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A WORD FROM THE VICE-DEAN

It is my privilege to present the 2024 Annual Research Report of the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana (UL SEB). The past year was marked by intensive research work, strengthened international cooperation, and tangible progress toward the strategic objectives we have set as the long term goals. Across the School, researchers, programme groups, young scholars, and professional staff once again demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence and a remarkable ability to adapt to an increasingly demanding research environment.



In 2024, research activity at UL SEB continued to grow in both scope and ambition. A total of 177 researchers, including 16 young researchers, contributed to a vibrant and internationally connected research ecosystem. The Research Centre coordinated 47 active projects, spanning national projects funded by ARIS and ministries, bilateral collaborations, EU funded projects, and interdisciplinary projects under the University of Ljubljana's development pillar. These achievements highlight the School's capacity to address complex societal challenges through interdisciplinary, high-impact research.

Our publication record further confirms the quality and relevance of our work. Researchers produced 165 peer-reviewed articles, with 15% published in top-tier journals (A* category) and a further 47 in A-level journals, alongside monographs, book chapters, and applied studies. Our global influence continues to rise: citations increased substantially, and our h-index has doubled over the past decade. Importantly, 87% of our publications contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, reaffirming sustainability as a unifying research priority across all eight research programme groups.

Significant progress was also made in strengthening the infrastructure that supports research excellence. The Centre of Knowledge (CeK) advanced its role as a central hub for learning, open science, publishing, financial and behavioural research laboratories, and high-impact academic support. The Behavioural Lab and Finance Lab continued to provide cutting-edge environments for experimental and analytical research, while the Economic and Business Review expanded its international reach with over 50,000 downloads in 2024.

International engagement remained a key pillar of the School's research strategy. UL SEB researchers led and participated in key Horizon Europe projects and hosted 29 research seminars, fostering exchange with leading global scholars. Our doctoral programme continues to thrive, with 86 doctoral students, strong international participation, and a diverse set of courses delivered through summer and winter doctoral schools.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all researchers, young scholars, project teams, and professional staff whose dedication drives the School's research excellence. Your commitment ensures that UL SEB remains a leading academic institution in Central and Eastern Europe—one that not only advances scientific knowledge but also contributes meaningfully to economic development and societal well-being. As we look ahead, I am confident that our collective efforts and shared commitment to excellence, innovation, and impact will continue to shape a vibrant research future for UL SEB.

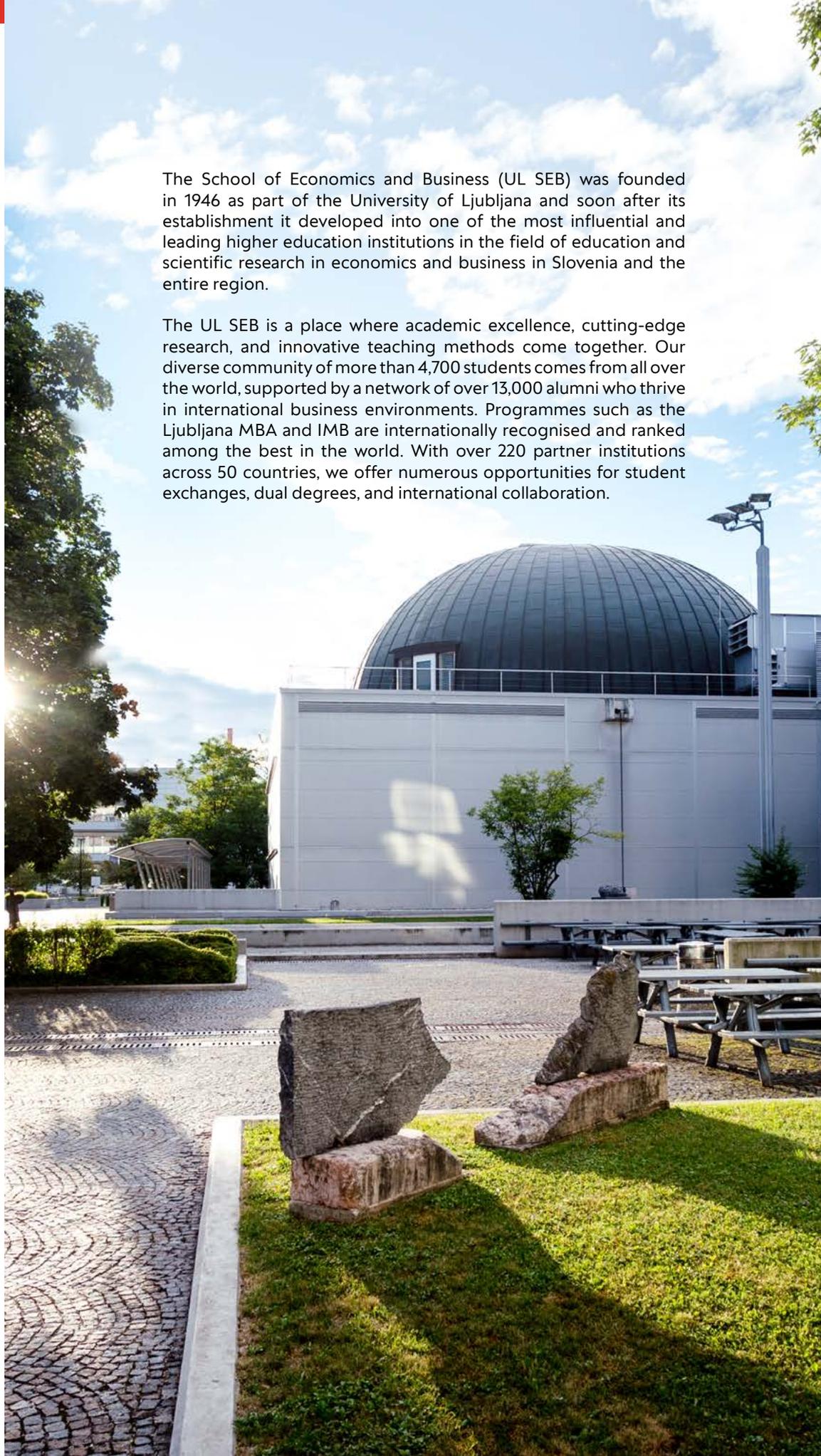
Prof. dr. Polona Domadenik Muren
Vice-Dean for Research and Doctoral Studies



UL SEB – THE SCHOOL

The School of Economics and Business (UL SEB) was founded in 1946 as part of the University of Ljubljana and soon after its establishment it developed into one of the most influential and leading higher education institutions in the field of education and scientific research in economics and business in Slovenia and the entire region.

The UL SEB is a place where academic excellence, cutting-edge research, and innovative teaching methods come together. Our diverse community of more than 4,700 students comes from all over the world, supported by a network of over 13,000 alumni who thrive in international business environments. Programmes such as the Ljubljana MBA and IMB are internationally recognised and ranked among the best in the world. With over 220 partner institutions across 50 countries, we offer numerous opportunities for student exchanges, dual degrees, and international collaboration.



VISION

Among the schools of business and economics in Central and Eastern Europe we will be the first choice for collaborative research with an impact, providing an excellent learning experience as a foundation for creative work in an ever changing environment, and designing innovative sustainable solutions for the wider society.

MISSION

To broaden horizons, strengthen integrity, and develop competence needed to manage business and economic challenges in an ever changing environment.

VALUES

An eagerness to learn and creativity, entrepreneurialism and resilience, integrity and sustainability, and respect and inclusive cooperation.



UL SEB - THE RESEARCH CENTRE



Research is one of the core activities of the School, as it directly supports its mission and vision. As such, it is integrated into all strategic activities of the institution. Our key focus is to contribute to societal progress and sustainable development through research, while it generates tangible and measurable impact.

To this end, the Research Centre of the School of Economics and Business (RCEF) was established within the SICRIS system, integrating all researchers and professional collaborators involved in research activities. The Centre is led by the Vice-Dean for Research and Doctoral Studies, aligned with the School's strategic priorities. Research activities are monitored and evaluated by the Committee for Research and Doctoral Studies, which, in collaboration with the Senate of UL SEB and the School leadership, develops research policies and sets key directions. Additionally, it provides appropriate resources and mechanisms to support research excellence. Recent trends indicate efficient use of resources, reflected in the continuous improvement of research quality.

Research at UL SEB is highly international, multidisciplinary, and interdisciplinary, with strong focus on sustainability and strict adherence to ethical standards. We strive to strengthen the role of individual researchers and programme groups, in order to achieve the School's strategic objectives. This includes supporting the development and dissemination of research results, promoting academic excellence, fostering the research community and student experience.

