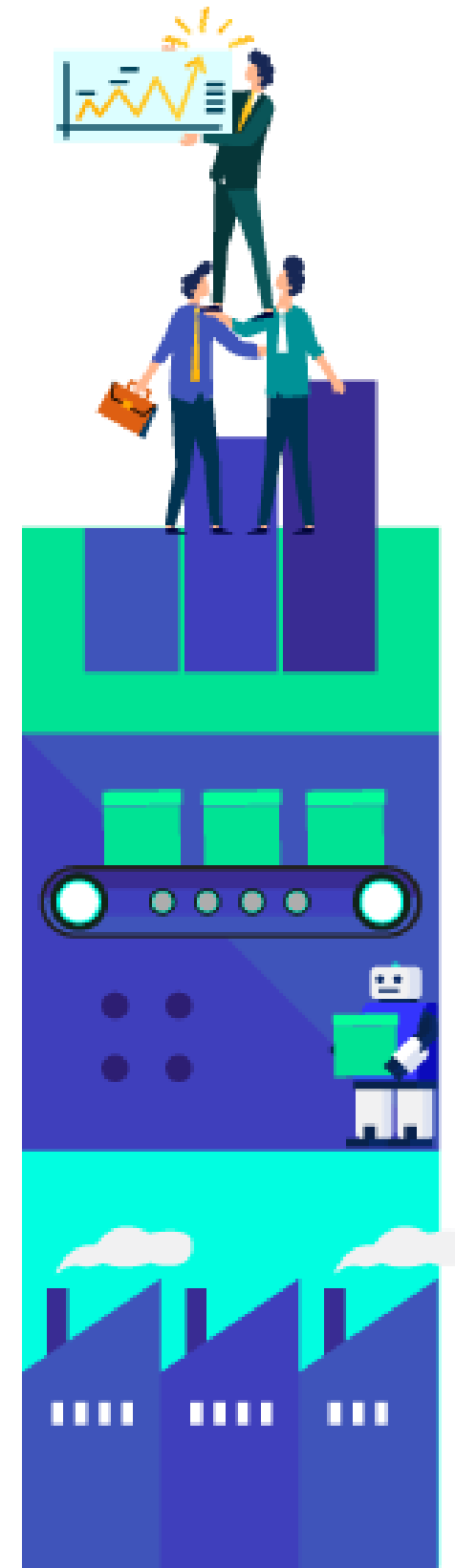


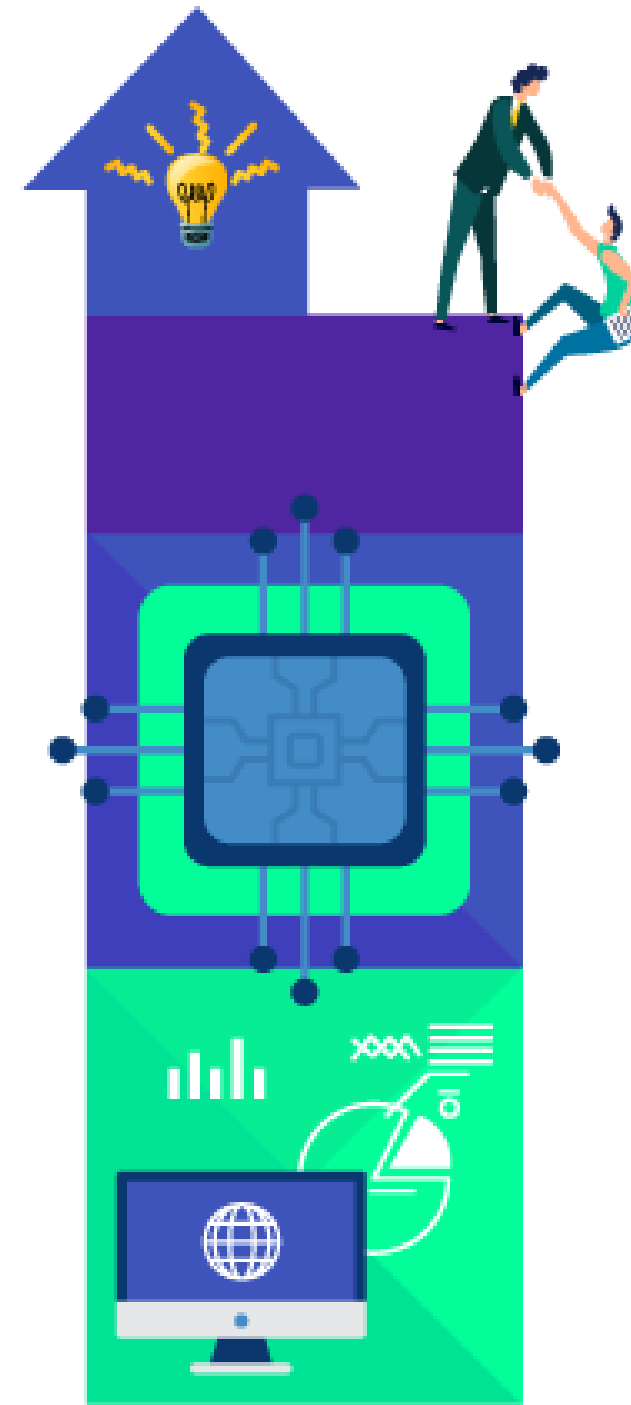


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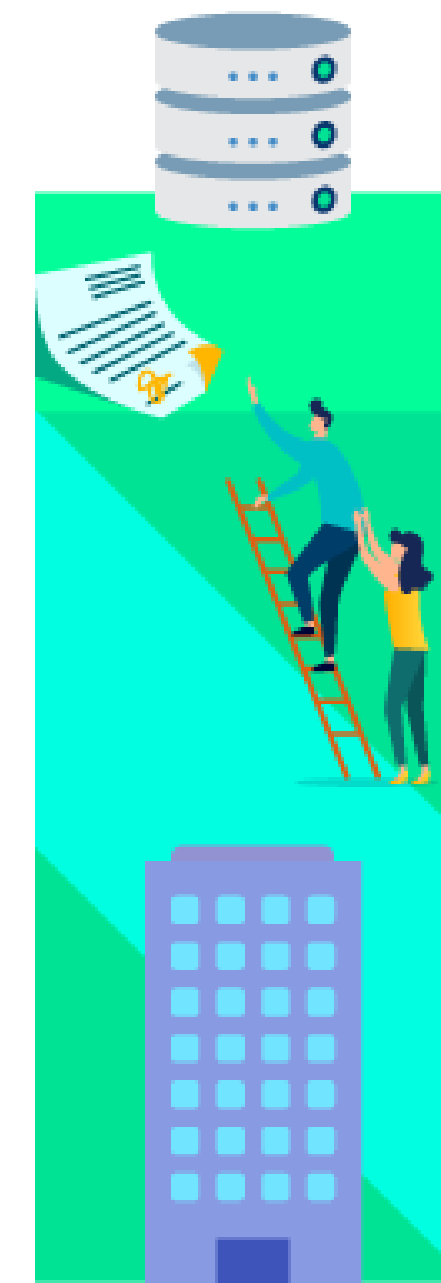
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PRIVATE
SECTOR



EDUCATION



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION



COMMUNITIES



Reasons

- Many bottom-up, community led initiatives – local food producers, protective materials, volunteers, etc.;
- Lack of digital skills and competencies, especially in rural areas;
- Lack of intuitive and easy to use digital platforms;
- Lack of funding for digitalisation;
- Transfer of knowledge into practice;
- Collaboration (on different levels) ;
- Test before invest: FabLab Network

