

Summary

Culture is an integral part of any aspect of human life and plays an important role in human development. This Working Paper tries to determine the developmental potential of culture and analyses some aspects of cultural development in Slovenia by means of selected indicators. Culture is examined at two levels: national and regional, whereby Slovenia's statistical regions were taken as the basic territorial units.

First, this Working Paper seeks to establish the developmental dimension of culture, as viewed from the three constituent elements of welfare: economic, social and environmental, as proposed by the Strategy for the Economic Development of Slovenia 2001-2006. Next, we look at some other aspects of culture's impact on development, which is of particular significance for the regional level. Finally, we show the growing awareness of the significance of culture for welfare growth in the European Union, which is reflected in the rising appropriations for culture seen in the Union.

Culture in Slovenia is analysed in three steps: first we present the administrative and material framework for the functioning of culture, then we give information about employment and we finally present some particular areas of culture. As before, the subject is treated at two levels, namely national and regional.

This Working Paper was prepared in the hope that it will encourage further statistical monitoring of cultural development in Slovenia at both the national and regional levels. This should help the government in promoting the development of culture more effectively and contribute to the flourishing of culture, preservation of the national heritage and the enrichment of common European cultural treasures.