

## 2015-16 social pact

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE



SLOVENIA

### Timeline

2015 **Approved/Agreed**

2016 **Discontinued**

2019 **Approved/Agreed**

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### Background

Due to the economic crisis, SME capacity to provide work-based learning had been very limited in previous years, while enrolment in vocational upper secondary education fell in the period 2005-13. There has been an upward turn since then and enrolment into VET schools started to increase.

Slovenia assigned a high priority to the work related to work-based learning and apprenticeship. Reintroducing an apprenticeship system (including by adapting the legislation and related programmes) alongside the work-based learning system already in place was considered. Debate on apprenticeship system involved also a working group composed of the Ministry of Education, representatives of different ministries, VET providers, chambers and social partners.

### Description

The 2015-16 social pact was adopted by the Economic Social Committee (*Ekonomsko socialni svet*) where representatives of the government, trade unions and employers take part. This acknowledges the need for apprenticeships and considers their reintroduction, especially in sectors where skills shortages are observed.

#### 2015 **Approved/Agreed**

#### 2016 **Discontinued**

The Social agreement for the period 2015-16 was the last social agreement signed by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the social partners. The agreement ceased to apply on 31 December 2016.

#### 2019 **Approved/Agreed**

In November 2019, a protocol between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the social partners was signed to facilitate the social dialogue and strengthen the inclusion and role of social partners in legislation-making procedures from beginning to end.

### Bodies responsible

- Economic Social Committee

## Target group

### Learners

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices

### Other stakeholders

Social partners (employer organisations and trade unions)

## Thematic categories

### Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Engaging VET stakeholders and strengthening partnerships in VET

### Modernising VET offer and delivery

Reinforcing work-based learning, including apprenticeships

## Subsystem

IVET

## Further reading

[Withdrawal of the Employers' Associations and Chambers from the Social Agreement - 2 December 2015](#)

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[Protocol - 15 November 2019](#)

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[The social pact](#)

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