At UL SEB, we generate new knowledge that shapes the world of economics and business. Our research combines academic excellence, innovation, and practical relevance, contributing to the advancement of science, economic development, and societal well-being.

RESEARCH GROUPS



In 2022, a new act on scientific research and innovation activities began to be implemented in Slovenia, transferring greater responsibilities in the areas of organisation and finances to recipients of so-called stable funding. This reform allows the School to operate with greater autonomy within the University framework and provides increased resources for research activities.

Stable annual funding is divided between the Programme and Institutional Funding Pillars. The larger share is allocated to the Programme Funding Pillar, which supports research programme groups and young researchers, while the Institutional Funding Pillar provides resources for infrastructure and supports the School activities.

The Young Researchers Programme

The mechanism is designed to renew research teams and bring fresh ideas and approaches into the academic environment. The Young Researchers Programme, established in 1985, has served as a source of highly skilled and motivated employees with significant potential for the Slovenian economy and other socially important sectors. The programme aims to enable young researchers to participate in research activities during their postgraduate studies through a fixed-term employment contract. Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency finances their salaries, social contributions, as well as material and non-material costs. Funding for training is granted for a defined period, up to a maximum of four years for doctoral study programmes. There are currently 16 young researchers employed at the School.

Research Programme Groups

Research programmes represent a comprehensive area of research expected to remain relevant globally for at least the next decade and are considered strategically important for the Republic of Slovenia, creating national interest in supporting long-term research by a dedicated programme group. A research programme is implemented by a programme group composed of researchers and professional collaborators.

The research programme groups are aligned with UL SEB's mission, vision, values, and impact factors. Approximately 70% of UL SEB researchers are members of these groups. They have demonstrated their ability to produce high-level academic and applied research with significant impact on UL SEB's educational programmes, organisational development, and broader research environment.

UL SEB has 8 research programme groups, being the lead institution in 5 groups, and as a participant as a partner institution in 3 groups.

UL SEB as the Lead Institution

SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE SLOVENIAN ECONOMY IN EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES (P5-0117)

Head: Nevenka Hrovatin

The research programme group focuses on sustainable competitiveness, which extends beyond economic outcomes to include a broader set of factors that enable societies to achieve long-term prosperity through high-quality and inclusive growth. By placing the Slovenian economy at the centre of our research, we continue the group's long-standing tradition of contributing to global knowledge through



Research Programme Groups

the examination of national phenomena at multiple levels and the integration of interdisciplinary approaches.

Keywords: sustainable competitiveness, firm performance, innovation, wage inequality, macroeconomic inequality, sustainable use and management of resources, tourist destination, quality of life, energy efficiency, cost efficiency, healthcare expenditures, incentive-based payments

CHALLENGES OF INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE PREDOMINANT PARADIGM OF ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS SCIENCES (P5-0128)

Head: Vesna Žabkar

The research programme group investigates sustainable development, inclusive growth, and quality of life from an interdisciplinary perspective. The programme develops and extends theoretical models, adapts methodologies from other disciplines, and provides empirical contributions relevant to both the Slovenian context and global implications. The group advances scientific knowledge and offers evidence-based recommendations for policy and management.

Keywords: sustainable development, inclusive growth, labour and capital market frictions, industrial policy, institutional framework, ageing, intergenerational transfers, fiscal sustainability, social cohesion, firm, strategy, HRM, marketing, conscious consumption, quality of life, urban development

THE IMPACT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE, ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT ON ORGANIZATIONS IN AGEING SOCIETIES (P5-0364)

Head: Vlado Dimovski

The research programme group explores how organizational and environmental factors — such as ageing, digitalisation, post COVID resilience, and environmental pressures — affect modern organisations. The group investigates corporate governance, learning organizations, and knowledge management in the context of ageing societies, aiming to develop integrated theoretical frameworks and practical recommendations for sustainable, resilient, and knowledge-driven organizations.

Keywords: ageing, social innovation, digitalization, learning organization, management and organization, knowledge management, automation, post-covid economic recovery, green innovation, sustainable development.

THE CHALLENGES OF INVESTORS, FIRMS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT IN AN UNCERTAIN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT (P5 0161)

Head: Aljoša Valentinčič

The programme investigates the evolving roles and interrelations of investors, firms, financial institutions, and governments within a dynamic and uncertain European economic environment. The research aims to advance theoretical models and empirical analyses that explain financial decision-making, risk management, and governance under macroeconomic uncertainty, with implications for both policy and business strategy.

Keywords: financial stability, bank regulation, compensation schemes, audit, ethics, aging and pensions, sustainability, information propagation, price rigidity, financial aspects of EU development, sentiment analysis, multi-factor models, financial decisions in non-financial corporations, fintech, innovation

REGENERATIVE ECONOMY AND BUSINESS (P5 0441)

Head: Ljubica Knežević Cvelbar

The research programme group addresses one of the major global challenges: climate change. The group explores the concept and principles of regenerative

development, integrates them into economic and business knowledge, develops methodological tools to measure regenerative dimensions, and proposes practical implementation strategies for individuals, firms, and societies. Its expected outcomes include new theory, methodologies, business models, and policy recommendations for a more regenerative and resilient economy.

Keywords: regenerative development, innovations, creativity, pro-environmental behaviour, organisational behaviour, knowledge creation

UL SEB as a Partner Institution

FUTURE INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES: CONCEPTS, ARCHITECTURES, SERVICES, AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC (P2-0037)

Head: Tomaž Klobučar

Head at UL SEB: Tomaž Turk

Programme is led by the Jožef Stefan Institute (IJS), participating researchers focus on future internet technologies, including their concepts, architectures, services, and socio-economic impacts. As a partner institution, we contribute to analysing digital security, trust, infrastructure transformation, resilience of critical systems, and the societal impact of digital services.

Keywords: internet security, society digitalisation and transformation, social impacts, critical infrastructures, trust and trustworthiness, vulnerabilities, persistent attacks and threats, eID systems

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF SLOVENIA AS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (P5-0096)

Head: Kaja Primc

Head at UL SEB: Jože Damijan

Programme is led by the Institute for Economic Research (IER). It focuses on analysing and shaping Slovenia's strategic development within the framework of its EU membership. Through research in economics, spatial development, social and institutional mechanisms, and the application of both quantitative and qualitative methods, the programme contributes to the preparation of expert foundations for Slovenia's long-term development strategies. It supports the development of new methods and models, the analysis of spatial and intertemporal trends, and the examination of economic, social, and environmental challenges—all with the aim of fostering balanced and sustainable national development.

Keywords: The Development Strategy of Slovenia 2030, economic, social and environmental development factors, models

SYSTEMIC AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES (P3 0314)

Head: Katja Lakota

Head at UL SEB: Aleša Lotrič Dolinar

The programme is an interdisciplinary research group led by the Institute for Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology, University Medical Centre Ljubljana (UMC Ljubljana), that brings together experts from medicine (rheumatology, neurology, pulmonology) and economics/business to study chronic autoimmune conditions. The research focuses on treatment optimisation, disease mechanisms, biomarkers, early diagnosis, personalised therapy, and cost-effective healthcare models with socio-economic sustainability.

Keywords: systemic autoimmune diseases, inflammatory rheumatic diseases, optimisation of therapy, biologics, comprehensive treatment of patients, precision and personalised medicine, systemic vasculitis, inflammatory arthritis, systemic sclerosis, fibrosis, multiple sclerosis, Sjogren's syndrome

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS 2024

THE RESEARCH CENTRE



161

Researchers

16

Young
Researchers

8

Research
Programme Groups

47

Research
Projects

29

Research
Seminars

RESEARCH OUTPUT



165

Academic
Articles –
**15% in Top
Journals**

9

Doctoral Theses
defended

389

Master Theses
supervised

39

Communications
in International
Conferences

20

Communications
in National
Conferences

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

1

Doctoral Programme in
Economics and Business

—

2

Inter-Disciplinary Programmes:
Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in Statistics and Interdisciplinary
Doctoral Programme in Environmental Protection

—

86

PhD Students enrolled in the Doctoral
Programme in Economics and Business



PEOPLE (STRUCTURE OF RESEARCHERS)

In 2024, 177 researchers conducted their research at UL SEB.



16 young researchers

161 researchers

177 TOTAL

On average, researchers at the School devote an additional **15% of their time** to research programmes and/or research projects.

The full list of Research Centre members is provided in the Appendix.

