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Republic of Slovenia in collaboration with European commission, partner countries and organizations is glad to invite you to attend and participate actively on regional conference:

SEE²: SCALING UP SOCIAL ECONOMY ENTERPRISES IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

24 – 25 April 2017

Brdo Congress Centre, Ljubljana – Slovenia

The main purpose of the conference is to boost social economy enterprises in the South East Europe (SEE) region countries: Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo*, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Romania and Bulgaria. It provides a platform for exchange of public and private experiences across Europe for development of social economy enterprises in SEE, for establishing links and a common strategy of the region.

This unique event deals with the following horizontal issues:

- Promoting European values through partnerships and social economy;
- Promoting social inclusion and jobs creation through partnerships and social economy;
- Promoting bottom up creation of regional networks through development cooperation programmes and IPA in case of candidate countries and EU sources of financing – particularly how to better use European Structural and Investment Funds to develop social entrepreneurship and social economy as whole.

The conference will operate on both top-down and bottom-up levels: firstly to create and develop synergies between States, local authorities and social economy actors; and secondly to boost social economy enterprises and identification and anticipation of their needs on the decision making policy levels. The final goal of the conference is to create a mid-term plan for boosting social economy enterprises in SEE. Participation on the conference is free of charge, you can register online [HERE](#).

Registration is available NOW and will be closed on 20th of April 2017. Get your free ticket today!

Welcome to **SLOVENIA** !

Tadej Slapnik
State Secretary



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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – 24.4.2017

- ▶ 9.00 - 10.00 **Registration and coffee**
- ▶ 10.00 - 10.10 **Introductory speech**
Tadej Slapnik, Mojca Štepic • Representative of conference programme committee / State Secretaries in the Office of the prime minister, Government of the Republic of Slovenia
- ▶ 10.10 - 11.00 **Welcoming speeches**
- **dr. Miro Cerar** • Prime Minister, Government of the Republic of Slovenia
 - **Zdravko Počivalšek** • Minister, Ministry of Economic development and technology, Slovenia
 - **Aleksandar Vulin** • Minister, Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs, Serbia
 - **Ivo Vajgl** • Member, European Parliament, Slovenia
 - **Mojca Žganec Metelko** • General Secretary, Association Slovene forum of social entrepreneurship, Slovenia
- ▶ 11.00 - 12.30 **Plenary round table 1: Social economy in Europe: State of play / Questions & Answers**
Moderator: Denis Stokkink • Rapporteur, Expert Group on Social Entrepreneurship (GECES), Key note speech, Belgium
- **Nicolas Schmit** • Minister, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg
Luxembourg European Council's conclusions
 - **Ulla Engemann** • Head of Unit DG GROW, European Commission, Belgium
Activities and initiatives of the European Commission
 - **Jaime Vera Calonje** • Investment Manager, Impact Investing, European Investment Fund (EIF), Luxembourg
Presentation of Social Impact Accelerator and EFSI Equity Instrument



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- **Goran Svilanović** • Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Bosnia and Herzegovina
Activities and initiatives of the RCC

▶ 12.30 - 14.00 **Lunch**

▶ 14.00 - 15.00 **Plenary round table 2: Social economy in SEE: State of play**

Moderator: Victor Meseguer • Director, Social Economy Europe, Belgium

- **Jozo Radoš**, Member, European Parliament, Croatia
Boosting common social entrepreneurship projects in South East Europe
- **Tadej Slapnik** • State Secretary in the Office of the prime minister responsible for social economy, Slovenia
State of social entrepreneurship in Slovenia
- **Goran Jeras** • Manager of the Cooperative for ethical financing, Croatia
State of social entrepreneurship in Croatia
- **Neven Marinović** • Director, Smart Kolektiv, Serbia
State of social entrepreneurship in Serbia
- **Anastasia Andritsou** • Head Partnerships & Programmes, British Council, Greece
State of social entrepreneurship in Greece
- **Vesselin Penchev** • Head of Public Affairs Eurasia business Zone, Up Group, Bulgaria

▶ 15.00 - 16.30 **EIB Institute plenary round table 3: Social innovation for Societal Impact – from innovative idea to business (capacity building knowledge transfer to SEE countries)**

Moderator: Jordan Junge • Social Innovation Exchange, UK

- **Two social innovations:**
 - **Teia Ciulacu** • Recicleta, EIB Institute Social innovation tournament finalist, Romania
 - **Pezana Rexha** • Design By Pana, EIB Institute Social innovation tournament finalist, Albania
- **Rodney Schwartz** • CEO and Funder, Clearly So, UK



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- **Christoph Birkholz** • Co-Founder and managing director, Impact Hub Zurich, Switzerland
- **Denis Avrilionis** • CEO and Founder, Compellio, Luxembourg

▶ 16.30 - 17.00 **Coffee break**

▶ 17.00 - 18.00 **Plenary round table 4: Social impact investing in social economy enterprises**

Moderator: Primož Šporar • CEO, Sklad 05, Slovenia

- **Mika Pyykkö** • Project director, Impact Investing, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra Representative, Finland
Finland Accelerator program for impact actors (social enterprises) and future plans on impact investing and experimentation in Finland
- **Sibil Svilan** • Director, SID bank, Slovenia
Financial services designed to supplement financial markets for the sustainable development of Slovenia
- **Marco Ratti** • Chief Economist, Banca Prossima, Italy
Banking for the social economy
- **Deborah Smart** • Head of Programmes – Grants, Social Investment Business, UK
Funding opportunities for social innovation, social economy and migration
- **Chiara Casarella** • Interreg Central Europe Programme, Joint Secretariat, Austria
Funding opportunities for social innovation, social economy and migration
- **Lodovico Gherardi** • Interreg ADRION Programme, Managing Authority, Italy
Funding opportunities for social innovation, social economy and migration