FabLab Slovenia

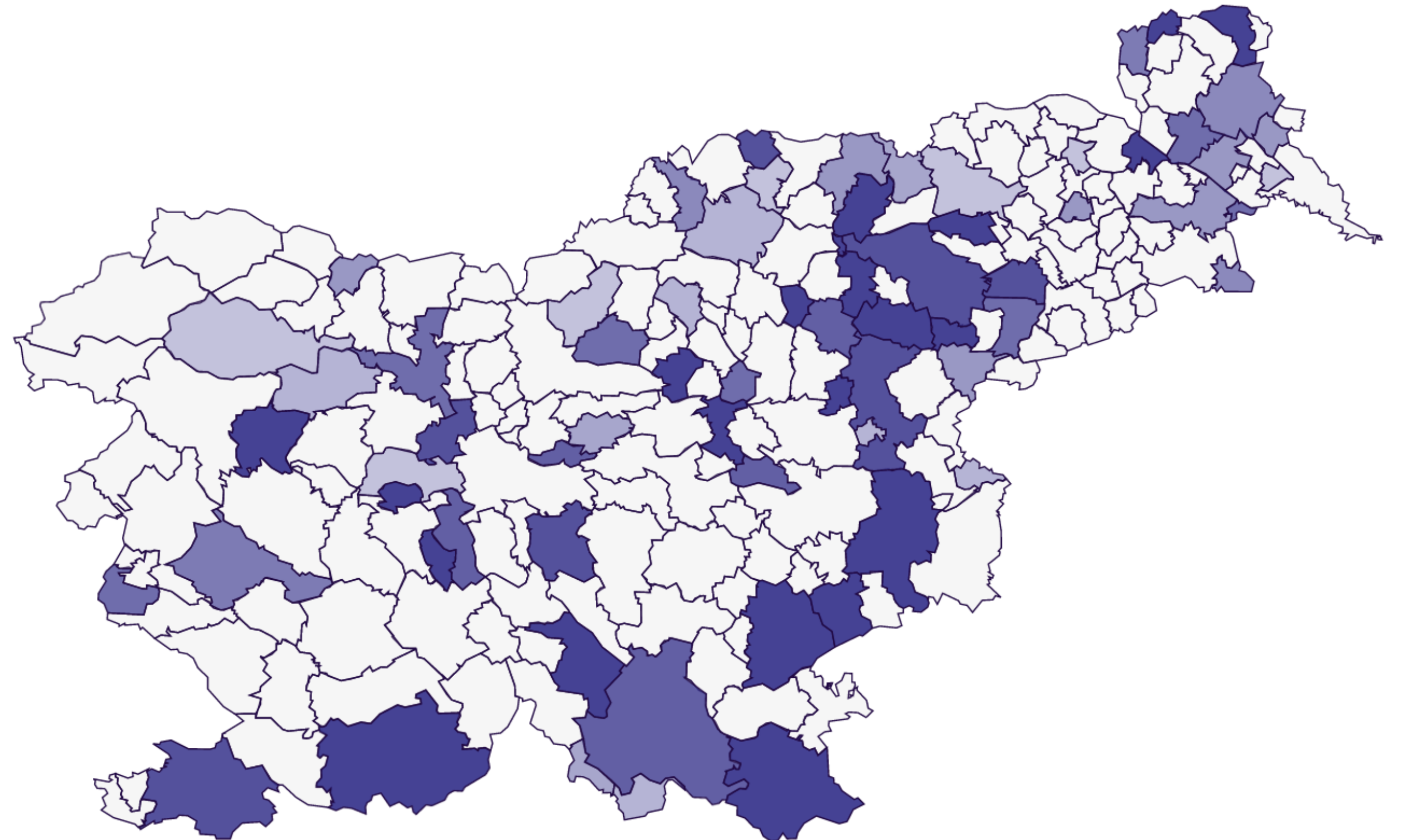
FabLab mreža Slovenija



- <http://fablab.si/>
- 91 partners
- 29 FabLabs
- 1 Mobile FabBox
- Rural-urban linkages

Benefits - Digitalisation priorities

- Collaboration with the Ministry of Public Administration and the Association of Municipalities of Slovenia– collect the needs of the municipalities in order to prepare future policies and instruments



- <https://4pdih.com/orodje/>

Benefits - LivingLabs

RURAL LIVING LAB IN ORGANIC FARMING

ZAHODNA SLOVENIA

LIVERUR Pilot Region: **Zahodna Slovenia**
Square km: **8 061 km²**
Population: **933 800 inhabitants**
Political region: **Slovenia**

DESCRIPTION

For Slovenia, a small, predominantly hilly and mountainous country located in the middle of Europe, family farming has been a principal model of agriculture for centuries and it is certain to remain so in the future. Slovenia's agriculture is mainly comprised of small farms with 84% of holdings having land under 10 ha. Slovenia's total utilized agricultural area equates to 24% of the total area of the country. The area which is dedicated to organic production is 8.69 % which is quite high and is within the top ten EU countries.

Digital farming

Slovenia would like to use existing living labs in the country and build new ones to:

- 1) bring digital skills and digital technology closer to family farmers;
- 2) develop and test prototypes for technology-oriented solutions for family farms;
- 3) develop business models appropriate for digital family farming.

Benefits – Smart Villages



Ways forward

- Test before invest: *“raise awareness and provide, or ensure access to, digital transformation expertise, know-how and services, including testing and experimentation facilities”*
- Skills and training: *“provide support in the area of advanced digital skills”*.
- Support to find investments: *“ provide support to LAGs in access to financial institutions and investors, and other relevant financing mechanisms”*.
- Innovation ecosystem and networking: *“ act as a facilitator to bring together industry, businesses and administrations which are in need of new technological solutions on one side, with companies, notably start-ups and SMEs, that have market-ready solutions on the other side”*.

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