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GEOLOŠKI ATLAS SLOVENIJE GEOLOGICAL ATLAS OF SLOVENIA

The Geological Atlas of Slovenia was published by the Geological Survey of Slovenia to celebrate the 70th anniversary of its existence. It is edited by Matevž Novak and Nina Rman. As much as 44 authors and several other experienced colleagues from 10 major Slovenian institutions dealing with geoscientific data contributed to it.

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GEOLOŠKA KARTA

Geološka karta je celovita grafična sinteza vseh podatkov, opažanj in meritev, ki opisujejo geološko sestavo določenega ozemlja. Zasnova je lahko različna, v tem primeru je lithostratigrafska in prikazuje površinsko razširjenost t. i. lithostratigraphic units in večjih tektonskih struktur. Lithostratigraphic enota je opredeljena s kamninsko sestavo in starostjo. Posamezna enota na karti vključuje kamnine in/ali sedimente, ki so nastali v določenem geološkem obdobju in tedanjem okolju.

Na geološki karti večjega merila so z znaki označene tudi lege kamninskih plasti in tektonskih struktur v prostoru ter njihovi medsebojni odnosi. Taka karta je osnova za tridimenzionalni model geološke zgradbe zgornjega dela zemeljske skorje, ker iz nje lahko sklepamo na zgradbo pod površjem.

Geološka karta Slovenije v merilu 1 : 1.000.000 je rezultat dolgoletnih terenskih in laboratorijskih raziskav, dopolnjenih z globinskim podatki iz vrtin in podatki geofizikalnih raziskav. Podlagi zanjo sta Osnovna geološka karta Slovenije v merilu 1 : 100.000 in Geološka karta Slovenije v merilu 1 : 250.000.

Kamnine, ki jih dandanes opazujemo na površju Slovenije, so nastajale od starejšega paleozoika (domnevno tudi predkambrija) do kvartarja oziroma sedanosti. Prevladujejo kenozojske kamnine in sedimenti s 44 % in mezozojske kamnine s 45 % (med njimi triasne s kar 23 %) deležem. Najstarejši so metamorfni kompleksi na Pohorju, Kobanskem in Strojni. Magmatske kamnine (globočnice) so na površju samo v t. i. Periadriatski coni in na Pohorju, medtem ko najdemo vulkanske in vulkanoklastične kamnine le v majhnih krpah razpršene po Sloveniji.

V več tektonskih fazah je bilo ozemlje Slovenije presekano s številnimi prelomi. Med regionalnimi prelomi so poleg Periadriatskega preloma in nekaterih večjih narivov strukturno pomembni še nekateri prelomi v smeri SZ–JV, ki jih pogosto imenujemo s skupnim imenom dinarski prelomi. Ti so posebno pomembni za razumevanje sedanjih seismotektonskih lastnosti ozemlja.

GEOLOGICAL MAP

A geological map is a full graphic synthesis of all information, observation and measurements that relate to the geological make-up of a certain territory. Basic concepts, however, may vary. In this case, the map is lithostratigraphic, featuring the surficial distribution of lithostratigraphic units where certain key tectonic structures are also presented. A lithostratigraphic unit is defined by its lithological composition and age. Consequently, each unit on this map comprises rocks and/or sediments that formed in a certain geological period and in a certain environment.

Larger scale geological maps also feature the geometry of strata and tectonic structures and their relationship. For an experienced reader this is already a path to understanding the subsurface, i.e. a 3D representation of the geological make-up of the upper part of the Earth's crust.

The Geological Map of Slovenia at scale 1:1,000,000 is the result of long-term field mapping and laboratory analyses, all supported by drillings and geophysical surveying. It is primarily based on The Basic Geological Map of Slovenia at scale 1:100,000 and its successor The Geological Map of Slovenia at scale 1:250,000.

Slovenian rocks formed between the Early Paleozoic (presumably even since the Precambrian) and the Quaternary, up to the present. Cenozoic and Mesozoic rocks comprise the largest part of Slovenia's surface, at 44% and 45% respectively; of the latter as much as 23% are of Triassic age.

The oldest rocks in Slovenia belong to the so-called metamorphic complex of Pohorje, Kobansko and Strojna. Plutonic rocks crop out only within the so-called Periadriatic zone and at Pohorje, while we find volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks scattered around Slovenia in small patches.

Slovenian territory has been faulted, folded and thrusted throughout its dynamic geological history. In addition to today's most prominent tectonic feature – the Periadriatic fault – some regional thrust faults and faults are also important. Among numerous faults those oriented in the NW-SE direction (also called the Dinaric faults) are well documented and represent the key features of the present seismicity in the area.

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