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# BOOSTING INNOVATION FOR EU INDUSTRY:

## Industrial Infrastructures & Open Innovation Ecosystems

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*Increasingly companies across the EU need access to open innovation ecosystems, to assist upscaling new technologies, product testing and validation support. Industrial research infrastructures, whether public, semi-public or private, refer to facilities, equipment and support services that address innovation across the entire value chain.*

*The cost of such open innovation ecosystems and their associated infrastructures can be very high, especially for SMEs and start-ups. Therefore the European Commission, Member States and regions, all collaborate on various open innovation tools to support fast-cycle development of new products and facilitation of market uptake: Digital Innovation Hubs, Open Innovation Test Beds, Centres for Key Enabling Technologies (KETs and regional centres), among others.*

*The Slovenian Business & Research Association and the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation are honored to invite you to the Boosting Innovation for EU Industry conference taking place in Ljubljana, Slovenia on the 3 April 2019! Discussions will focus on future actions targeting a pan-European industrial ecosystem. The main objective of the conference is to present different EU national and regional initiatives to support innovation, access to industrial infrastructure and financial support to boost innovation beyond 2020.*

*The conference will showcase several excellent examples of innovation support with special emphasis on Slovenia and South East Europe, provide feedback to high level EU representatives and discuss the needs of the local industry.*

*More so, to provide a great opportunity for networking and matchmaking with companies, research institutes, universities, laboratories, agencies, clusters and other institutions from Slovenia and the wider region.*

**09.00 - 09.30**

#### **WELCOME SPEECHES**

- Welcome note from organiser and moderator, **Draško Veselinovič**, President of the Management Board, SBRA
- **Metka Tekavčič**, dean, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana (tbc)
- **Jernej Pikalo**, Minister for Education, Science and Sport
- **Zdravko Počivalšek**, Minister for Economic development and technology (tbc)
- **Iztok Purič**, Minister without portfolio responsible for Development, Strategic Projects and Cohesion
- **Zoran Stančič**, Head of European Commission Representation in Slovenia
- **Igor Papič**, Rector of the University of Ljubljana

**09.30 - 10.00**

#### **INDUSTRIAL AND REGIONAL POLICY VIEWS ON OPEN INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS**

- **Slawomir Tokarski**, DG GROW, Director for Innovation and Advanced Manufacturing (tbc)
- **Signe Ratso**, DG RTD, Deputy Director-General - Open Innovation Test Beds and Opportunities

10.00-11.00

PANEL DISCUSSION: OPEN INNOVATION INDUSTRIAL ECOSYSTEM

Moderator: **Draško Veselinovič**, SBRA

- **Signe Ratso**, DG RTD, Deputy Director-General - Open Innovation Test Beds and Opportunities
- **Kristin Schreiber**, DG GROW, director, COSME programme (tbc) - Industrial Policy Cluster Collaboration
- **Lucilla Sioli**, DG CNECT, Director, Digital Industry (tbc) – Digital Innovation Hubs
- **Boris Cizelj**, Senior Advisor, Slovenian Innovation Hub

11.00-11.30

COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 13.30

EXCELLENT EXAMPLES OF INNOVATION SUPPORT FROM INDUSTRY AND REGION

- **Keynote speaker: Romano Hoofman**, IMEC - R&D and Innovation Hub in Nanoelectronics and Digital Technologies
- **Emilija Stoimenova Duh**, FabLab Network Slovenia & Digital Innovation Hub Slovenia - Environment for Innovation, Prototyping and Invention
- **Igor Kovač**, Strategic Research and Innovation Partnership Factories of the Future
- **Dragica Marinič**, Štajerska Chamber of Commerce - Strategic Research and Innovation partnership Circular Economy
- **Vladimir Nikić**, Business Incubator Novi Sad, Joint Support to Innovations- The Case of Competition for the best Technology Innovation
- **Hidria**, Slovenian Car components manufacturer – LightMe project (tbc)
- **Janko Bugar**, Cosylab, ICT & Control System company
- **Stanislav Kores**, head of R&D, Talum Kidričevo, Slovenian company specialising in alumina and aluminium products
- **Simona Rataj**, Open Innovation & transfer of Technology, University of Ljubljana
- **Robert Dominko**, National Institute of Chemistry - Network of research & testing centres on advanced materials for batteries
- **Ilaria Re**, Manager of Bioeconomy Pilot & **Giacomo Coppani**, Manager of ESM Pilot - Access to innovation through Vanguard initiative, pilot on Efficient and Sustainable Manufacturing & Bioeconomy
- **Andreja Kuntner**, University of Primorska, coordinator of Teaming project InnoRenew
- **Špela Stres**, Institute Jozef Stefan, RTO-SME cooperation
- **Jakob Gajšek**, Ljubljana University Incubator, Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) Hub for EIT Health

13.30 – 14.30

LIGHT NETWORKING LUNCH

**14.30 – 16.30**

**INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM**  
**Organised by Slovenian Innovation Hub**

The objective of the discussion is to assess the functioning of the Slovenian Innovation Ecosystem, and identify the measures and reforms needed to make it more efficient. Participants of the discussion will receive the report prepared by the Slovenian Innovation Hub Working Group.

Invited discussants are high level representatives from the following institutions: Slovenian Development Bank (SID Banka), Government Research Funding Agency, President of the Research Council, Ministry for Education, Science and Sport, Slovenian Entrepreneurship Fund, SPIRIT Agency, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, rector of University of Primorska, World Blockchain Hub, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Chamber of Craft, Intellectual Property agency, Economic Chamber, Technology Park Ljubljana, and the Employers Association.

Moderator: **Boris Cizelj, Senior Advisor, Slovenian Innovation Hub**

**13.30 – 16.30**

**Matchmaking and Brokerage Session for SMEs, start-ups and entrepreneurs**  
**with venture capital, industry and RTO's**

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