THE RESEARCH OFFICE

The Research Office plays a central role in supporting the School's Research Center and its scientific and research endeavours. It coordinates the entire research process, including the preparation of project proposals, administrative and financial management, ethical and reporting procedures, and the dissemination of research outcomes. By providing expert guidance, timely information, and dedicated administrative support, the office enables researchers to focus on high-quality scientific work. In addition, it ensures transparent, efficient, and compliant management of all research budgets (internal and external), thereby strengthening the School's overall research capacity and long-term strategic development.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



In 2024, a total of 47 projects were managed by the Research Centre:

29	8	7	3
projects commissioned by the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency and various Ministries	bilateral cooperations commissioned by the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	projects commissioned by the EC and other international funding bodies	Large Interdisciplinary Projects (Phase 1)

The institution is engaged in a diverse portfolio of research projects addressing key societal, economic, technological, and environmental challenges. Its research activities are highly interdisciplinary, integrating perspectives from economics, sociology, political science, management, public health, and sustainability studies.

The core areas of research include:

- **Sustainability and the Green Transition**, focusing on circular economy development, energy efficiency, energy poverty, the impact of demographic change, the role of digitalisation in sustainability, and the design of integrated environmental and economic policies.
- **Labour Market Transformations and the Future of Work**, including active ageing, the effects of agile work practices, labour shortages, the socio-economic impact of technological change, especially artificial intelligence, and the inclusion of third-country nationals through social dialogue. Particular attention is paid to balancing productivity, innovation, and employee well-being.
- **Social Policy and Public Health**, with research on welfare systems, gender equality (especially in vulnerable groups), socio-economic consequences of diseases such as cancer, the impact of physical activity on healthcare costs, and the development of national public health programmes.
- **Innovation and Economic Development**, covering entrepreneurship, global talent management, transparency and digitalisation of supply chains, ownership structures in the Slovenian economy, and the influence of international and European trends on competitiveness and economic performance.
- **International Political and Economic Processes**, including the implementation of EU directives, modelling EU own resources, macroeconomic effects of NATO membership, and the socio-economic impact of major international sports events.
- **Culture, Identity and Social Cohesion**, focusing on collective memory, the role of cultural heritage in sustainable transformations, and the contribution of the humanities to contemporary society.

Together, these projects contribute to a comprehensive understanding of modern societal dynamics and support the development of progressive, sustainable, and inclusive public policies.

Over 20% of research funding is obtained by researchers through calls from the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS) and European Commission programmes.

A brief description of the selected new projects is presented below.

Project V5-24007: Macroeconomic effects of NATO membership on Slovenia

Principal Investigator: Črt Kostevc

Funding Entity: Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of Defence

Project Timeframe: 2024–2026

The project examines the economic implications of Slovenia's accession to the North Atlantic Alliance, with an emphasis on long-term macroeconomic trends. The study evaluates the fiscal impact of defence expenditures, the effects of membership on economic growth, the investment climate, international competitiveness, and overall macroeconomic stability. The findings indicate that NATO membership enhances geopolitical predictability and foreign investment attractiveness while simultaneously requiring sustained commitments to increased defence spending. The project provides a comprehensive assessment of the balance between economic benefits and budgetary pressures associated with NATO membership.

Project V5-24036: Strengthening Security and Equality for Women with Disabilities in Private Life and the Labor Market: Legal, Economic, and Social Aspects of Discrimination and Violence Against Women with Disabilities

Principal Investigator: Valentina Franca, UL Faculty of Public Administration

Principal Investigator at UL SEB: Polona Domadenik Muren

Funding Entity: Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Project Timeframe: 2024–2026

The project provides a comprehensive examination of the multidimensional factors shaping the situation of women with disabilities in Slovenia. The study analyses the scope of discrimination and violence, identifies legal gaps, and evaluates the effectiveness of current protection mechanisms. Particular attention is given to economic barriers, labour-market inequalities, access to employment opportunities, and the impact of social policies on the quality of life of women with disabilities. The project formulates integrated recommendations aimed at improving legislative frameworks, enhancing institutional support, and developing preventive programs that foster greater security, equality, and social inclusion for this vulnerable population.

Project V3-24038: Scientific Background and Recommendations for Creating a National Cardiovascular Health Programme in Slovenia

Principal Investigator: Borut Jug, University Medical Centre Ljubljana
Principal Investigator at UL SEB: Petra Došenovič Bonča

Funding Entity: Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of Health

Project Timeframe: 2024–2026

The project addresses key epidemiological, clinical, and public-health dimensions of cardiovascular diseases, which represent a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in Slovenia. The study synthesises existing scientific evidence, evaluates

the effectiveness of current preventive measures, and identifies areas requiring enhancement in early detection, treatment, and long-term care for high-risk groups. Particular attention is devoted to major risk factors, accessibility of healthcare services, and the importance of interdisciplinary approaches. The project develops comprehensive, evidence-based recommendations for establishing a national cardiovascular health programme that integrates prevention, early intervention, and systematic monitoring to improve cardiovascular health outcomes across the population.

Project V5-24020 Analysis of the Shortage of Human Resources for the Needs of the Slovenian Economy and Society: Human Resources for a Highly Productive, Innovative Economy and the Dual Transition to a Digital and Green Society

Principal Investigator: Tjaša Redek

Funding Entity: Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sports

Project Timeframe: 2024–2025

The project examines structural labour shortages that affect Slovenia's competitiveness and development. The study assesses demographic trends, educational pathways, labour-market needs, and the capacity of both the economy and public sector to attract, develop, and retain talent. Particular attention is given to competencies essential for the digital and green transitions, as well as to challenges related to reskilling and lifelong learning. The project formulates comprehensive policy recommendations, addressing human-resource development, including adjustments to the education system, enhancement of innovation capacity, modern workforce strategies, and measures aimed at strengthening productivity and the overall resilience of the Slovenian economy and society.



EU Projects

Horizon Europe is the most important and largest research and innovation programme of the European Union. In 2024, we secured the following new projects:

European Researchers' Night – Humanities Rock! Human(e) AI

Koordinator: UL Faculty of Arts, Sašo Jerše
Principal Investigator at UL SEB: Peter Trkman

Focusing specifically on science and research in the humanities and social sciences, the project, led by the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, promotes science and brings researchers closer to the public. On 27 September 2024, it was celebrated across 25 countries, engaging over 1.5 million people in 455 cities, including Ljubljana. At UL SEB, an AI lecture and workshop were held, attended by numerous secondary school students and their teachers.

PAY DAY – Pay Transparency Directive Implementation Support

Koordinator: Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Helena Valas
Principal Investigator at UL SEB: Robert Kaše

The project, conducted under the European Commission's CERV Programme, supports the implementation of the EU Pay Transparency Directive in Slovenia. It focuses on increasing pay transparency, promoting equal pay for equal work or work of equal value, and reducing gender pay gaps. Key activities include the development of an online tool for assessing pay differences, educational and awareness-raising workshops for employers and trade unions, and support for implementing gender-neutral job evaluation systems. The project contributes to greater transparency in pay structures, fairer reward systems, and increased awareness of the right to equal pay.



VIP Projects

As part of its Development Funding Pillar (DFP) for stable financing, the University of Ljubljana supports the development of research and infrastructure activities with a focus on quality, creativity, innovation, internationalisation, openness, knowledge transfer, and collaboration with society. This funding helps achieve strategic objectives and priorities defined at both national and EU levels, while reflecting the University's mission and strategy. It covers personnel, materials and services, as well as depreciation of research equipment and infrastructure.

The main purpose of establishing major interdisciplinary projects is to elevate the University of Ljubljana's international research profile. An additional objective is to enhance collaboration among UL member institutions in research, thereby strengthening the overall research excellence of the University.

We are proud that our researchers are participating in three of the ten major interdisciplinary projects at the University of Ljubljana (preparatory phase, Year 1). Each project involves at least three UL member institutions, contributing to at least two of the four ERC research domains. These projects address strategic development areas for Slovenia or the EU.

Project VIP: Climate-Resilient Technologies for High-Tech Bioeconomy and the Green Transition

- Principal Investigator: Tjaša Redek
- Partner Institutions: Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Biotechnical Faculty

Project VIP: KTTK21 – Quantum Technologies for Transport and Communications in the 21st Century

- Principal Investigator at UL SEB: Polona Domadenik Muren
- Partner Institutions: Faculty of Mathematics and Physics (lead), Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Computer and Information Science, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport

Project VIP: PerMedZaSe – Personalized Medicine for Healthy Ageing

- Principal Investigator at UL SEB: Jože Sambt
- Partner Institutions: Faculty of Medicine (lead), Biotechnical Faculty, Faculty of Computer and Information Science, Faculty of Sport

INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS



The research conducted at the UL SEB contributes to the quality of its programmes and also serves the needs of corporate clients. UL SEB promotes courage, acumen, diversity and innovation in research and motivates researchers to publish their findings. UL SEB has made notable progress in its overall research quality and has increased the rate of publication in international journals.

