

SUSA - SLOVENIAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION



INTRODUCTION

Slovenian University Sports Association (SUSA) was founded in 1997 and is a nationally and internationally recognized university sports association, which operates in the Republic of Slovenia. It is a voluntary association of the Universities of Slovenia or student sports associations.

Members

The members of SUSA are associations functioning in all 3 university cities, which connect 35 faculties and interest student sports organisations: University Sports Association of Ljubljana, University Sports Association of Maribor and University Sports Association of Primorska, with over 20,000 student members.

Membership

Slovenian University Sports Association has been a member of the International University Sports Association (FISU) since 1997, and a member, as well as one of the founders, of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) since 1999.

In the year 2000, The Olympic Committee of Slovenia accepted the Slovenian University Sports Association as an equal member with the right to vote, and ranked it into the third member group, among the national sports associations of non-Olympic sports.

Cooperation

- The Ministry of Education, Science and Sports awarded the Slovenian University Sports Association the status of an organisation functioning in public interest in the field of sports.
- The Student Organisation of Slovenia recognized the Slovenian University Sports Association as a legitimate and legal representative of the Student Sports Society organizing and functioning in Slovenia in February 2003. At the same time, it supported its functioning as a top national organisation.
- Slovenian University Sports Association cooperates well with all 3 Universities and many national sports associations, not only with ensuring participation of our athletes at the university championships, but also with the organisation and realisation of national university championships. SUSA has also signed an agreement of collaboration in the field of university sports with the International University Sports Federations (CUSI and others).

TASKS

- Organisation of Universiades, World university championships and European university championships and participation of Slovenian students in these events as well as organising other sports events in the field of university or student sports.
- Endeavouring for mass participation in sports activities and popularisation of sports, and recreation among students and university staff, respectively.
- Development of student and university sports quality.
- Endeavouring for improving studying conditions for the top student athletes.

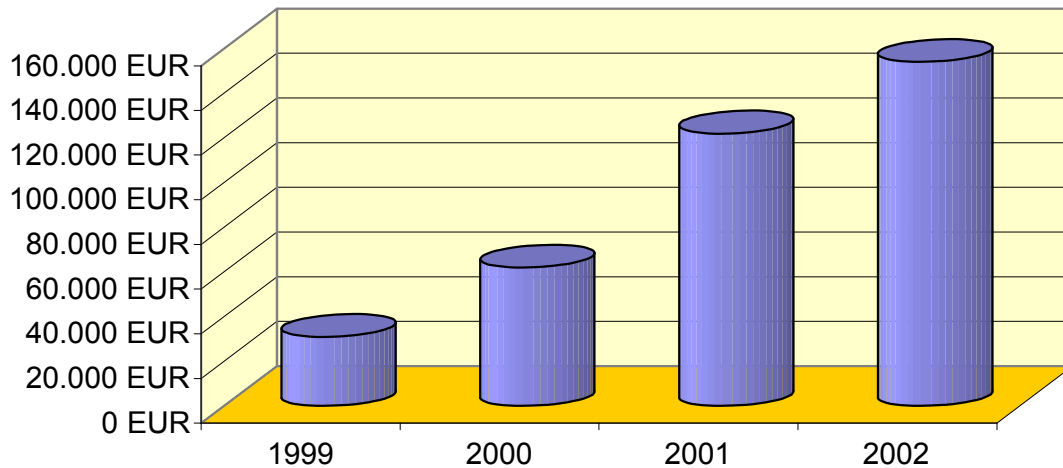
- Encouraging founding of sports clubs and other forms of student and university sports organisations.
- Cooperation with the government, non-government, private, and other institutions which can contribute to successful functioning and development of university sports.
- Active participation in the functioning of international and domestic associations a part of which SUSA is.

FINANCING

- Foundation of Sports
- Ministry of Education, Science and Sports
- Partners (university and national sports associations)
- Membership fees
- Sponsorships, donations
- Participation fees

Slovenian University Sports Association is constantly growing. The growth can be seen not only in the wide range of activities, but also in finances. The income in 2002 was 154.000 EURO. Let me remind you that in 1999, the income was merely 31.000 EURO. In 2000 it was 62.000 EURO, and it reached 122.000 EURO in 2001. We expect that incomes in 2003 will reach 250.000 EURO.

