4.27. SI – Slovenia¹³¹

4.27.1. Key findings

In Slovenia, Article 28b (1) of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) has been transposed into the Audiovisual Media Services Act. According to the legal requirements, VSP providers under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Slovenia shall take appropriate measures to protect children from programmes, videos and audiovisual commercial communications that may impair their physical, mental or moral development. Elements indicating potentially "harmful content" are set forth in the General Act on the Protection of Children in Audiovisual Media Services. Although this act only applies to audiovisual media services, its definitions are referred to as there is no place where "harmful content" is legally defined specifically for VSPs.

4.27.2. National transposition of Article 28b (1) AVMSD

Title and type of legislation	Key excerpts of legal measures	Link
Audiovisual Media Services Act (<i>ZAvMS</i>) consolidated 15 December 2021 (Article 38b (1))	 AVMS Act, Article 38b (1) Video-sharing platform providers under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Slovenia shall take appropriate measures to protect: children from programmes, videos and audiovisual commercial communications that may impair their physical, mental or moral development. Programmes that may impair children's physical, mental or moral development are defined by the General Act on the Protection of Children in Audiovisual Media Services (2022). The whole act (9 Articles) applies. 	<u>Legislation</u>
General Act on the Protection of Children in	 (2) Providers of audiovisual media services must categorise programme content that could harm	<u>Legislation</u>

¹³¹ The summary on Slovenia incorporates feedback received from Igor Žabjek, head of the monitoring department at the Agency for Communication Networks and Services of the Republic of Slovenia (AKOS), during the checking round with the national regulatory authorities.

Title and type o legislation	of	Key excerpts of legal measures	Link
Audiovisual N Services	Media	children's development according to the presence of all the following elements:	
(Article 3)		a) violence and its consequences;	
		b) dangerous behaviour;	
		c) frightening content;	
		d) tobacco products, drugs, alcohol and other health-hazardous substances;	
		e) inappropriate language;	
		f) nudity;	
		g) sexuality;	
		h) discrimination.	

4.27.3. Types of measures put in place by VSPs

All of the larger VSPs featured in this report, and this includes many which are not under the jurisdiction of Slovenia but which can be accessed within the territory, have imposed a minimum age requirement of 13, with the exception of Vimeo (16 or above the minimum age required by law), BitChute (18) and Onlyfans (18). Age verification systems mostly require users to indicate their date of birth, without additional verifications, but other solutions include age verification by credit card, by the uploading of photo ID, or the use of age estimation technology. Various types of parental control measures responding to the specificities of each VSP can be found (blocking and filtering, recording of activities, limiting time of use, viewing history). X (formerly Twitter) and Vimeo have no such measures, despite being accessible to minors. Neither do BitChute and OnlyFans, as they require users to be over 18. All of the larger VSPs featured in this report make use of flagging and reporting mechanisms as well as other content moderation tools. These are detailed in the tables in sections 3.2 and 3.3.

4.27.4. VSPs under the jurisdiction of the national regulatory media authority

N/A

4.27.5. Measures specific to adult VSPs in general

The most common age verification measure applied by adult VSPs accessible in Slovenia is self-declaration of age. OnlyFans was identified as one that requires submission of official documents, such as ID or a credit card scan. Fansly requires users, who must be over 18 years of age, to provide government-issued ID. In a second photo, users of Fansly need to hold a handwritten sign with their legal name, the date of applying, and the phrase "For Fansly". Users will also have to submit a video of them holding their ID and the verification sign to confirm their identity. Pornhub, Youjizz and Xvideo were found to require only self-declaration but also to provide advice to parents directing them to tools from their browsers or operating systems, and one included a link to Parental Control Bar,¹³² which is "a free public service that helps concerned parents prevent their children from accessing adult-oriented websites". Parents can activate child-mode and the toolbar blocks access to adult-oriented websites.

4.27.6. Additional rules referring especially to influencers

N/A.

¹³² <u>https://www.parentalcontrolbar.org/</u>