In 2024, UL SEB research output was presented in 165 published peer-reviewed articles, including 24 in the premium category (A* journals) and 47 in the top-tier category (A journals). The achievements of researchers were also disseminated to the academic public through 16 monographs and 39 book chapters, 24 of which were published by leading international scientific publishers. In addition, 18 studies were conducted, 3 of which were part of international research networks.

PREMIUM RESEARCH PAPERS IN 2024

Aleksić, D., Batistič, S., **Černe, M.** (2024). Understanding meaningful work in the context of technostress, Covid-19, frustration, and corporate social responsibility. *Human relations*. 77(3), 426-451.

Alharmoodi, A. A., Khan, M., Mertzanis, C., Gupta, S., **Mikalef, P.**, Parida, V. (2024). Co-creation and critical factors for the development of an efficient public e-tourism system. *Journal of business research*. 174, 114519.

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Budler, M., Quiroga, B. F., **Trkman, P.** (2024). A review of supply chain transparency research: antecedents, technologies, types, and outcomes. *Journal of business logistics*. 45(1), 12368.

Burger, A., **Marinč, M.**, **Polanec, S.**, **Kotnik, P.** (2024). Public procurement and bank lending. *Finance research letters*. 66, 105623.

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Macca, L. S., Ballerini, J., Santoro, G., **Dabić, M.** (2024). Consumer engagement through corporate social responsibility communication on social media: evidence from Facebook and Instagram bank accounts. *Journal of business research*. 172, 114433.

Macedo, M. I. V. Q., Ferreira, F. A. F., **Dabić, M.,** Ferreira, N. C. M. Q. F. (2024). Structuring and analyzing initiatives that facilitate organizational transformation processes: a sociotechnical approach. *Technological forecasting and social change*. 209, 123739.

Manfreda, A., Mijač, T. (2024). Highlighting gaps in technology acceptance research: a call for integrating happiness and well-being into smart city development. *Journal of innovation & knowledge*. 9(4), 100585.

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Zabavnik, D., **Verbič, M.** (2024). Unravelling the credit market shocks and investment dynamics: a theoretical and empirical perspective. *International review of financial analysis*. 94, 103283.



BEST PAPER AWARD 2023

To pursue the goal of promoting and contributing to the quality of research, UL SEB has established an annual awards programme. The programme is open to authors of articles from the UL SEB.

The School of Economics and Business awards for the best scientific articles published in 2023 are given to:

Matej Černe for the article Job demands and burnout: the multilevel boundary conditions of collective trust and competitive pressure. *Human relations*, 76(5), 657-688. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00187267211059826> (co-authors: Aldijana Bunjak, Noemi Nagy, Heike Bruch)

Robert Kaše for the article Do employees find inclusive talent management fairer?: It depends. Contrasting self-interest and principle. *Human resource management journal*, 33(3), 702-727. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1748-8583.12501> (co-author: Nicky Dries)

Igor Lončarski for the article Sustainability and sovereign credit risk. *International review of financial analysis*, 86, 102494. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.irfa.2023.102494> (co-authors: Arsh Anand, Rosanne Vanpée)

SCHOLARLY AND SOCIETAL IMPACT

8,560

Citations
WoS (2024)

95

H-index WoS
(2015-2024)

11,484

Citations
Scopus (2024)

Impact is at the forefront of our minds. In terms of scholarly impact, UL SEB is proud of numerous influential articles over the decade. Compared to 2014-2018, the number of articles published in SCIE and SSCI indexed journals has increased in 2020–2024, while the h-index has doubled.

COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF ARTICLES AND H-INDEX BY PERIODS

	2014- 2018	2015- 2019	2016- 2020	2017- 2021	2018- 2022	2019- 2023	2020- 2024
Number of articles (WoS)	437	479	502	523	492	457	485
Number of citations (WoS)	8,337	11,123	14,000	18,836	24,230	27,514	33,097
SEB LU h-indeks (WoS)	42	47	52	64	72	76	84

Source: Sicris (2019-2025)

In 2024, researchers further strengthened the School’s contribution to society through evidence-based research, active public engagement, and initiatives aimed at increasing the societal relevance of academic work. Beyond scientific articles, UL SEB places particular emphasis on making research accessible and useful for business, policymakers, and the broader community.

In 2024, UL SEB also launched StudioEF, developed in partnership with the Slovenian Press Agency (STA). This partnership provides a platform where researchers and journalists co-create high-quality, research-informed content for the public. Through this cooperation, SEB research findings are translated into clear, trustworthy information that supports informed public dialogue and enhances the societal visibility of academic insights.

Societal impact efforts in 2024 were focused on:

- promoting evidence-based thinking in public and organizational decision-making,
- strengthening knowledge transfer and open communication with non-academic audiences,
- building partnerships that connect academic expertise with current economic and social challenges.

These activities demonstrate the School’s sustained commitment to meaningful societal engagement and responsible, impact-oriented research.

THE MOST INFLUENTIAL / HIGHLY CITED PAPERS BY WEB OF SCIENCE (WOS) IN 2024

Research Paper	CI
Župič, I., Čater, T. (2015). Bibliometric methods in management and organization. <i>Organizational research methods</i> , 18(39), 429-472.	724
Cardon, M. S., Wincnet, J., Singh, J., Drnovšek, M. (2009). The nature and experience of entrepreneurial passion. <i>The Academy of Management review</i> , 34(3), 511-532.	127
Hosta, M., Žabkar, V. (2021). Antecedents of environmentally and socially responsible sustainable consumer behavior. <i>Journal of business ethics</i> , 171, 273-293.	72
Černe, M., Nerstad, C. G. L., Dysvik, A., Škerlavaj, M. (2014). What goes around comes around: knowledge hiding, perceived motivational climate, and creativity. <i>Academy of Management journal</i> , 57(1), 172-192.	68
Kolar, T., Žabkar, V. (2010). A consumer-based model of authenticity an oxymoron or the foundation of cultural heritage marketing. <i>Tourism management</i> , 31(5), 652-664.	66
Pfajfar, G., Shoham, A., Małecka, A., Zalaznik, M. (2022). Value of corporate social responsibility for multiple stakeholders and social impact - relationship marketing perspective. <i>Journal of business research</i> , 143, 46-61.	60
Hoang, H., Antončič, B. (2003). Network-based research in entrepreneurship: a critical review. <i>Journal of business venturing</i> , 18(2), 165-187.	56
Cimperman, M., Zalaznik, M., Trkman, P. (2016). Analyzing older users' home telehealth services acceptance behavior - applying an Extended UTAUT model. <i>International journal of medical informatics</i> , 90, 22-31.	56
Erjavec, J., Manfreda, A. (2022). Online shopping adoption during COVID-19 and social isolation: extending the UTAUT model with herd behavior. <i>Journal of retailing and consumer services</i> , 65, 102867.	49
Mihalič, T., Samo T. (2020). Conceptualising overtourism: a sustainability approach. <i>Annals of tourism research</i> , 84, 103025.	48
Čadež, S., Czerny, A., Letmathe, P. (2019). Stakeholder pressures and corporate climate change mitigation strategies. <i>Business strategy and the environment</i> , 28(1), 1-14.	44
Ashrafi, A., Ravasan, A. Z., Trkman, P., Afsari, S. (2019). The role of business analytics capabilities in bolstering firms' agility and performance. <i>International journal of information management</i> , 47, 1-15.	42
Vogel, B., Reichard, R. J., Batistič, S., Černe, M. (2021). A bibliometric review of the leadership development field. <i>The leadership quarterly: an international journal of political, social and behavioral science</i> , 23(5), 101386.	39

These are quotations from 2024 (No. of publications from 2024 in which the citation of that article appears).
Source: Sicris May, 2025

Dissemination is a strategically important part of the UL SEB's research excellence that the school and its entire staff implement on a daily basis. Through consistent efforts and dissemination of research work, UL SEB, as an educational and research institution in the field of social sciences, consolidates the presence of economics in the public domain. Through systematic presence, it educates and empowers the public to understand economic facts. By interpreting them, it enables science-based news as an antipode to the so-called fake news, thus strengthening the media space and opinion makers. This is UL SEB's contribution to the understanding of society, economy and business. The tools for this understanding are the tools of communicating science, addressing each audience in a context that is appropriate and understandable to them. According to the quantitative analysis of the media presence of UL SEB and its researchers, prepared by the company Kliping d.o.o., UL SEB had a total of **936 publications** in various media in 2024.

NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS IN 2023 BY TYPE OF MEDIA

57%

Internet

7%

Radio

7%

Television

29%

Printed media

AWARDS

We are proud that our efforts have been widely recognised in our institutional environment. School and our colleagues have received the following awards:

- **Best Research Achievements** award by the **University of Ljubljana** received prof. dr. Miroslav Verbič for his contributions under the collective title From Crisis to Prosperity: How Coordinated Economic Policies Shape Our Future.

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MAPPING OF SDG-RELEVANT RESEARCH AT UL SEB



UL SEB recognises sustainability as an overarching research priority that emerges from UL SEB's areas of distinctive expertise, a continuous theme across the eight research programme groups, and the intellectual contributions of the School. Therefore, UL SEB demonstrates the relevance of our research to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

SELECTED STATISTICS FOR 2024:

87%

of UL SEB publications in 2024 are addressing SDG

63%

SDG-relevant publications are journal articles

47%

of which are highly ranked PREMIUM CATEGORY and TOP TIER journal articles

20%

of the SDG-relevant publications are book chapters

9%

of the SDG-relevant publications are reports and studies

In 2024, UL publications contributed to **14 SDGs**:

SDG -2024	SDG description	Number of publications
SDG 9	Industry, Innovation, Technology and Infrastructure	53
SDG 12	Responsible Consumption and Production	46
SDG 8	Decent Work and Economic Growth	33
SDG 16	Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	23
SDG 3	Good Health and Well-Being	16
SDG 4	Quality Education	12
SDG 11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	8
SDG 7	Affordable and Clean Energy	5
SDG 5	Gender Equality	3
SDG 10	Reduced Inequality	3
SDG 17	Partnerships for the Goals	2
SDG 6	Clean Water and Sanitation	1
SDG 13	Climate Action	1
SDG 15	Life on Land	1

PROFILE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

YEAR	2024/2025
Number of students	86
Full-time	85
Part-time	1
Average age	32
Average years of work experience	27
Share of international students (in %)	56
Share of female students (in %)	58.33

UL SEB offers Doctoral Programme in Economics and Business. The Programme provides in-depth scientific research skills in both the broader and more focused areas of economics and business, and develops the skills needed to conduct such research at an internationally competitive level. UL SEB is a member of the European EDAMBA Doctoral Programme and CESEENET (the Central and SE European Doctoral Network), so students become actively involved with renowned academic institutions. Doctoral students may choose from courses, seminars, and workshops organised by UL SEB, partner institutions within the network of doctoral programmes and international schools with accredited doctoral programmes. Doctoral students are strongly encouraged to complete part of the programme abroad at a school or an institution approved by the student's mentor or Doctoral Programme Unit Head. The remaining time in the programme is devoted to conducting research and writing the doctoral dissertation.

UL SEB IS ALSO A PARTNER IN CONSORTIA OF SCHOOLS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA PROVIDING INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES:

- **Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in Statistics** (jointly with the Biotechnical Faculty, the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, the Faculty of Arts, and the Faculty of Medicine); and
- **Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in Environmental Protection** (jointly with the Biotechnical Faculty, the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geodesy, the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport, the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering, the Faculty of Law, and the Veterinary Faculty).

In 2024, **9 PhD students** graduated from the UL SEB Doctoral Programme in Economics and Business (see Appendix).

Annual summer and winter doctoral schools contribute to the diversity and quality of the programme offered

The twelfth edition of the **SEB Doctoral Summer School (8 – 19 July 2024)** offered highly intensive online courses intended for doctoral students, post-docs, academics and professionals from various fields. Participation in the programme is a valuable opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills, network, gain new insights on research projects, as well as exchange ideas in an international environment. The Doctoral Summer Schools programme in 2024 consisted of nine one-week courses. Five courses took place from 8 to 12 July and were attended by 66 participants from 28 institutions and 19 different countries. From 15 to 19 July, four courses were attended by 39 participants from 22 institutions and 14 different countries.

RESEARCH EVENTS



RESEARCH SEMINARS

With the aim of disseminating research findings to both the academic and business communities, the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana (UL SEB), organises regular research seminars. These are held in two distinct series: Business and Economics. The Economics seminar series is organized in cooperation with the Bank of Slovenia.

In 2024, a total of **29 research** seminars were organised, covering a broad range of contemporary topics in economics and business. Special attention was devoted to **macroeconomic issues**, including inflation, monetary policy, and the challenges of the green transition. A significant number of seminars addressed sustainable finance, market mechanisms, firm productivity and financial market behaviour. Organisational topics such as **leadership, governance, and workplace dynamics** - especially in the context of digital transformation - were also prominently featured. Several seminars focused on **advanced methodological approaches, data analytics, and the impact of artificial intelligence** on business and research.

The seminars fostered vibrant academic debate and facilitated new international research collaborations.

DATE	LECTURER	INSTITUTION	TITLE
11/01/2024	Matija Lozej, BS	Banka Slovenije	Macroeconomic Effects of Carbon Transition Policies: An Assessment Based on the ECB's New Area-Wide Model with a Disaggregated Energy Sector
28/02/2024	Urša Bernardič	ETH Zurich, Center for Energy Policy and Economics	EVAadopt: De-biasing electric vehicle adoption with personalized nudging
14/03/2024	Fabio Canova, BS	BI Norwegian Business School	Was the COVID-19 Inflation Surge Avoidable?
20/03/2024	Andrej Srakar	Institute for Economic Research	Bayesian probabilistic numerical method with product-Whittle-Matern-Yasuda kernel for Rosen's hedonic regression
27/03/2024	Michal Biron	University of Haifa	Job crafting, trust, and creativity in teleworking teams
09/04/2024	Stuart Farquhar	University of Northampton	Where are we today in terms of research and knowledge on the board of directors?
11/04/2024	Giovana Culot	University of Udine	The "dark side" of Industry 4.0: How can technology be made more sustainable?
18/04/2024	Daniel Klerman	University of Southern California	Legal Origin: A Geographic Regression Discontinuity Approach
24/04/2024	Abhimanyu Gupta	University of Essex	Networks and Information in Credit Markets
07/05/2024	Bilge Aykol	Dokuz Eylul University	Consumer Country-of-Origin Perceptions
15/05/2024	Renate Kratochvil	BI Norwegian Business School	When the Goal Fails to Emerge: Anatomy of an Innovation Project Failure
15/05/2024	Alfred Kammer, BS	International Monetary Fund	Lessons from recent experiences in macroeconomic forecasting

