

Regionalna razvojna agencija Gorenjske Regional Report Year 1

Environmental risks related with depopulation and ageing population in rural areas

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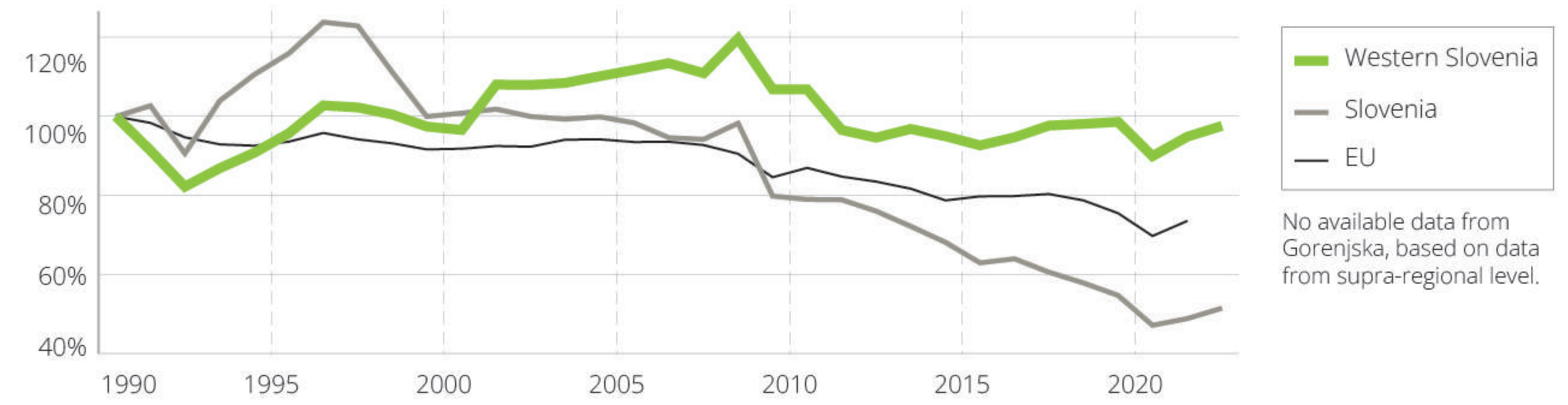
Demographic trends

