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University of Primorska (UP), the third biggest public university was established in 2003 as a centre of knowledge implementing European educational strategies. The main objectives of this vibrant university are to carry out high quality study and research programmes, which promote their natural and cultural heritage while integrating and developing them with the educational, intellectual and research potential opportunities of the rest of the world. The university also aims to produce a mutual co-existence and close collaboration with industry. UP is committed to transmitting knowledge to future generations in order to produce inquisitive thinkers and professionals. UP provides an integrated development of research work, based on two fundamental pillars, which ensure enhanced rationality of fund use, improved interdisciplinary interlacing and also greater effect in developing both academic study programs connected with research work and the University's International co-operation within the framework of selected priority research contents. While the first pillar concerns Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology, the second covers Humanities and Social Sciences. UP is a young university established due to regional demands and needs for greater availability of higher educational programmes in Slovenia on a bilingual area in municipality Koper/Capodistria, where two cultures are intertwined historically, Slovenian and Italian. Economy in this region is oriented more or less in service economy: esp. tourism, casinos, banks, insurance companies, and logistics, with a port among the biggest in Adriatic region, i.e. "Port of Koper" as it is located at the Coast of Slovenia, bordering Croatia and Italy.

UP is structured from six faculties and two research centres and main research fields are following: Management, Educational Sciences, Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Biodiversity, Mediterranean Agriculture and Olive Oil, Sustainable Use of Wood, Health and Health Prevention, Tourism, Philosophy, Intercultural studies, History and Heritage, Linguistics. UP has signed the European Charter for Researchers and a Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers. In 2010 the Senate of UP has adopted the Human Resources (HR) strategy for researchers (2010-2014) and the Action plan for its implementation which is being evaluated and is in the phase of its supplementation. Through these, the UP wishes to achieve excellence in research to: improve the visibility of UP within ERA and internationally; provide greater internal and external credibility of UP in relation to researchers, public authorities and the public; integrate and actively participate in the international scientific community.

At the same time, UP have many experiences in project management and coordination in different international project and programs, esp. at EU level (in 6th FP and 7th FP, the Cross-border Cooperation Programmes 2007-2013; i.e. Italy-Slovenia, Slovenia-Croatia, IPA Adriatic Cross Border Programmes, South East and Central Europe programme). Currently, UP is involved in 47 international research and development projects, in the last two framework programmes (6th and 7th) UP has participated in 11 as a partner in consortiums, 5 of them are still in execution. The research activities in cross-border and international programmes is evident by the UP's budget in the last financial framework of EC from 2007-2013. Temporarily, UP is leading partner in 8 of international projects, summing to 16.000.000 €, and on the level of whole consortiums, the international projects in execution amount to 64.500.000 €, with 18% share going to UP. Annual turnover for 2013 amounts to 24.239.483 € and annual balance sheet for 2013 is 46.695.250 €. UP is currently involved in 60 national programmes and projects, 44 bilateral projects and is training 60 young researchers, in 2013/14 study year there are 166 PhD students. The total number of employees is 732 (599, 68 FTE), 1,4% university leadership, 45,6% professors and assistants, 23% of researchers and 30% of administrative staff.