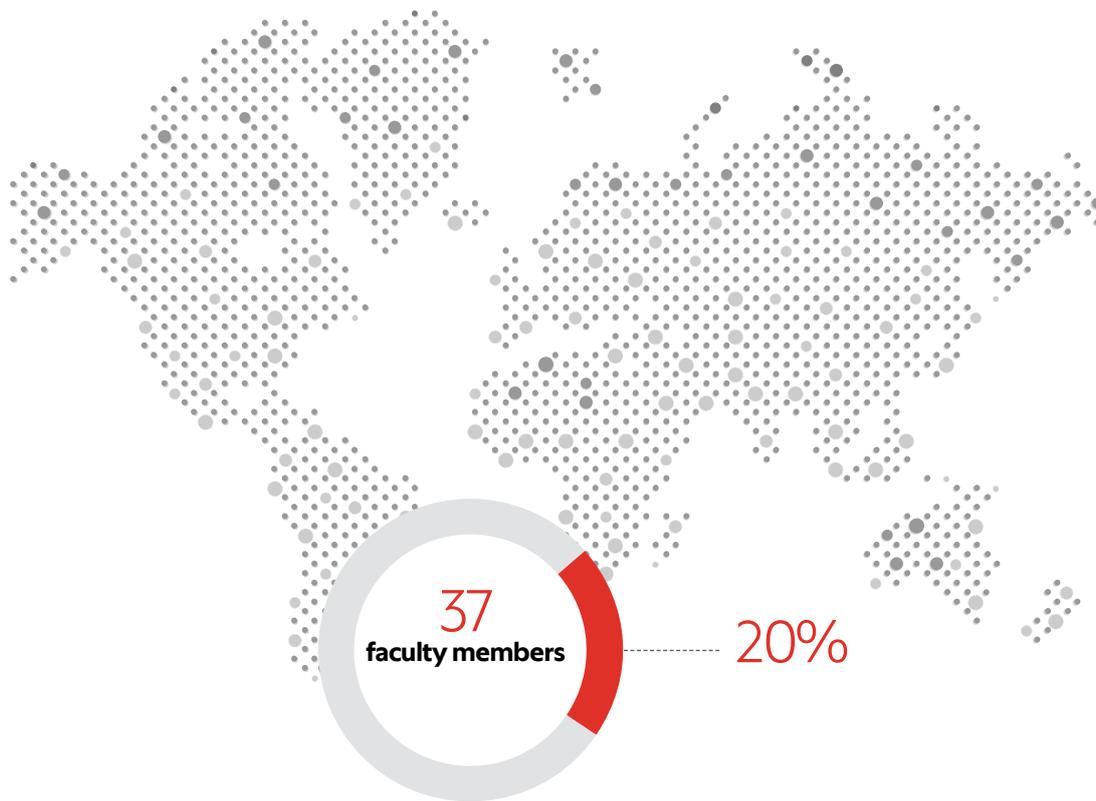
DATE	LECTURER	INSTITUTION	TITLE
16/05/2024	Sabine Bergner	Graz University	Finding a balance: How organizational design, leadership style and employee personality contribute to the exploration-exploitation duality
22/05/2024	Nadia Massoud	Melbourne Business School	Whose Attention Matters? Evidence from News Sentiment
29/05/2024	Jan Grobovšek	Univerza v Edinburgu	Occupational Choices, Human Capital, and Cross-Country Income Difference
05/06/2024	Filippo Biondi	KU Leuven, Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics	Firm productivity and derived factor demand under variable markups
26/06/2024	Dalibor Stevanović, BS	Université du Québec à Montreal	Inflation Attention and Inflation Expectations
11/09/2024	David Andolfatto, BS	University of Miami	Was the COVID-19 Inflation Surge Avoidable?
28/10/2024	Pierre Wunsch, BS	Belgijska centralna banka	Zelena agenda ter njen vpliv na denarno in makroekonomsko politiko
06/11/2024	Nebojša Dimić	University of Vaasa, Finska	Sustainable Finance and Uncertainty: Evidence from Emerging Bond Markets
12/11/2024	Oliver Holtemöller, BS	Halle Institute for Economic Research; Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg	Optimal Monetary Policy in a Two-Sector Environmental DSGE Model
14/11/2024	Martin Wagner, BS	University of Klagenfurt	1. A Note on the Optimal Speed of Transition: Aghion and Blanchard Revisited; 2. Integrated Modified Least Squares Estimation and (Fixed-b) Inference for Systems of Cointegrating Multivariate Polynomial Regressions
21/11/2024	Domenica Di Virgilio	Banka Slovenije	Complementarities between capital buffers and dividend prudential target
21/11/2024	Zhiwei Zhu	Daniels School of Business, Purdue University	Business Analytics in the Generative AI Era: A Historical and Forward-Looking Perspective
26/11/2024	Zoran Filipović	Université Paris Dauphine	Beyond the hype: Understanding IPO (over)valuation
28/11/2024	Arne Carlsen	BI Norwegian Business School	Value inquiry and constructing the good in organizations
28/11/2024	Tina Toni, BS	Morgan Stanley	Algorithmic trading, models and artificial intelligence
05/12/2024	Djordje Djurica	Vienna University of Economics and Business (Dunajska univerza za ekonomijo in poslovne vede)	Cognitively Effective Process Mining Visualizations Using Conceptual Modeling Insights
12/12/2024	Črt Lenarčič, BS	Banka Slovenije	Green Transition in the Euro Area: Domestic and Global Factors

POSITIONS ON EDITORIAL BOARDS

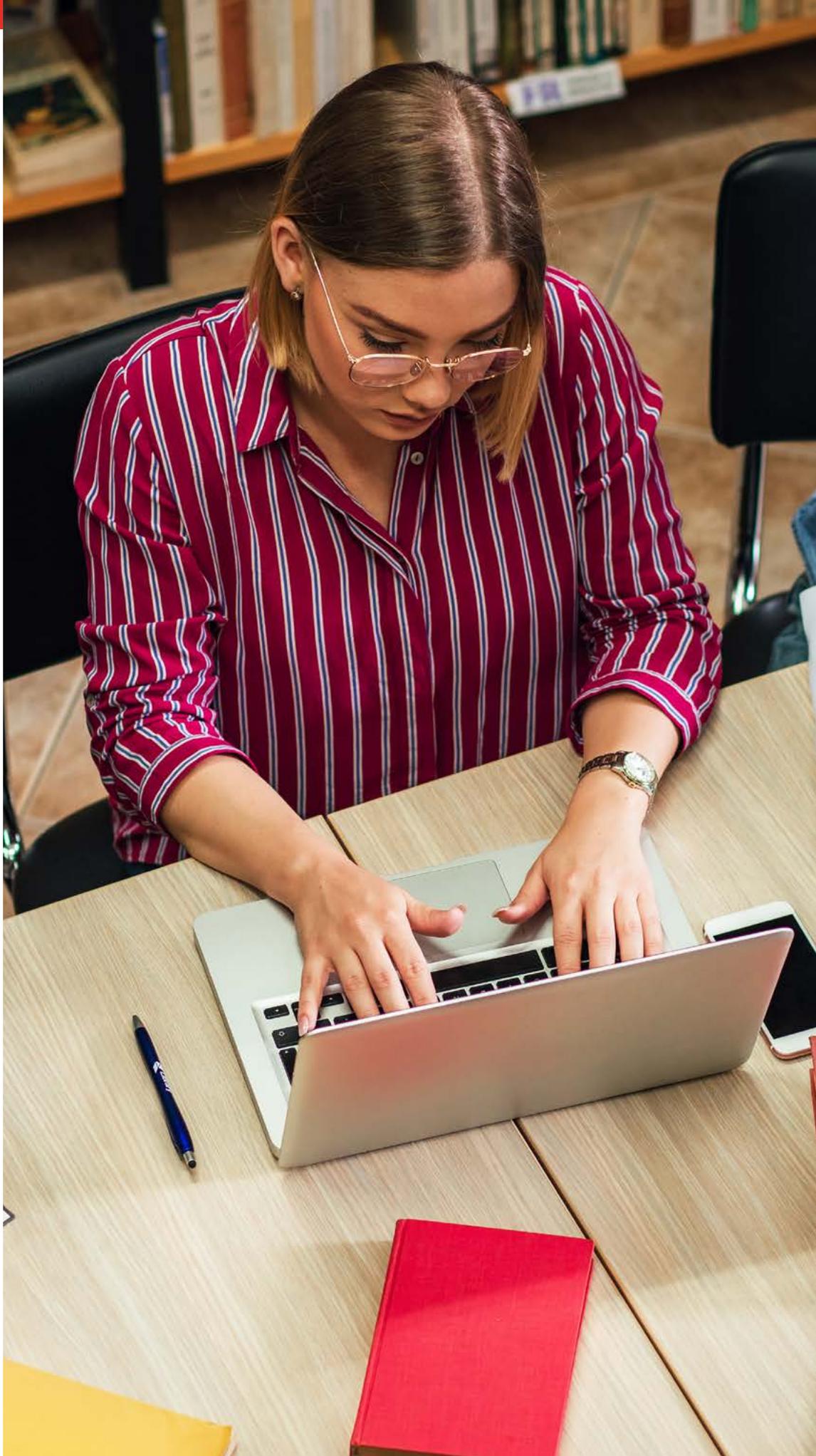


Many faculty members (both junior and senior faculty) have held positions on the editorial boards of 53 international academic journals, some of them in highly ranked SCI/SSCI journals like Journal of Travel Research, Journal of Multinational Financial Management, Human Resource Management Review, Journal of Sustainable Tourism, Journal of Classification etc. The complete list of faculty members involved in these activities and the journals to which they contribute their valuable time and expertise is given in the Appendix. This has had a positive impact on the scientific community.

PROPORTION OF SEB LU FACULTY MEMBERS SERVING ON INTERNATIONAL EDITORIAL BOARDS: 37 FACULTY MEMBERS, 20%.



CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE



The Centre of Knowledge (CeK) is a modern hub that co-creates the academic environment by supporting the study and research process. CeK is an indispensable partner in promoting academic excellence and scientific achievement in a global environment.

In particular, the Centre offers:

- advanced library services,
- access to a wide range of information resources,
- individualised assistance to researchers and students,
- academic publishing, bookshop and
- advanced research in finance and behaviour in two laboratories.

