



# **Development Strategy on Slovenian Local Self-government until 2020**

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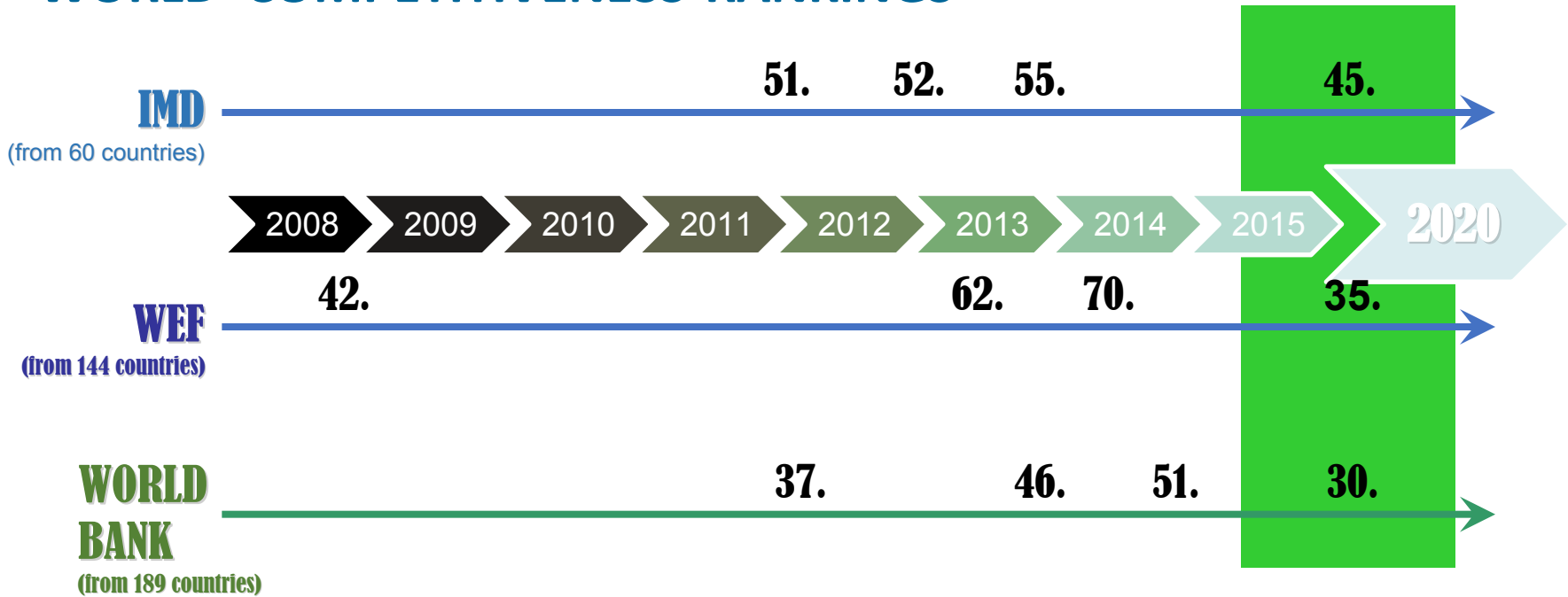
- **State:** Democratic parliamentary republic since 25 June 1991
- **Member of Council of Europe:** since 14 May 1993
- **Member of European Union:** since 1 May 2004
- **GDP per capita:** 79,7 % EU average (2016)
- **Organisation:** Unitary state
- **Inhabitants:** 2.064.241 (2017)
- **Administrative units:** 58 (2017)
- **Municipalities:** 212 (2017)
- **Size:** 20,273 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Employees - public sector (state + local):** 158.000
- **Employees - state administration:** 32.000
- **Employees – local administration:** 4.400