SUSA Income: 1999-2002



The major part of our income are still the resources acquired over public competitions and official invitations. In 2002, we have signed the following contracts with the Slovenian Ministry of School, Science and Sports:

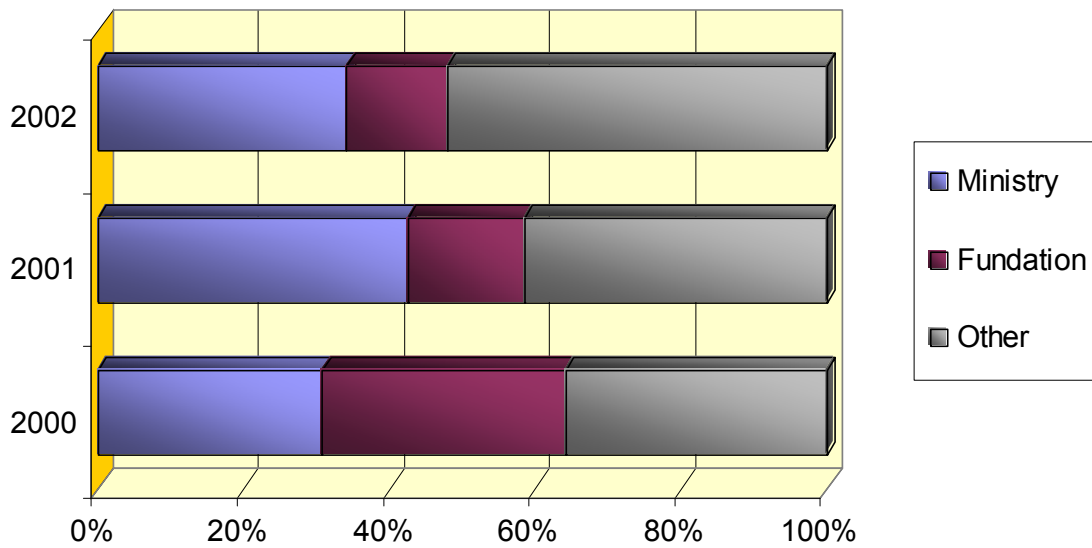
- for National University Championships and league matches,
- for the European University Championship in Koper, and
- for the operation of SUSA

We also signed contracts with the Foundation for financing sport organisation in Republic of Slovenia for the following projects:

- Winter Universiade,
- National University Championships and league matches,
- European University Championships, and for
- the Students' Sports Information Day.

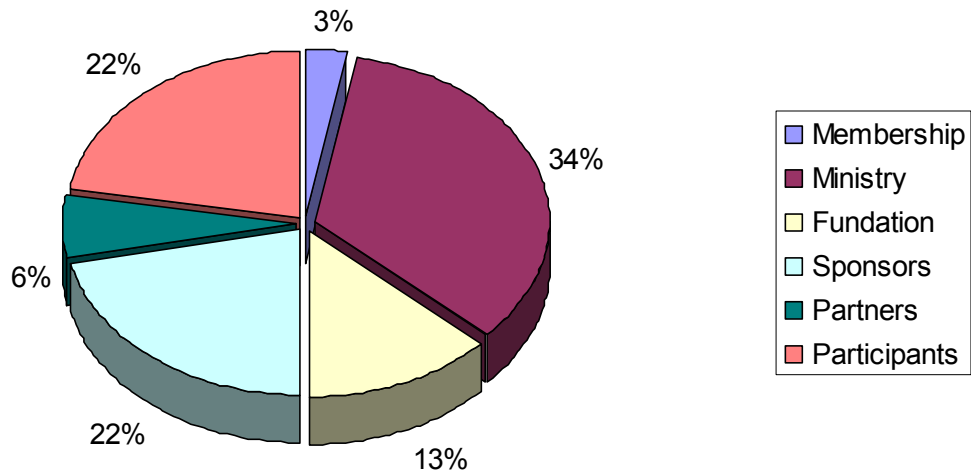
The percentage of these public funds, however, is persistently decreasing. Last year it represented 48% of the whole income, while this share was 59% in 2001, 64% in 2000, and in the year 1999 it represented almost the sole income of our organisation.