THE CEK BRINGS TOGETHER THREE KEY ACTIVITIES

- The Central Library of Economics
- The UL SEB Publishing
- The Infrastructure Centre of UL SEB

CENTRAL LIBRARY OF ECONOMICS

The Central library of Economics (CeK Library) is Slovenia's foremost scientific and academic library in the field of economics and business sciences and was founded in 1947. With its abundant information resources, it provides continuous support for studies and additional information to all students and teachers. It provides foundations, necessary infrastructure and professional support for research work.

The library collection holds a quarter of a million titles of monographs, theses, research papers, periodicals and non-book materials, as well as a vast collection of electronic resources available to users from the fields of economics, business, and education. More recent materials are freely available to users, while older ones can be ordered from the archive.

Additionally, CeK Library provides access to more than 150 specialized databases and high-quality electronic text sources. All electronic text resources and 86% of databases are available remotely to students, researchers and faculty. Remote access to full-text documents, with 39,874 and 3,909 unique users, is the highest at the University of Ljubljana and almost doubles the following institutional records.

To support focused study, designated study areas and group project rooms are available upon prior reservation. After the library is closed, students of the School of Economics and Business can continue their studies in designated study areas, which are open daily from 6:00 a.m. to midnight.

CeK Library is a hub for information and knowledge dissemination at the SEB LU with 13 professionals involved in four main areas of work:

- Reader services, interlibrary loan and bookshop
- Printed collection management
- Research support, digital library and open science
- Digital and promotional activities

Renewed training activities include workshops, user guides, short video presentations in information literacy and e-sources. Consultancy on specific subject is also offered by subject librarians. Complementing this support is a constant

development of eTutor*CEK, an online research and study guide featuring video tutorials and explanations.

HIGHLIGHTS


1st place

place in the UL for
remote accesses to
full-text documents


100+

relevant
e-sources and
databases


2,000+

bibliographic
records

UL SEB PUBLISHING & THE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS REVIEW (EBR)

The School continues to strengthen its role as a dynamic scholarly publisher, committed to advancing knowledge and showcasing the achievements of our research community. Through research publications, textbooks, and our internationally recognised journal Economic and Business Review (EBR), we actively support the global visibility and impact of our research.

Our monographs and textbooks highlight the expertise of our school and bring cutting-edge insights to students, researchers, and practitioners. In 2024, our publishing portfolio grew once again, reflecting the School's vibrant research environment and its dedication to high-quality academic output.

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS REVIEW (EBR)

EBR stands as UL SEB's flagship journal and one of drivers of our international research reputation. As a double-blind, peer-reviewed open-access journal, EBR provides a platform for innovative research in applied business and economic studies.

Since its transition to Elsevier's Digital Commons (DC) platform in 2021, EBR has significantly expanded its global reach. The move has enhanced discoverability, streamlined editorial processes, and opened new opportunities for engagement with a worldwide scholarly audience.

The results are clear: in 2024 alone, EBR articles were downloaded more than 50,000 times, attracting readers from across Europe, North America, and beyond. Growing citation rates and international readership underscore the Journal's increasing influence and its role in shaping contemporary economic and business research.

EBR continues to position the UL SEB as a leading voice in the global academic community, supporting excellence, encouraging dialogue, and amplifying the impact of our research worldwide.

ICEF

The Infrastructure Centre of the School of Economics and Business (ICEF) operates within the Network of Research and Infrastructural Centres of the University of Ljubljana (MRIC UL), and is partially funded through successful grants obtained from Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS).

The ICEF provides direct, remote, and unlimited access for the search, review and use of materials including printed and electronic documents such as reports, analyses, and research, with a focus on the European Union, finance, neuroscience, digitisation, and behavioural sciences. It provides support to researchers in the environment of open access and social science by promoting scientific achievements, and access to newly identified information sources, especially in the above-mentioned areas with a technical support in the use of resources and innovative research equipment.

It liaises with similar institutions and similar centres within Slovenia and abroad, particularly in the European Research Area. It organises workshops for users to familiarise themselves with the use of resources available in ICEF in accordance with contractual provisions.

The SEB Behavioural Lab is a dedicated space for interdisciplinary research on human behaviour, offering insights into how consumers, employees, managers, and entrepreneurs think and act. Equipped with advanced technology, the lab enables the measurement of psychophysiological responses, eye tracking, facial expression analysis for emotional recognition, and sleep-quality assessment.

The Finance Lab, nestled within the ICEF, fosters research at the intersection of cognitive sciences - such as philosophy, psychology, computer science, social sciences, and neuroscience - exploring their impact on financial information, financial systems, and decision-making in finance and management. It offers users access to essential hardware and databases, seamlessly integrating cutting-edge research and impactful teaching across all UL SEB programmes.

European Documentation Centre is the custodian of a database of official EU publications, statistics, studies, and provides support when searching for legislation or information sources from the EU institutions' databases.

In 2024, ICEF continued to strengthen its role as a key research infrastructure hub of the School by supporting high-quality scientific work, advancing open knowledge, and fostering an environment where innovative, interdisciplinary research can thrive.



APPENDIX



RESEARCH CENTRE MEMBERS

Surname	Name
Ahčan	Aleš
Aleksić	Darija
Andolšek	Jure
Antončič	Boštjan
Balas Rant	Melita
Bartol	Ana
Bavdaž	Mojca
Berk Skok	Aleš
Bilynets	Iana
Bodlaj	Mateja
Božič	Katerina
Budler	Marko
Cepec	Jaka
Cijan	Anamarija
Cirman	Andreja
Colnar	Simon
Culiberg	Barbara
Čadež	Simon
Čater	Tomaž
Čater	Barbara
Čepon	Slavica
Černe	Matej
Čertanec	Ana
Dabić	Marina
Damijan	Jože
Damijan	Sandra
Dimovski	Vlado
Ding	Zhonghui
Dmitrović	Tanja
Dobnik	Nadja
Dolšak	Janez
Domadenik Muren	Polona
Dostal	Mateja
Došenović Bonča	Petra
Drnovšek	Mateja
Erjavec	Jure
Erjavec	Eva
Farčnik	Daša
Ferjančič	Urša
Ferbar Tratar	Liljana
Galevska	Elena
Gerič Škopac	Veronika
Godnov	Uroš
Govekar	Gorazd
Gradišar	Mirko

Grah	Barbara
Groznik	Aleš
Hernaus	Tomislav
Hočevar	Marko
Hrovatin	Nevenka
Hvalič Erzetič	Barbara
Ichev	Riste
Igličar	Aleksander
Indihar Štemberger	Mojca
Istenič	Tanja
Ivašković	Igor
Jaklič	Marko
Jaklič	Jurij
Jakšič	Marko
Jamšek	Simon
Jeram	Nina
Jeram	Nina
Judež	Urška
Kansky-Rožman	Ženja
Kaše	Robert
Kejžar	Anamarija
Kešeljevič	Aleksandar
Kilar	Vita
Knežević Cvelbar	Ljubica
Kokol Bukovšek	Damjana
Kolar	Tomaž
Kolbl	Živa
Koman	Matjaž
Končan	Hana
Konečnik Ruzzier	Maja
Korenjak Černe	Simona
Kos Koklič	Mateja
Kostevc	Črt
Košak	Marko
Košak	Maša
Kotnik	Patricija
Kovač	Bogomir
Kovač	Mitja
Kozjek	Tatjana
Krizmanič	Bor
Kunšek	Mojca
Kurbus	Barbara
Kuščer	Kir
Lahovnik	Matej
Lamovšek	Amadeja
Lenassi	Nives
Leskovec	Fabijan
Ličen	Mina
Lindič	Jaka

Ljubi	Klara
Lončarski	Igor
Lotrič Dolinar	Aleša
Lukšič	Igor
Malenković	Saša
Malovrh	Tanja
Manfreda	Anton
Marc	Mojca
Marinč	Matej
Marinšek	Denis
Martič	Matjaž
Masten	Igor
Merkuž	Ajda
Mihalič	Tanja
Mihelič	Katarina Katja
Mikalef	Patrick
Miklič	Barbara
Milić	Patricia
Mojškerc	Blaž
Mörec	Barbara
Mrak	Mojmir
Nagode	Kristina
Nartnik	Tina
Pavasović Trošt	Tamara
Peljhan	Darja
Penger	Sandra
Peterlin	Judita
Pfajfar	Gregor
Polanec	Sašo
Ponikvar	Nina
Popovič	Aleš
Porenta	Jan
Pustovrh	Aleš
Rant	Vasja
Ražman	Sara
Redek	Tjaša
Rejc Buhovac	Adriana
Repovš	Eva
Rogelj	Roman
Rusjan	Borut
Sambt	Jože
Sekulovska	Angela
Shuyskiy	Dmitry
Simonovič	Mojca
Sitar	Aleša Saša
Sitar Šuštar	Katarina
Slavec Gomezel	Alenka
Spruk	Rok
Stanković	Tamara

