education and new digital skills, but not to digital connectivity.

Q28

In which sectors could digital connectivity best support the transition to sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Services

Q29

Please identify which issues where digital connectivity would offer most promise in the move to sustainable development?(You may tick more than one box).

Respondent skipped this question

Q30**No**

Is there an existing Aid-for-Trade project for digital connectivity towards sustainable development and/or environmentally sustainable growth (or circular economy) that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

Q31**Unsure**

Do you agree that the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as an accelerator for the move to digital economy in your developing and least developed partner countries?

Q32**Respondent skipped this question**

In which areas has the COVID-19 pandemic exposed shortcomings in digital connectivity?(You may tick more than one box).

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Q33**Respondent skipped this question**

Looking ahead, in which sectors do you think future Aid-for-Trade support should focus so as to support sustainable development objectives? (You may tick more than 1 box).

Q34**Unsure**

Looking ahead, in which categories of Aid for Trade do you think support should be focused so as to advance the environmental dimension of sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

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Q35**Egypt,**

To which developing and least-developed partner countries do you provide Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development ? (You may tick more than one box).(You may tick more than 1 box).

Additional information on the partners to which you provide Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development.:
+ Serbia, which is missing from the list.

Q36**Respondent skipped this question**

Please identify the South-South and Triangular cooperation partners you work with in order to provide financing for sustainable development.(You may tick more than 1 box).

Q37

Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme for sustainable trade or development, green growth or circular economy that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

Slovenia supported a project titled "Inclusive and sustainable development of the tomato value chain in Egypt", implemented in cooperation with UNIDO. Several Slovenian companies took part and co-financed the project as well. More:

https://open.unido.org/projects/EG/projects/170251?_ga=2.183167716.376596949.1557660449-652774733.1526911941

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Q38

Do you implement policies that address the environmental dimension of sustainable development and that also support progress on gender equality and/or women's economic empowerment?

Yes,

Additional information on whether you implement policies that address the environmental dimension of sustainable development while also supporting progress on gender equality /women empowerment. You may also provide information on your intention to draft such policies in the future. (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

Environment protection and Gender equality have been mainstreamed through Development Cooperation. Impact on environment and on gender equality are both mandatory criteria in the Methodology for the selection of projects, as prescribed by the Decree on implementing development cooperation and humanitarian aid of the Republic of Slovenia. Projects that simultaneously address both policies have better prospects to be selected for financing.

Q39

Do you implement Aid-for-Trade projects that combine the objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmentally sustainable development?

Yes,

Additional information on the Aid-for-Trade projects which combine the twin objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmental environmentally sustainable development. Please indicate the number of projects, the sector concerned (agriculture, fisheries, sustainable tourism, circular economy, etc.). (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

An example of such project is an NGO project that concentrates on women's economic empowerment in rural South-Eastern part of Serbia ore one on women's economic empowerment in Rwanda. Links: - http://mzz.arhiv-spletisc.gov.si/en/foreign_policy_and_international_law/international_development_cooperation_and_human/projects/western_balkans/serbia/economic_and_social_empowerment_of_women_in_rur/index.html - http://mzz.arhiv-spletisc.gov.si/en/foreign_policy_and_international_law/international_development_cooperation_and_humanitarian_assistance/projects/africa/rwanda/project_c1811_18_00005/index.html

Q40

Respondent skipped this question

Any other information you wish to share? (e.g., where support for sustainable trade or development is needed).

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Q41

Is women's economic empowerment included as an objective in your development or Aid-for-Trade strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s)?

Yes,

Additional information on how women's economic empowerment is included as an objective in your Aid-for-Trade strateg(ies) policy(ies) or plan(s):

Gender equality has been mainstreamed through Slovenian Development Cooperation. Impact on gender equality is a mandatory criterion in the Methodology for the selection of projects, as prescribed by the Decree on implementing development cooperation and humanitarian aid of the Republic of Slovenia.

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Q42

If yes, please indicate the strategy, policy, or plan in which women's economic empowerment is included: (You may tick more than one box).

Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan,

Additional information on the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that include women's economic empowerment. (Please include weblinks as applicable):

Same as in Q9.

