

Suzana Pustivšek (1988), is a PhD of kinesiology, currently working as development researcher at Centre for the management of Prevention and Health Promotion Programs at National Institute of Public Health, Slovenia. From 2014 – 2016 she worked as a Head of Exercise and Sport Department at Al Attar Clinic for Physical medicine, rehabilitation and sports in Doha, Qatar.

She works as a member of a team for support and development of primary prevention national health programmes (group for physical activity) which are implemented in National Health Care Centres. Part of this is also coordination and preparation of CINDI research report 2020 (WHO initiative). Since 2019 she is a leader and professional holder of the project: Mountaineering as a way of life at Slovenian mountaineering association, a program of direct assistance, awareness-raising and care for vulnerable groups and excluded minorities with a focus on the disabled and people with special needs; with key goal: ensuring a better quality of life and health.

Through the years of working with elite and recreational athletes, in collaboration with the Slovenian institute of sport, Faculty of Sport, sport clubs and national teams she gained strong experience of working in the field of primary prevention and public health, including evaluating risk of eating disorders among adolescent athletes, sports injury prevention and chronic disease prevention in general population. From 2021 she is also a member of HEPA steering committee.