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The proportions of **Slovenian** women, youth and seniors who are in the process of starting a business or who manage a new start-up are below the European Union average for the 2012-16 period, despite being more likely to report that they have the skills to start and manage a business. Tailored entrepreneurship programmes have been developed for youth, the unemployed and women to support them in business creation, but more can be done. It is recommended that efforts to improve the business environment continue and that targeted outreach should be used to attract people from disadvantaged groups into existing entrepreneurship training programmes.

It is recommended to (i) continue to simplify and reduce business regulations; (ii) increase the use of targeted outreach to attract disadvantaged groups into mainstream entrepreneurship training programmes; (iii) introduce more training on financial literacy and access to finance for people from under-represented and disadvantaged groups; and (vi) introduce a systematic verification process of the quality and competency of individuals involved in developing and delivering training, coaching and mentoring programmes.

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