



## Conference »Spreading Excellence, Enhancing Synergies; perspectives from South-East Europe«

### DINNER

Tuesday, March 13, 2018  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

[Hotel Slon](#), Slovenska cesta 34,  
Ljubljana, Slovenia, [Google maps](#)  
Kavarna

### CONFERENCE

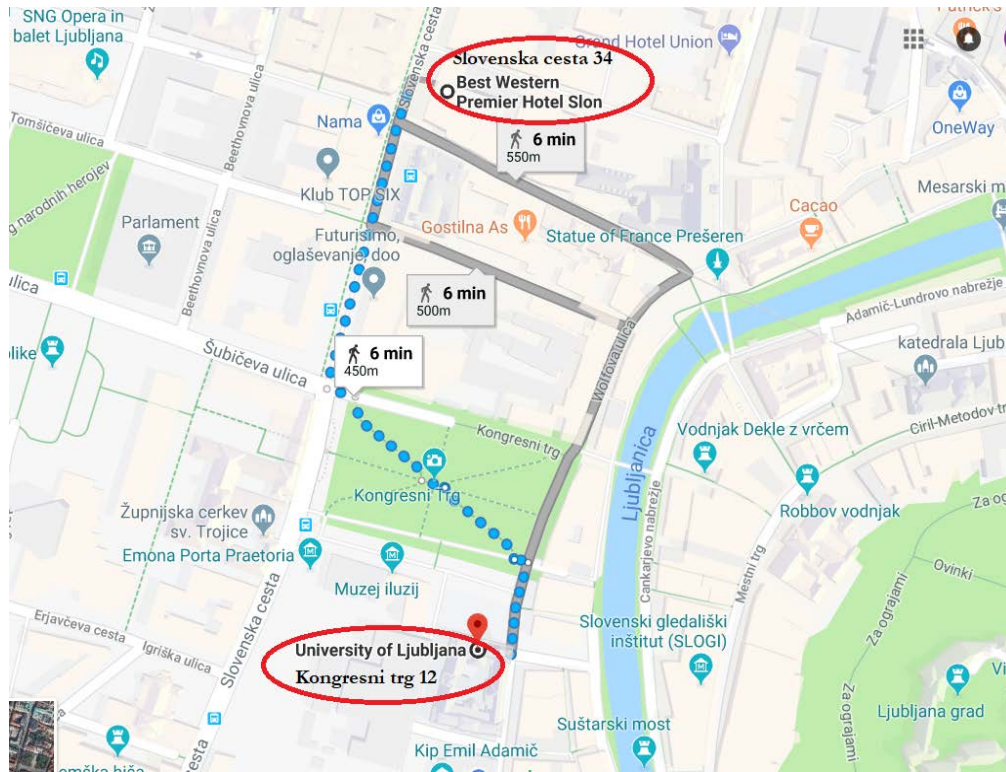
Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
8.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**University of Ljubljana**, Kongresni trg 12,  
Ljubljana, Slovenia, [Google maps](#)  
Zbornična dvorana (Conference room)

March 14, 2018	Programme	Representative
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome	Prof. Dr. Igor Papič, Rector of the University of Ljubljana  Prof. Jan Palmowski, Secretary General of the Guild
9:15 – 9:35	Presentation of experiences in the H2020 »Spreading excellence and widening participation« programme at the Slovenian and regional level	Dr. Tomaž Boh, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia
9:35 – 9:50	Results and findings of the project MIRRIS - Mobilising Institutional Reforms in Research and Innovation Systems project	Dr. Meta Dobnikar, Head of the Science Unit, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia
9:50 – 10:10	Complementary instruments and other incentives of the Slovenian Research Agency	Prof. Dr. József Györkös, Director of the Slovenian Research Agency
10:10 – 10:40	European Commission's perspective on widening participation and spreading excellence	Dr. Stefan Weiers, Deputy Head of Unit »Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation«, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	South-East Europe perspectives of widening participation - supporting excellence throughout Europe  Presentations and discussion: I. Presentation of best practice - the approved TEAMING project SLICE3D (1. phase) II. Macedonian perspective III. Increasing involvement of South-East European Universities in ERC projects	Moderator: Dr. Draško Veselinovič, Slovenian Business and Research Association, Brussels  Presenters: - Prof. Dr. Anka Lisec, University of Ljubljana - Violeta Atanasovska, Ministry of Education and Science, Macedonia (FYROM)



	<p>Topics: Opportunities, difficulties and challenges of the H2020 widening instruments (TEAMING, TWINNING, ERA-CHAIR, COST, MSCA WIDENING FELLOWSHIP)</p>	<p>- Dr. Gabriella Endre, European Research Council</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 - 14:15	The importance of networking for enhancing scientific collaboration: Transnational COST Actions	Dr. Ronald de Bruin, Director of the COST Association
14:15 - 16:00	<p>Panel discussion: EU policy for more balanced consideration of excellence vs. inclusiveness in framework programmes</p> <p>Presentation and discussion:</p> <p>I. Guild policy paper »Enhancing collaboration, spreading excellence and widening participation in FP9«</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>I. Future of the instruments for widening participation and spreading excellence</p> <p>II. Excellence vs. inclusiveness of framework programmes</p> <p>III. Maximising synergies with structural funds and other funding instruments</p> <p>IV. Cooperation in research and innovation with EU's neighbourhood countries</p>	<p>Presenter and moderator: Prof. Jan Palmowski, Secretary General of the Guild</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Dr. Stefan Weiers, Deputy Head of Unit »Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation«, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</li> <li>– Dr. Tomaž Boh, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia</li> <li>– Representatives of The Guild network: Prof. Toivo Maimets, University of Tartu, former Minister of Education of Estonia; Prof. Stanisław Kistryn, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds</li> </ul>
16:15 – 18:00	Guided Tour of Ljubljana (prior registration)	



## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Ljubljana is a small city and the public transport is not always the best option. From the airport to the center there are 2 best transport possibilities:

### 1. SHUTTLE DOOR TO DOOR

- Reservation of shuttle transfer (Ljubljana Airport / hotel Slon and vice-versa) can be done with room reservation and the payment is settled at reception desk. Cost per person in one direction is 9 €. For reservation of shuttle transfer please contact [sales@hotelslon.com](mailto:sales@hotelslon.com).
- [www.prevozi-markun.com](http://www.prevozi-markun.com)
- [www.shuttleljubljana.com/SHUTTLE\\_BRNIK.php](http://www.shuttleljubljana.com/SHUTTLE_BRNIK.php)
- [www.mnj.si](http://www.mnj.si)

### 2. TAXI (the cheapest 20 €)

Almost all the taxies in Ljubljana are registered and safe to use, but we recommend:

- Taxi LAGUNA: [www.taxi-laguna.com](http://www.taxi-laguna.com), +386 31 492 299 or +386 1 511 23 14
- INTERTOURS taxi: [www.taxi-intertours.si](http://www.taxi-intertours.si), +386 31 311 311

This is the official website about the airport connections of the airport: [www.lju-airport.si/en/passengers-and-visitors/getting-here](http://www.lju-airport.si/en/passengers-and-visitors/getting-here).

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