

## PROFILE

Solte is a small nation with skilled researchers and engineers but not enough scale or funding to compete with Lauze and Bria in the race to develop quantum computing. Instead, Solte works collaboratively with others internationally, with the expectation that these partnerships will enable them to develop a quantum computing facility once the technology is sufficiently advanced.

The centre-right government of Solte has a strong history of political and financial investment into its science diplomacy, relying on science partnerships and sharing agreements to stay technologically relevant. The country also has a long history of social welfare innovation, with the highest tax-free income level in the world and a few trials of Universal Basic Income in particular regions. There is some tension with Bria, with a disputed territory on Solte's north-eastern border, which has significant hydropower capacity. No one has been able to develop or build power plants there due to the dispute, and while it has mostly been handled diplomatically, there have been small military skirmishes in the region over the last 20 years.