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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.*

**08.15 – 08.45**

**REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE**

**08.45 - 09.30**

**WELCOME SPEECHES**

- Welcome note from organiser and moderator, **Dražko Veselinovič**, President of the Management Board, SBRA
- **Metka Tekavčič**, Dean, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana
- **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

09.30-10.45

PANEL DISCUSSION: INDUSTRIAL AND REGIONAL POLICY VIEWS ON OPEN INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS

Moderator: **Draško Veselinovič**, SBRA

- **Signe Ratso**, DG RTD, Deputy Director-General - Open Innovation Test Beds and Opportunities
- **Kristin Schreiber**, DG GROW, Director, COSME programme - Industrial Policy Cluster Collaboration
- **Vittoria Alliata Floyd**, DG REGIO, Director – S3 policy and innovation (tbc)
- **Lucilla Sioli**, DG CNECT, Director, Digital Industry – Digital Innovation Hubs
- **Sibil Svilan**, President of the Board, Slovenian Development Bank (SID Bank)
- **Boris Cizelj**, Senior Advisor, Slovenian Innovation Hub

10.45 – 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 12.00

EU SUPPORT FOR BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATION THROUGH EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL (EIC)

- *Why we need a European Innovation Council (EIC) – EU support for Innovators*  
**Signe Ratso**, Deputy Director General of DG Research and Innovation
- *Pathfinder and Accelerator of the EIC - covering the entire innovation chain*  
**Viorel Peca**, Head of Unit for Future and Emerging Technologies (DG Connect)  
**Aoife Mangan**, Innovation Policy Officer (DG Research and Innovation)



The graphic features a smiling man's face on the right side. On the left, there is an orange vertical bar with the text "eic INNOVATION Council BETA" in white and purple. Below this, the text "EMPOWERING EUROPEAN INNOVATORS" is written in large, bold, blue letters. To the right of the face, the text "MORE INFORMATION" is written in blue, followed by the URL "ec.europa.eu/research/eic" in orange. At the bottom right, the European Commission logo is displayed.

12.00 – 13.30

## EXCELLENT EXAMPLES OF INNOVATION SUPPORT FROM INDUSTRY AND THE REGION (2)

Moderator: **Draško Veselinovič**, SBRA

- **Keynote speaker: Romano Hoofman**, IMEC - R&D and Innovation Hub in Nanoelectronics and Digital Technologies

### Clusters & Labs

- **Emilija Stoimenova Duh**, FabLab Network Slovenia & Digital Innovation Hub Slovenia - Environment for Innovation, Prototyping and Invention
- **Igor Kovač**, Institute Jozef Stefan, Strategic Research and Innovation Partnership Factories of the Future
- **Dragica Marinič**, Štajerska Chamber of Commerce - Strategic Research and Innovation partnership Circular Economy
- **Robert Dominko**, National Institute of Chemistry - Network of research & testing centres on advanced materials for batteries
- **Jakob Gajšek**, Ljubljana University Incubator, Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) Hub for EIT Health
- **Urša Šolc**, Geological Survey of Slovenia, Regional Center Adria EIT RawMaterials Hub

13.30-14.30

## NETWORKING LUNCH

## PARALLEL SESSIONS:

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

14.30 – 16.30

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### Open Innovation in Companies and Businesses

- **Rok Podobnik**, Hidria, Slovenian Car components manufacturer – LightMe project
- **Andreja Smole**, Cosylab, ICT & Control System company
- **Stanislav Kores**, Head of R&D, Talum Kidričevo, Slovenian company specialising in alumina and aluminum products
- **Ilaria Re**, Manager of Bioeconomy Pilot, Vanguard Initiative
- **Giacomo Coppani**, Manager of ESM Pilot - Access to innovation through Vanguard initiative, pilot on Efficient and Sustainable Manufacturing & Bioeconomy
- **Mladen Kostić**, Intera- Technology Park Mostar, Real life solutions through Open Innovation for Youth
- **Piotr Kozarewicz**, PMI R&D, Smoke-Free Future through Science & Innovation

### Open Innovation in Knowledge institutions

- **Andreja Kuntner**, University of Primorska, coordinator of Teaming project InnoRenew
- **Urša Jerše**, University of Ljubljana, Open Innovation & Transfer of Technology
- **Vladimir Nikić**, Business Incubator Novi Sad, Joint Support to Innovations- The Case of Competition for the best Technology Innovation

9.00 – 16.30

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

### ***All inquiries regarding conference, please contact:***

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### Language

*Please note that the conference will be held in English. For those that would like to have a summary of the conference in Slovenian, please do not hesitate to contact us via [maja.ferlinc@sbra.be](mailto:maja.ferlinc@sbra.be).*

*Furthermore, questions can be raised in Slovenian and the moderator of the conference will do his utmost to translate the question to the speaker.*

*Lastly, European Commission Representation in the Republic of Slovenia will be available at all times to further assist participants regarding the use of English and Slovenian.*