Source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia & EUROSTAT



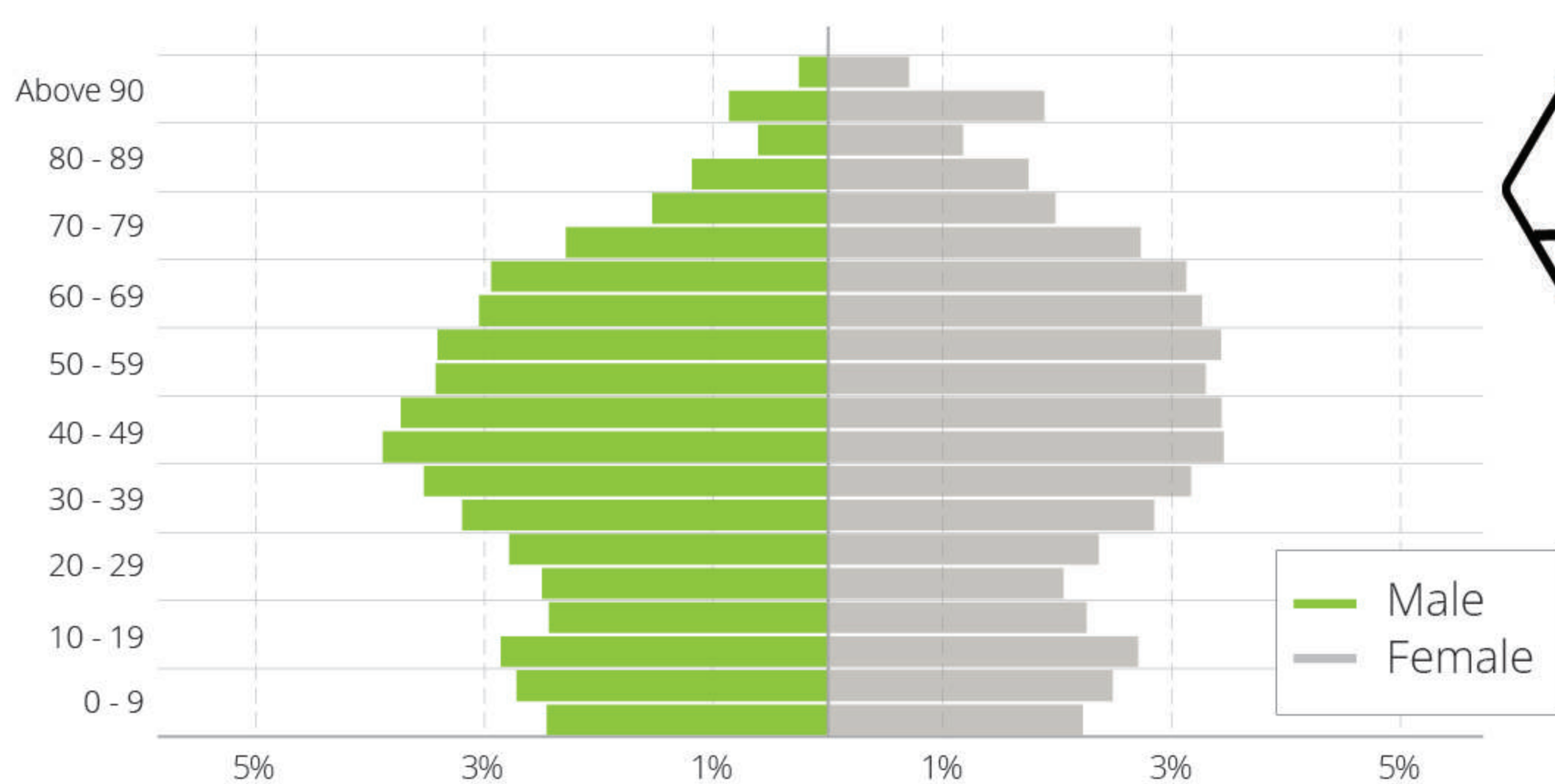
Regional GHG emissions

Source: Emissions Database for Global Atmospheric Research (EDGAR v.08) 2022

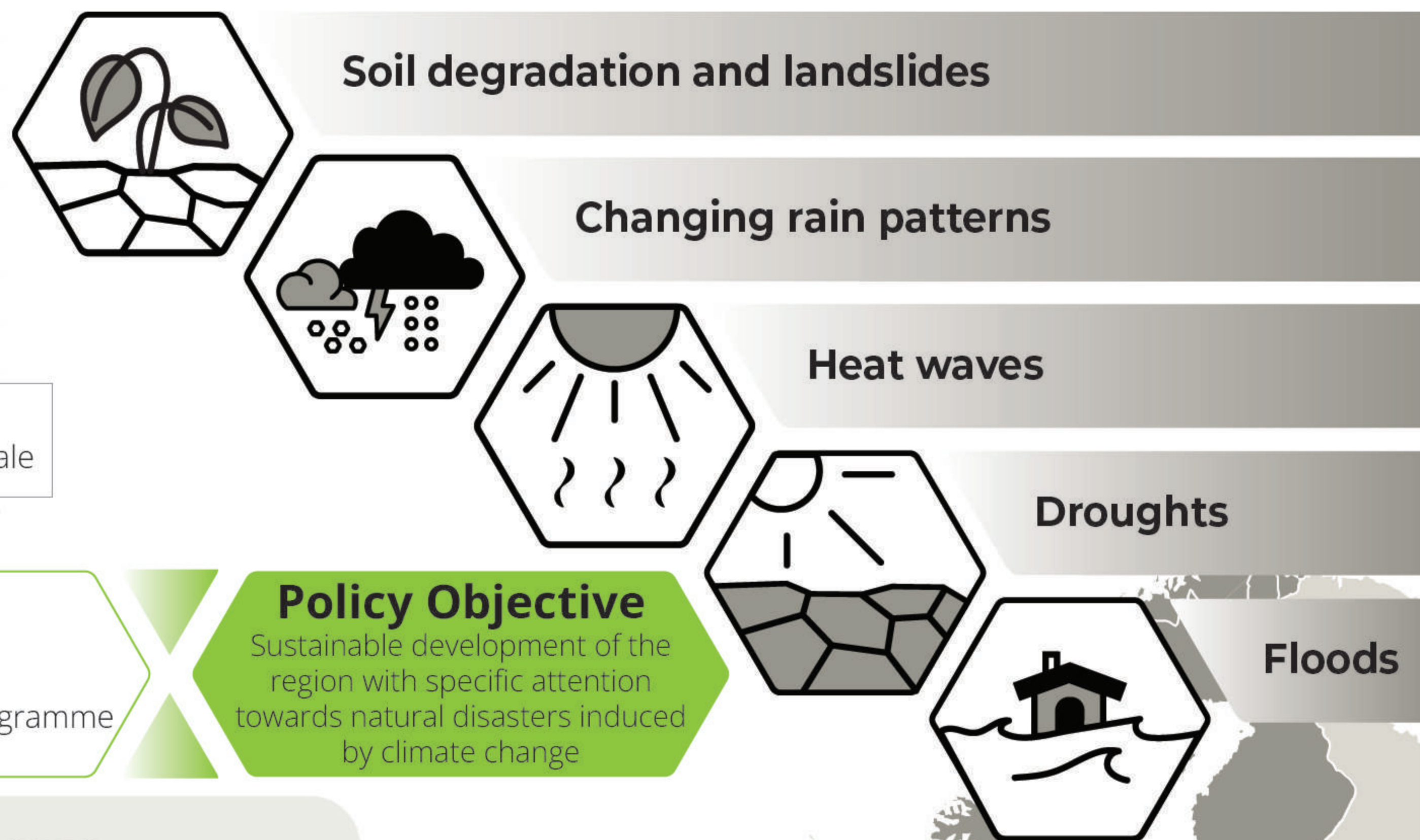


Population Pyramid

Total population: 217.203 inhabitants (EUROSTAT 2022)



Environmental risks and effects of climate change



2020: Environmental Protection Act
2021 - 2027: Regional Development Plan
2020 - 2030: Resolution on the National Environment Protection Programme

Strengths

- Awareness and willingness to act against the climate crisis
- Tourism
- Consensus on renewable energy development
- Rescue prevention public service

Weaknesses

- Lack of implementation of climate adaptation measures
- No comprehensive climate change adaptation policy on regional / local level
- Rural depopulation
- Disinterest of youth in taking on farming professions

Opportunities

- Green sustainable tourism
- Green entrepreneurial endeavours
- Green transformation of production / services
- Energy transition
- Policy transitions

Threats

- Economic costs of climate change (notably damages to farmland)
- Tourism sector: slow adaptation and less tourists
- Budgetary limitations: affecting policy



Cases that address ageing, depopulation and related environmental risks



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Bio Reserve Area



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Zelenica - Tržič

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