▶ 18.00 - 19.00 **Workshop 1: Drafting session for upgrading SIMI (Social impact migrants investing in social enterprises) project in Adriatic – Ionian and Central region**

- **Mojca Štepic** • State Secretary in the Office of the prime minister, Government of the Republic of Slovenia
Presentation of the project proposal



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- ▶ 18.00 - 19.00 **Workshop 2: ESF Social Economy Network: how to use ESF to support innovative social economy projects**
Moderator: Dorotea Daniele • Expert, ESF SE TN, European Research and Development Service for the Social Economy (DIESIS) and GECES, Belgium
 - **Anna-Lena Wettergren-Wessman** • ESF Council, Sweden
 - **Karel Vandenpoorten** • ESF Unit Flanders, Belgium

- ▶ 19.30 **Organised conference transfer to Ljubljana and free evening**
- ▶ 21.00 **Networking event** in Pivnica Union, Celovška 22, Ljubljana
<http://www.pivnica-union.si/en/>



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DAY 2 – 25.4.2017

- ▶ 8.30 - 9.00 **Welcoming coffee**
- ▶ 9.00 - 09.15 **Introductory speech**
Tadej Slapnik, Mojca Štepic • Representative of conference programme committee / State Secretaries in the Office of the prime minister, Government of the Republic of Slovenia
- ▶ 9.15 - 10.30 **ESF Social Economy Thematic Network (ESF SE TN) plenary round table 5: A legislation for social enterprises – legal framework, main elements and concrete examples / Questions & Answers**
Moderator: Dorotea Daniele • Expert ESF SE TN, European Research and Development Service for the Social Economy (DIESIS) and GECES, Belgium
 - **Apostolos Ioakimidis** • Expert, Greece
Example of the Greek legal framework
 - **Jean-Christophe Burkel** • Director, l'Union Luxembourgeoise de l'économie sociale et solidaire (ULESS), Luxembourg
Example of the Luxembourgish legal framework
 - **Victor Meseguer** • Director, Social Economy Europe, Belgium
Legislation at EU level
 - **Juan Manuel Sánchez-Terán Lledó** • Deputy Assistant Director of Social Economy and CSR, Ministry of Employment and Social Security, Spain
Example of the Spanish law
 - **Piotr Wołkowiński** • Expert, Poland
Evolution of legislative process for social enterprises in Poland
- ▶ 10.30 - 12.00 **Workshop 3: Sector-specific best practices of partnership and growth in Europe / Questions & Answers**
Moderator: Vesselin Penchev • Head of Public Affairs Eurasia business Zone, Up Group, Bulgaria
 - **Danijela Dobrović** • Creative director, City Games, Croatia
Sport / Tourism / Media



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- **Sebastjan Piki** • Tekstilnica, social enterprise, Slovenia
Textile reuse
- **Nadine Muller** • Head of Department for Social Economy and Solidarity, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg
Partnership and growth in social economy
- **Predrag Stošić** • Director, Radanska ruža, Serbia
Work integration social enterprise
- **Ewa Konczal** • CEE Manager, European Venture Philanthropy Association, Belgium
Supporting environment
- **Stephen J. Barnett** • Director, Euclid Network, UK
Networking

▶ 10.30 - 12.00

Workshop 4: EIF in cooperation with Hive for Better Investments / GoodBiz: Social Impact Accelerator (SIA) and EFSI Equity Instrument

Moderator: Anja Šerc • Hive for Better Investments / GoodBiz, Community Mana, Slovenia

- **Jaime Vera Calonje** • European Investment Fund, Investment Manager and Impact Investing expert, Luxembourg
- **Mirjana Šakić** • Erste Group Bank AG, Social Banking Development, Austria
- **Ivana Stančić** • Program manager, Smart Kolektiv, Social Innovation Program, Serbia
- **Primož Šporar** • CEO, Sklad05, Slovenia
- **Anja Šerc** • Hive for Better Investments / GoodBiz, Community Mana, Slovenia

▶ 12.00 - 12.15

Coffee break

▶ 12.15 - 13.15

Plenary Round table 6: Launching a mid-term plan for boosting social economy enterprises in the South East European region + Key recommendations

Moderator: Denis Stokkink • President, European think & do tank Pour la Solidarité, Belgium



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- **Mojca Štepic** • State Secretary in Office of the prime minister, Government of the Republic of Slovenia (Results of the Upgraded SIMI project in Adriatic – Ionian and Central region)
- **Tadej Slapnik** • State Secretary in Office of the prime minister, Government of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Marko Pavić** • State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Pension System, Republic of Croatia
- **Zoran Lazić** • Assistant minister, Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs, Serbia
- **Miguel Crespo García** • Head of the Social Economy Service, Ministry of Employment and Social Security, Spain
- **Alain Coheur** • Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Belgium

▶ 13.15 - 13.30

Conclusions

▶ 13.30 - 14.30

Lunch

▶ 15.00

Organised conference transfer to Ljubljana

▶ 16.00 - 19.00

Visiting social enterprises in Ljubljana

- **Simbioza**, <http://www.simbioza.eu/en/2016/>
- **Periskop**, <http://etri.si/tag/periskop/>
- **Gostilna dela**, <https://www.facebook.com/Gostilnadela/>
- **Stara roba - nova raba**, <http://www.robaraba.si/>
- **Poligon**, <http://www.poligon.si/en/>

Accompanying program of both days: [Fair](#) of social enterprises.

*We reserve the right to modify the programme. For further information please visit our [official website](#).



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