

# The Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ZRC SAZU)

[ZRC SAZU](#) began its independent career in 1981. More than three hundred associates are organized into eighteen independent but coordinated and interconnected institutes. Work at ZRC SAZU is distinctly interdisciplinary and based on cooperation, complementation, and synergy. The diverse research areas can be summed up in the study of cultural, social, and natural phenomena, processes, and practices. The results of our work are similarly diverse. These results are visible not only in research and discussion articles, as well as general-interest publications, but also documentaries, promotional films, maps, CDs, posters, exhibitions, and websites. The basic mission is to conduct basic research as part of national research programmes, national basic research projects, international projects, and excellence centres.

ZRC SAZU carries out a series of applied projects that exceed the narrow orientation of individual specialized areas and make possible valuable links between various institutes and disciplines. Numerous achievements prove that research findings in the humanities are also useful for preserving natural and cultural heritage as well as for finding solutions to concrete problems; the most important achievements include compiling seminal standard and technical Slovenian dictionaries, cultivating, preserving, protecting, and managing authentic elements of Slovenian natural and cultural heritage, and developing strategies for a responsible attitude towards natural, cultural, and living heritage (e.g., environmental impact studies, vulnerability studies, water-resource management, providing professional support in building infrastructure and motorways, developing methodology and prevention or intervention programmes for the mentally handicapped, and enforcing EU heritage-protection policies). These basic and applied research projects are supported by the materials that our associates have been collecting for decades as part of the Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Slovenian People programme; this programme is one of the founding tasks of ZRC SAZU, which it carries out together with the [Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts](#).

## The research network

The research network of the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts consists of researchers working at eighteen ZRC SAZU institutes: [Anton Melik Geographical Institute](#), [Centre for interdisciplinary research](#), [Fran Ramovš Institute of the Slovenian Language](#), [France Stele Institute of Art History](#), [Institute for Cultural History](#), [Institute of Anthropological and Spatial Studies](#), [Institute of Archaeology](#), [Institute of Ethnomusicology](#), [Institute of Musicology](#), [Institute of Philosophy](#), [Institute of Slovenian Ethnology](#), [Institute of Slovenian Literature and Literary Studies](#), [Ivan Rakovec Institute of Palaeontology](#), [Jovan Hadži Institute of Biology](#), [Karst Research Institute](#), [Milko Kos Historical Institute](#), [Slovenian Migration Institute](#) and [Sociomedical Institute](#). Researchers also conduct studies at three regional research stations—the Research station Maribor, Research station Nova Gorica, Research station Prekmurje—which connect the research network across Slovenia from west to east.

### Anton Melik Geographical Institute ZRC SAZU

[Anton Melik Geographical Institute](#) has been members of the ZRC SAZU since 1981. From the very beginning, the institute's main task has been to conduct basic and applied geographical research on

Slovenia and its landscapes and to prepare basic geographical texts on Slovenia as a country and as a part of the world. Since Slovenia gained independence, in cooperation with other Slovenian geographers the institute's staff has prepared a large variety of basic geographical works on Slovenia as an independent country. These include national, world, school, and census atlases, a dictionary of geographical terminology, a lexicon of Slovenian place names, and a regional and general monograph. The institute participates in numerous projects in Slovenia and abroad, organizes academic conferences, trains junior researchers, and participates in professional exchanges. In the past ten years, the institute's research team has published over 3,000 bibliographic units and made over 500 presentations at conferences in Slovenia and abroad.

## Publications

The institute issues six scholarly publications:

- [Acta geographica Slovenica / Geografski zbornik](#),
- [Geografija Slovenije \(Geography of Slovenia\)](#),
- [Georitem \(Georhythm\)](#),
- [GIS v Sloveniji \(GIS in Slovenia\)](#),
- [Regionalni razvoj \(Regional Development\)](#),
- [Naravne nesreče \(Natural hazards\)](#).

## Symposiums

Institute organizes three main events:

- Symposium *Geographical Information Systems in Slovenia*,
- Symposium *Natural Hazards in Slovenia*,
- Symposium *Regional days*.

## Links

[Anton Melik Geographical Institute](#)

[Acta geographica Slovenica](#)

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