SUSA Funds Layout



Other sources of SUSA income are funds from our sponsors (22%), membership fee (3%), participation of the participants (22%), and funds gained by our partners at the projects of national discipline sports associations and university sports associations (6%).

Income sources in 2002



HISTORY - Participation

Under the patronage of Slovenian University Sports Association, Slovenian students have participated in numerous world student competitions – summer and winter universiades, where they have won 53 medals altogether. At the world student championships, our athletes have won 6 medals.

The team of the University of Maribor won the title of the European University Basketball Champions in 2001, and tree bronze medals at the European University Volleyball Championships in 2001 and 2003, and the European University Basketball Championship in 2002. Two silver medals were won at the European University Basketball Championship in 2002 by the teams of the University of Ljubljana and the Higher Education Centre of Koper. SUSA also participated in the European University Tennis Cup, where Slovenian students won a gold medal and a silver one.

Winter and Summer Universiades

1995:	Jaca, Spain	4	0	3	1
	Fukuoka, Japan	1	0	0	1
1997:	Muju-Chonju, Korea	15	7	4	4
	Sicily, Italy	2	0	0	2
1999:	Poprad, Slovakia	3	0	1	2
	Palma, Spain	2	0	2	0
2001:	Zakopane, Poland	13	6	4	3
	Beijing, China	2	1	0	1
2003:	Tarvisio, Italy	9	3	4	2
	Daegu, Korea	2	0	2	0
Together		53	17	20	16

World University Championships

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European University Championships

2001 –					
Basketball; Aveiro, Portugal					
University of Maribor (men)	1	1	0	0	
Volleyball; Vrbas, Serbia & Montenegro					
University of Maribor	1	0	0	1	
2002 –					
Basketball; Koper, Slovenia					
University of Ljubljana (women)	1	0	1	0	
University of Maribor (men)	1	0	0	1	
University of Primorska (men)	1	0	1	0	
2003 –					
Volleyball; Maribor, Slovenia	1	0	0	1	
Together	6	1	2	3	

The best individuals and teams from the national university championships organised by the Slovenian University Sports Association participate in European University Sports Association competitions, whereas participation at universiades and world university championships are enabled in cooperation with other national sports associations.

Organisation of international events

Slovenian University Sports Association successfully organised the 2nd European University Basketball Championship last year in Koper, in which 23 university teams, or 350 students, from 12 countries participated. This July in Maribor, SUSA also organised the 3rd European University Volleyball Championship in which 23 teams from 12 countries participated.

Plans - Organisation

Besides organising the 5th General Assembly of European University Sports Association (EUSA), which is currently taking place, Slovenia will organise the XXVI. World University Table Tennis Championship, in 2006, and will be a candidate for organisation of one of the EUSA Championships in 2005. Presently, there are serious negotiations about the organisation of a Winter Universiade in the near future.

1st International Student Sports Campus 2004

National University Championships.

Plans - Participation

European University Championships 2004 and 2005

Cross Country, Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, Basketball, Futsal

World University Championships 2004

Cross Country, Match Racing, Taekwondo, Beach Volleyball,
Orientation, Triathlon, Karate, Table Tennis, Futsal, Judo

Winter and Summer Universiade 2005

Project ZZ ZDRAVA ZABAVA

Together with our member associations, this year SUSA started a programme called ZZ Zdrava Zabava. Under this brand name, which in translation means Healthy Fun, all programs which are organised by the already mentioned associations will be run.

The program consists of:

Making the information system more unified (banners, posters, websites, ZZ card, information boards),

Standardization of the programmes,

Publishing ZZ magazine, Promotion of the programmes: advertising in printed media, on radio and TV, on jumbo banners, posters, etc.

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