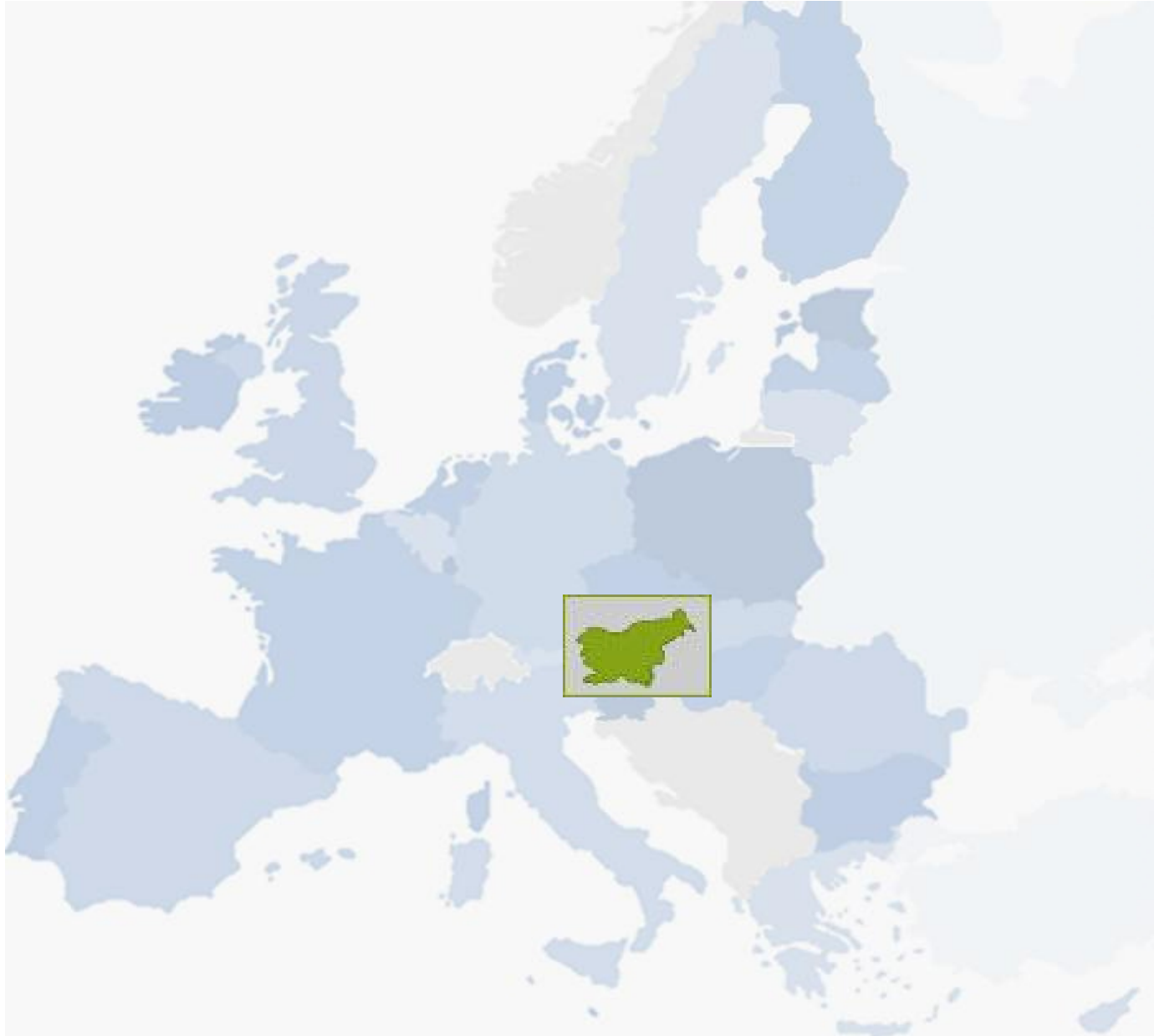


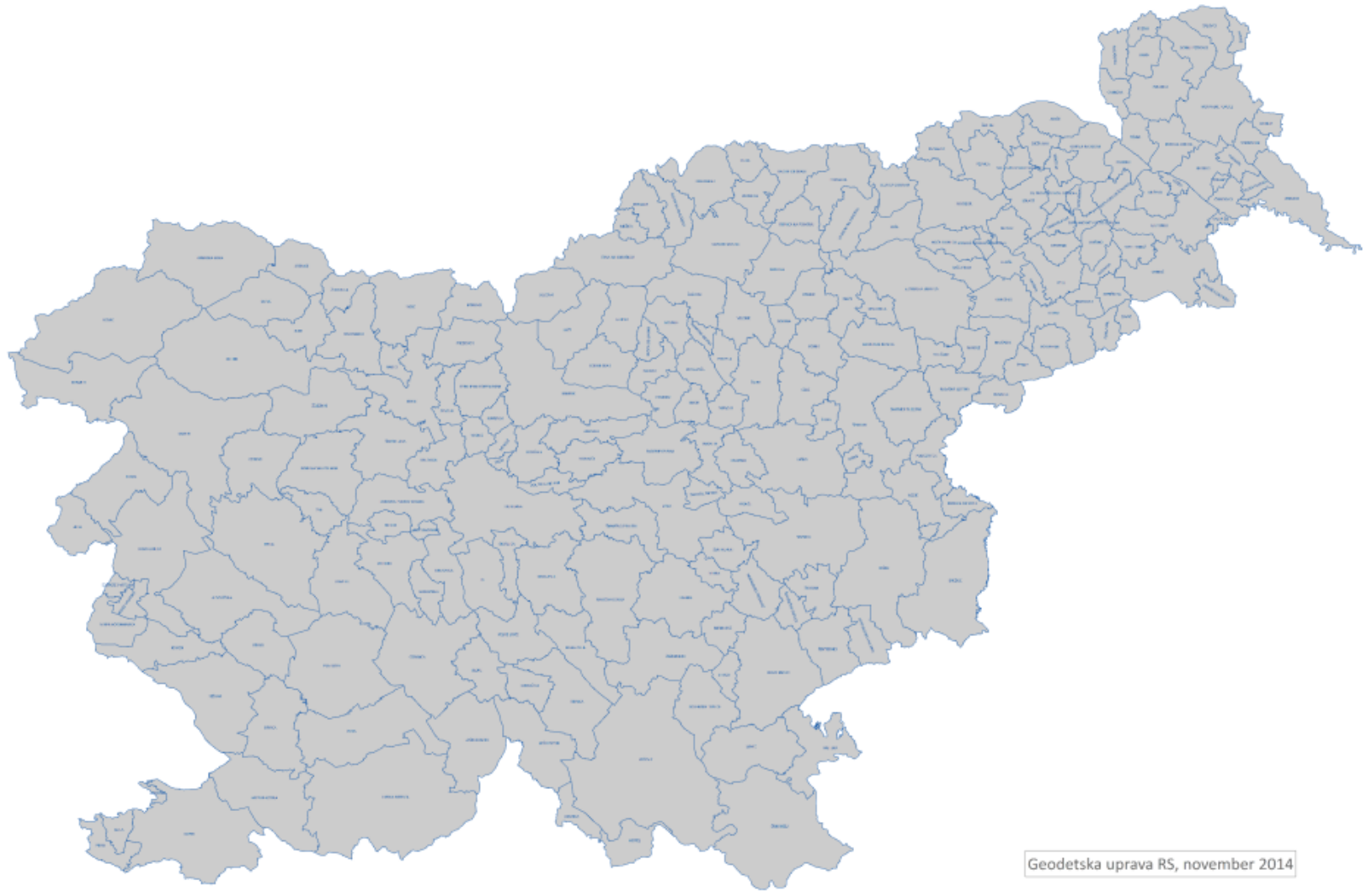
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## WORLD COMPETITIVENESS RANKINGS









## Starting point

- WELL OPERATING AND **STABLE** SYSTEM OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT
- SIMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM
- STRENGTHENING THE **ROLE OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY** IN SOCIETY
- STRATEGY SHOULD PROVIDE **REASONABLE AND FEASIBLE SOLUTIONS**
- **NO RADICAL CHANGES**, ONLY ELIMINATION OF ANOMALIES



