

# ***A 360° Vision for EU Youth: Unlocking Territorial Potential***

**Tuesday, 14th October, 09:00 - 13:00**

Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU,  
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*Europe grapples with significant challenges, making the empowerment of its youth crucial for effective solutions. Despite numerous targeted actions, a coordinated, cross-sectoral youth policy co-created with regional stakeholders – those closest to young citizens – remains absent. In response to this, several regions have launched an informal EU Network for Youth. This initiative aims to become a reliable partner for EU institutions, showcasing successful approaches for a comprehensive EU youth strategy. A policy debate, featuring best practices from Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal and Slovenia, will demonstrate the path for decision-makers towards a holistic EU youth policy.*

## **PROGRAMME**

### **09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants**

### **09:30 – 09:50 Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- **09:30 – 09:35** Draško Veselinovič – Director of the Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA)
- **09:35 – 09:40** Roman Weixler – Head of Administration, Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the European Union
- **09:40 – 09:45** Simona Berden – Senior Advisor, Municipality of Ljubljana
- **09:45 – 09:50** Julia Eikeland – Young Politician, Norwegian Labour Party Youth Movement, Norway

### **09:50 – 11:05 Individual Presentations on Regional Growth Strategies**

- **09:50 – 10:05** Sabina Gabrijel – Senior Advisor, City Administration, Department of Culture, Office for Youth, Municipality of Ljubljana
- **10:05 – 10:20** Rob Verhofstad – Chairman of the Board, HAN University of Applied Sciences
- **10:20 – 10:35** Piotr Całbecki – Marshal of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodeship, Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region

- **10:35 – 10:50** Arno Kompatscher – Governor of South Tyrol, Autonomous Province of Bolzano
- **10:50 – 11:05** Alexandra Rodrigues – Vice - President, Centro Regional Coordination and Development Commission

### **11:05 – 12:05 Panel Discussion: Best Practices and Future Outlook for Regional Initiatives**

- **Moderator:**
  - Julia Eikeland – Young Politician, Norwegian Labour Party Youth Movement, Norway
- **Panelists:**
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### **12:05 – 13:00 Networking Luncheon**