

Visit of a southern Swedish business delegation to Slovenia

Swedish-Slovenian Exchange of Experiences in Regional Development, Innovation and Smart Specialisation

21 September 2026, Grand Hall, Jožef Stefan Institute
Jamova cesta 39, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Programme

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome address and introduction to the Jožef Stefan Institute

- **Prof. Dr. Leon Cizelj**, Director General, Jožef Stefan Institute

09:30 – 09:40 Introduction to the Knowledge Transfer Office and its role in connecting research outcomes with industry

- **Robert Blatnik**, Project Support, Technology Transfer and Innovation Department, Jožef Stefan Institute

09:40 – 10:40 Presentation of Slovenia's Smart Specialisation Strategy

- **Peter Medica**, Head of the Smart Specialisation Coordination Sector, Ministry of Local Self-Government, Cohesion and Regional Development
- **Natalija Poš**, Secretary, Smart Specialisation Coordination Sector, Ministry of Local Self-Government, Cohesion and Regional Development

10:40 – 10:50 Break

10:50 – 11:20 Q&A, discussion and introduction of the Swedish delegation

11:20 – 12:35 Introduction to SRIP Factories of the Future

- **Assoc. Prof. Dr Igor Kovač**, Head of the Centre for Research and Innovation Partnership, Jožef Stefan Institute, and Director of SRIP Factories of the Future

Presentation of the SRIP Factories of the Future areas of activity:

- **Robotics** (Assoc. Prof. Dr Igor Kovač)
 - **Control technologies** (Dr. Miha Glavan)
 - **Photonics** (Prof. Dr. Rok Petkovšek)
 - **Plasma technologies** (Prof. Dr. Ita Junkar)
 - **Modern manufacturing methods for materials & nano and quantum technologies** (Prof. Dr. Matjaž Spreitzer)
 - **Smart factory** (Prof. Dr. Niko Herakovič)
 - **Smart mechatronics tools** (Alen Draganović)
 - **Advanced green technologies** (Assoc. Dr. Kristina Žagar Soderžnik)
 - **National demonstration center - Smart factories** (Assoc. Dr. Igor Kovač)
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Introduction to SRIP Smart Cities and Communities

- **Dr. David Kocman**, Director of Operations, SRIP Smart Cities and Communities (PMiS)

12:35 – 12:50 Presentation of instruments supporting international cooperation

- **Andreja Mulec Bohinc**, Področna podsekretarka, Sektor za spodbujanje internacionalizacije, Javna agencija Republike Slovenije za spodbujanje investicij, podjetništva in internacionalizacije (SPIRIT Slovenija)

12:50 – 13:05 Presentation of the work of the Slovenian Forestry Institute

- **Dr. Nike Krajnc**, Director of the Slovenian Forestry Institute (GOZDIS)

13:05 – 13:15 Introduction to the activities of the Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA)

- **Dr. Draško Veselinovič**, Director and Member of the SBRA Management Board

13:15 – 13:30 Conclusions and next steps

13:30 – 15:00 Working lunch with the Swedish delegation and invited guests

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