## Mission and Vision



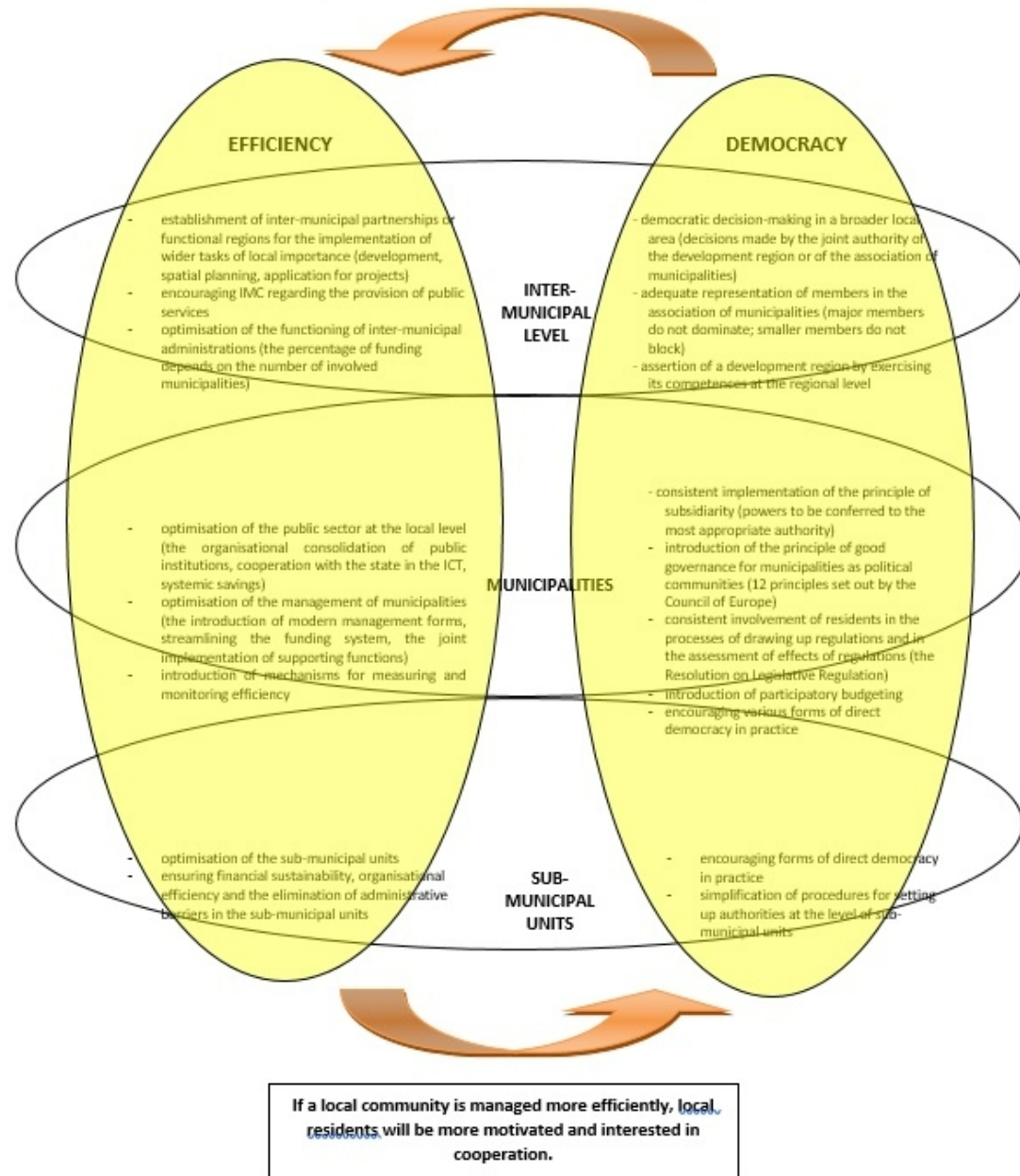
**Organizing modern and efficient local self – government close to citizens.**



# EFFICIENCY

VS

# DEMOCRACY







**DO MORE WITH LESS**

**LESS IS MORE**

**QUALITY RATHER THAN QUANTITY**

**VALUE FOR MONEY**



## Target groups

**MUNICIPALITIES**

**MUNICIPALITIES'  
ASSOCIATIONS**

**MINISTRIES**

**CITIZENS**





# Strategic guidelines

## The development of capacities to meet the **collective needs and interests** of the local population

*CHALLENGES:* Functional strengthening of inter-municipal cooperation;  
Setting up a system to encourage the integration of municipalities;  
Voluntary merging of municipalities;  
Local self-government to reflect the right balance between efficiency and democracy.

## Strengthening of **inter-institutional dialogue**

*CHALLENGES:* Associations of municipalities as partners of state authorities;  
Strengthening the role of associations in the provision of technical assistance to municipalities;  
Optimisation of public sector performance at the local level.

## Strengthening of the **financial autonomy** of municipalities

*CHALLENGES:* The financial resources of municipalities are to be proportional to the scope of their tasks;  
More consistent funding of municipalities from their own tax and non-tax revenues;  
The elimination of disparities between the cost structure and weights applicable to determining appropriate expenditure.

## The development of **regional identity**

*CHALLENGES:* Strengthening the established management institutions;  
Application of the subsidiarity test for determining the competences at the state, municipal and the intermediate – regional levels of management;  
Establishing functional regions with a focus on their development role.

## The development of **local democracy**

*CHALLENGES:* Exercising the right of residents and the interested public to participate in drawing up decisions;  
Consolidating the position of the sub-municipal units as a form of participation of citizens.

## The development of the **urban identity** of municipalities

*CHALLENGES* Status of an urban municipality in relation to a town as a sociological entity;  
Integration of urban and rural areas.



# Strategy - State of play

**Preparation**

**2013**

**Promotion and discussion with public**

**November 2015**

**Adopted by Slovenian Government**

**September 2016**

**Action Plan**

**2017, 2018, 2020**

**some tasks permanent**

**(i.e. subsidiarity principle, inter institutional dialog)**

**Peer review**

**June 2017**





**Thank you for your attention!**

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