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Slovenian Information Day on the EU Innovation Fund

10 February 2026 | 09:00 – 13:45

*House of the European Union,
Dunajska 20, 1000 Ljubljana*

The EU Innovation Fund is one of the European Union's most important financial instruments for supporting breakthrough low-carbon technologies and the decarbonisation of industry. It is intended for companies, research institutions, and other stakeholders developing ambitious projects in the fields of clean energy, industrial innovation, energy storage, and carbon capture and utilisation.

The Slovenian EU Innovation Fund Information Day will provide a comprehensive overview of the latest current call, practical guidance on preparing successful applications, and presentations of good practices from projects that have already received funding. The event will offer an opportunity for direct contact with representatives of the European Commission, the CINEA Executive Agency, and the European Investment Bank, as well as a platform for exchanging experiences among Slovenian and international experts.

Programme

*The event will be moderated by Dr. Draško Veselinovič,
Director of the Brussels-based Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA)*

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 – 09:05 Welcome speeches

- Bojan Kumer, Minister of Environment, Climate and Energy
- Dr. Jerneja Jug, Head of the European Commission Representation in Slovenia
- Dr. Draško Veselinovič, Director, Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA), Brussels

09:05 – 09:15 Keynote address

- Uroš Vajgl, State Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy

09:15 – 09:30 Presentation of Paloma Paper Mill and its decarbonization plans

- *Miran Rožman, Group Energy Manager*

09:30 – 11:20 Detailed presentation of the latest Innovation Fund call by experts from the European Commission and CINEA

- *Gianluca Tondi and Alban Vital*

11:20 – 11:35 Coffee break with light refreshments

11:35 – 11:55 Presentation of two successful international Innovation Fund (IF) projects

- *António Manuel Correia Sequeira, Director of Projects, The Navigator Company*
- *Fabian Hardt, Head of Sustainability at PaperShell*

11:55 – 12:10 Overview of EIB support services for Innovation Fund applications and decarbonization project financing

- *Dr. Zoran Stanić, Energy Department, European Investment Bank*

12:10 – 12:20 Presentation of the New DUBT Center at the National Institute of Chemistry in Zasavski Kisovec

- *Prof. Dr. Robert Dominko*

12:20 – 12:30 Conference Conclusions

- *Andrej Gnezda, Director-General of the Directorate for Climate Policy at the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy*
- *Dr. Draško Veselinovič, Director, Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA), Brussels*

12:30 – 13:45 Orientation talks with representatives from the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and CINEA