Stemberger	Jakob
Sušjan	Andrej
Svetek	Mojca
Svetina Nabergoj	Anja
Svetlin Gvardjančič	Polonca
Škerlavaj	Miha
Šlander Wostner	Sonja
Švigelj	Matej
Tekavčič	Metka
Toman	Aleš
Tomat	Luka
Trkman	Peter
Turk	Tomaž
Umek	Alenka
Uršič	Dejan
Valentinčič	Aljoša
Vangeli	Anastas
Verbič	Miroslav
Vida	Irena
von Arx Ograjenšek	Irena
Vrbinc	Alenka
Vrečar	Peter
Vrh	Nataša
Vučkovski	Davor
Zajc Kejžar	Katja
Zalaznik	Maja
Zaman Groff	Maja
Zečević	Mila
Zorić	Jelena
Zovko	Vinko
Zupan	Nada
Zupan	Blaž
Žabkar	Vesna
Žnidaršič	Jana

ON-GOING PROJECTS IN 2024

RESEARCH PROJECTS

FUNDING ENTITY	PROJECT REFERENCE	SEB LU PRINCIPAL		PERIOD
		INVESTIGATOR	TITLE OF PROJECT	
COST Action	CA20105	Tamara Pavasović Trošt	SlowMemo - Slow Memory: Transformative Practices for Times of Uneven and Accelerated Change	2021 - 2025
European Commission, H2020-MSCA-RISE-2019	873077	Tomaž Čater	MAIA - Models and Methods for an active ageing workforce: an international academy	2020 - 2025
European Commission, HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01	101095175	Tanja Istenič	SustainWELL - Sustainable Welfare: Rethinking the roles of Family, Market and State	2023 - 2027
European Commission, Social Prerogative and Specific Competencies Lines (SOCPL)	101102367	Polona Domadenik Muren	Recruit4Tomorrow - Encouraging employment of third-country nationals through social dialogue	2023 - 2025
European Commission, HORIZON-MSCA-2022-SE-01	101130572	Nada Zupan	GETM4 - Global Entrepreneurial Talent Management 4	2023 - 2027
European Commission, CERV - Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (2021 - 2027)	101191135	Robert Kaše	PAY DAY - Pay Transparency Directive Implementation Support	2024 - 2026
European Commission, MSCA - Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions	1162225	Peter Trkman	European Researchers' Night: Humanities Rock! Research: Shaping the Future of Humanity	2024 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J5-3106	Maja Konečnik Ruzzier (PI at SEB LU)	Eco innovation and circular economy-a path toward a more sustainable and inclusive future: the role of demographic changes and digitalization	2021 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	L3-3177	Mateja Kos Koklič (PI at SEB LU)	Safety evaluation of cannabidiols and implications for public health and consumers behaviour	2021 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J7-4540	Tjaša Redek (PI at SEB LU)	Socio-economics consequences of cancer from the perspective of the individual and society including the impact of COVID-19 pandemic	2022 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J5-4574	Matej Černe	The limits of agile work: exploring the effects of agility on sleep and innovativeness	2022 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J5-4575	Tanja Istenič	Corporate investment at the key to building a sustainable company: building a theoretical model and multimethod empirical analysis	2022 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J5-4576	Vesna Žabkar (PI at SEB LU)	An integrated policy approach to simultaneously address the environmental and economic crisis	2022 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	Z5-4577	Janez Dolšak	Could energy efficiency alleviate energy poverty in residential sector?	2022 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J7-4641	Ljubica Knežević Cvelbar (PI at SEB LU)	Heritage for Inclusive Sustainable Transformation: HEI-TRANSFORM	2022 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J5-50162	Darija Aleksić (PI at SEB LU)	Empowering the neglected voices of children in tourism development	2023 - 2026
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J5-50173	Tamara Pavasović Trošt (PI at SEB LU)	Growing cultural distance and stereotyping in small transition countries: the case of the countries of the former Yugoslavia	2023 - 2026
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J5-4574	Matej Černe	The limits of agile work: exploring the effects of agility on sleep and innovativeness	2022 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J7-50185	Peter Trkman	Transparency and digitalization in supply chains	2023 - 2026
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	J7-4540	Tjaša Redek (PI at SEB LU)	Socio-economics consequences of cancer from the perspective of the individual and society including the impact of COVID-19 pandemic	2022 - 2025

Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of Finance	V5-2261	Vasja Rant	Modelling payments of new EU own resources by member states	2022 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport	V5-2246	Daša Farčnik	Impact of sports / physical activity on economic and social health costs	2022 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Government Office for Digital Transformation	V5-2264	Tjaša Redek	A framework for measuring the potential of artificial intelligence implementation in Slovenia with an in-depth analysis of the situation in Slovenia and in the EU and a multi-method approach to analysis of status and trends in Slovenia	2022 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Government Office for Digital Transformation	V5-2267	Polona Domadenik Muren (PI at SEB LU)	The impact of artificial intelligence on the labour market: economic analysis, reducing the competence gap and providing labour law protection	2022 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport	V5-2344	Maja Zalaznik	The impact of major international sports events on GDP and other key socio-economic and financial indicators	2023 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Statistical Office	V5-2346	Mojca Bavdaž	Monitoring short-term development of market economy in as real time as possible	2023 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport	V5-2349	Denis Marinšek	Convergence of Slovenia towards Austria and Germany with the measures of modern development policy	2023 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport	V5-2352	Kir Kuščer (PI at SEB LU)	Research of congress guests, their habits and consumption in Slovenia	2023 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport	V5-2354	Metka Tekavčič (PI at SEB LU)	The analysis of the situation and development of the economic space abroad in connection with the Slovenian economy	2023 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of Solidarity-Based Future	V5-2355	Polona Domadenik Muren (PI at SEB LU)	Analysis of ownership structures in the Slovenian economy and the potential for promoting socially responsible ownership	2023 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of Defence	V5-24007	Črt Kostevc	Macroeconomic effects of NATO membership on Slovenia	2024 - 2026
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities	V5-24036	Polona Domadenik Muren	Strengthening Security and Equality for Women with Disabilities in Private Life and the Labor Market: Legal, Economic, and Social Aspects of Discrimination and Violence Against Women with Disabilities	2024 - 2026
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of Health	V3-24038	Petra Došenovič Bonča (PI at SEB LU)	Scientific background and recommendations for creating a national cardiovascular health programme in Slovenia	2024 - 2026
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency & Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism and Sport	V5-24020	Tjaša Redek	Analysis of the shortage of human resources for the needs of the Slovenian economy and society: Human resources for a highly productive, innovative economy and the dual transition to a digital and green society	2024 - 2025

BILATERAL RESEARCH PROJECTS 2024

FUNDING ENTITY	PROJECT REFERENCE	COUNTRY	SEB LU PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	TITLE OF PROJECT	PERIOD
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	BI-US/22-24-110	United States of America	Marko Budler	Effective procurement 4.0 and operations management for supply chain resilience	2022 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	BI-US/22-24-030	United States of America	Alenka Vrbinc	Old words, new words, new world: The life of Slovenian lexicographers - immigrants in the USA	2022 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	BI-US/22-24-066	United States of America	Mateja Kos Koklič	Digital piracy, digital hoarding and orientation towards non-ownership among Slovenian consumers	2022 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	BI-ME/23-24-029	Montenegro	Metka Tekavčič	Green accounting in the function of achieving balanced economic development - a comparative overview in Slovenia and Montenegro	2023 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	BI-AT/23-24-003	Austria	Živa Kolbl	Brand stereotypes: A demand and supply perspective	2023 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	BI-AT/23-24-033	Austria	Aleša Saša Sitar	In search of balance: How organizational design, leadership style and employee personality contribute to the duality between knowledge exploration and exploitation	2023 - 2024
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	BI-HR/23-24-040	Croatia	Maja Zaman Groff	The influence of culture on the moral judgment of accounting students: a comparison of Croatia and Slovenia	2023 - 2025
Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency	BI-BA/24-25-016	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Tomaž Kolar	Application of neuromarketing methods and tools in theory and practice	2024 - 2025

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