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Conference on

The Dawn of Horizon Europe: Europe's New Research & Innovation Programme

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Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana

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Objective:

The Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA) annually organises the now traditional *Info Days*, with this year's instalment entitled "*The Dawn of Horizon Europe: Europe's New Research & Innovation Programme*".

The objective of the conference will be to inform Slovenian stakeholders of the future Horizon Europe programme and dive into its key features and particularities. High level speakers from the European Commission and the Slovenian government are invited to present different aspects of Horizon Europe, from global challenges and research priorities, to Marie Skłodowska Curie, European Research Council, European Innovation Council, Future Knowledge and Research Communities, including a special emphasis on widening topics.

Lastly, managers of Slovenian Strategic Research and Innovation Partnerships (SRIPs) will also hold a lively round table debate on the importance of the future research partnerships.

Draft agenda:

08:45 **Welcome speeches**

Dr. Jernej Pikalo, *Minister of Education, Science and Sport* (TBC)

Dr. Draško Veselinovič, *President of the Board, SBRA*

09:00 **Structure of Horizon Europe: Addressing global research challenges**

Dr. Tomaž Boh, *Director of the Directorate for Science, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport* (TBC)

09:30 **Mission oriented approach & future partnerships in Horizon Europe**

Nevil Reeve, European Commission, DG RTD

10:00	Open science pillar – Marie Skłodowska Curie and European Research Council
10:30	Future of the widening programme Magda de Carli, <i>European Commission, DG RTD</i> (TBC)
11:00	Coffee break
11:15	Slovenia in research and innovation framework programmes – improving the participation Mag. Peter Volasko, <i>Ministry of Education, Science and Sport</i> (TBC)
11:30	Round table on Slovenian clusters in European research partnerships: Perspective of Slovenian Strategic Research and Innovation Platforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart cities and communities, Nevenka Cukjati, <i>Jožef Stefan Institute</i> • Smart buildings and homes, including wood chain, Matej Gajzer, <i>TECES</i> • Networks for the transition into circular economy, dr. Dragica Marinič, <i>Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Štajerska</i> • Sustainable food production– dr. Tatjana Zagorc, <i>Chamber of Agricultural and Food Enterprises</i> • Sustainable tourism Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia – Klavdija Perger, <i>Tourism and Hospitality Chamber of Slovenia</i> • Factories of the Future, Rudi Panjtar, <i>Jožef Stefan Institute</i> • Health & Medicine, dr. Alenka Rožaj, <i>Slovenian Innovation Hub – European Economic Interest Grouping</i> • Mobility Economic Interest Grouping, Tanja Mohorič, <i>Automotive Cluster of Slovenia Development of materials as products & Vesna Nahtigal, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia</i>
12:45-13:30	Light networking lunch
13:30	Horizon Europe for SMES: Can European Innovation Council create unicorns in Europe? Nicolas Sabatier, <i>European Commission, DG RTD</i> (TBC)
14:00	Supporting R&I through InvestEU programme , Slovenian Development Bank (SID Banka) (TBC)
14:15	European Institute of technology and future KICs , dr. Romana Jordan, <i>Institute Jozef Stefan</i>
14:30	Smart Specialisation Strategy in Horizon Europe , Aleš Gnamuš, <i>Join Research Centre Sevilla</i> (TBC)
14:45	Q&A