Q43

Do the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that you have identified seek to ensure non-discrimination with respect to conditions of employment or occupation (including through the provision of flexible work arrangements)?

No,

Additional information on how the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that you have identify seek to ensure non-discrimination with respect to conditions of employment or occupation. (Please include weblinks as applicable):

Not specifically.

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Q44

Does your government collect/institution data on women's economic empowerment in relation to trade and development?

Yes,

Additional information on the data on women's economic empowerment that your government/institution collects. (Please include weblinks as applicable):

Data on activities is collected in line with the OECD DAC standards. Results of the activities have been monitored on a project basis, no aggregation or monitoring of the impacts on trends on higher level (regional/national) as projects are small-scale with limited impact on general trends.

Q45

In your view, what trade and development constraints do women face the most?(You may tick more than one box).

Difficulties accessing financial services,
Difficult working conditions,
Discriminatory practices,
Informal employment,
Occupational segregation,
Seasonal employment,
Smaller sized business,
Unpaid care and domestic work,
Unpaid employment

Q46

Can Aid for Trade play a role in addressing these constraints?

Yes

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Q47

Have you provided Aid for Trade to finance projects for women's economic empowerment during the period 2015-2020?

Yes

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Q48

If yes, please provide further information on the countries in which you have provided Aid-for-Trade programmes on women's economic empowerment.

Number of total projects implemented in the period 2015-2020

13

Duration in years (1, 2 or more than 3)

Normally 2 - 3 years of duration.

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Q49

Please specify the areas that your Aid-for-Trade projects for women's economic empowerment sought to address:(You may tick more than one box).

Developing training programmes,
Capacity-strengthening initiatives,
Increasing women's participation in services sectors,
Supporting women's entrepreneurship,
Supporting women-owned/led MSMEs to export

Q50

Have you used public-private partnerships to achieve your Aid-for-Trade objectives in relation to women's economic empowerment?

Yes,

Additional information on the public-private partnerships used to achieve your Aid-for-Trade objectives in relation to women's economic empowerment. Please include reasons as to why or why not. Kindly provide a list of your private sector partners, the number of projects run, and the sectors concerned. You may also describe each project and their impacts in no more than 300 words per project. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: From 2018 on, Slovenian MFA has been encouraging the NGOs to partner with private entities in their projects in order to bring in the expertise, know-how, technologies etc. of the private sector for the benefit of target populations. All public call for proposals for NGOs projects since then resulted in the MFA supporting development projects with private partner's engagements in one way or another.

Q51

Does Aid for Trade help to mobilize funds for women's economic empowerment?

Yes,

Additional information on how Aid for Trade helps to mobilize funds for women's economic empowerment, including the reasons as to why or why not.: AfT projects usually involve commercial (for profit) activities, which are easier to attract private co-financiers of the projects.

Q52

Are your Aid-for-Trade projects involving women's economic empowerment underpinned by a monitoring and evaluation/ results framework?

Yes,

Additional information on how your Aid-for-Trade projects involving women's economic empowerment are underpinned by a monitoring and evaluation/ results framework.: The implementation of projects is always monitored, while evaluation follows certain criteria and periodic cycles.

Q53

Does the Aid-for-Trade support for women's economic empowerment that you provide align with your partners' trade priorities and objectives?

Yes,

Additional information on how the Aid-for-Trade support for women's economic empowerment you provide aligns with your partner's trade priorities and objectives.: In line with the Development Cooperation Effectiveness principles, the projects we support stem from the partner needs and are implemented in close cooperation with local partners, which ensures ownership.

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Q54

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies?

Unsure

Q55

Respondent skipped this question

Please identify the top 5 barriers that prevent women from accessing digital technology:(You may tick a maximum of 5 boxes).

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Q56

Respondent skipped this question

Looking ahead, in which trade sectors do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Q57

Respondent skipped this question

Looking ahead, in which Aid-for-Trade categories do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Q58

Respondent skipped this question

You may use the box below to elaborate on how you think that Aid for Trade can advance women's economic empowerment.

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Q59

CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

Ministry of Economic Development and Technology
