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Debate on Artificial Intelligence, organized by the Slovenian Embassy in Brussels, the Slovenian Business and Research Association (SBRA) and the European Movement in Belgium (EMB)

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Brussels, Rond Point Schuman
16h30 - 18h30
30 November

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SLOVENIAN FESTIVAL
29 November 2021 - 1 December 2021

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PANEL

- **Mrs Maša Jazbec (SI) -** Website
  Artist, curator and academic researcher

- **Mr Marko Grobelnik (SI)** Website
  AI Researcher & Digital Champion - Chief Technical Officer at IRCAI (International Research Center on Artificial Intelligence under the auspices of UNESCO) and a deputy head of Laboratory of Artificial Intelligence at the Jozef Stefan Institute

- **Mr Sergej Možina (SI)** Website
  Counsellor for Research at Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU

- **Mr Nathanael Ackerman (BE)** Website
  AI4Belgium General Manager and AI & Innovation Expert for the Belgian Federal Government

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Mrs Eva Maydell (BG) (*Website*) *video message***
  Member of the European Parliament and President of the European Movement International

MODERATORS

- **Mr Viktor Kovacic (*Website*) *– panel moderator***
  EU Policy and Project Advisor at the Slovenian Business & Research Association

- **Ms Maja Ferlinc (*Website*) *– presenter of scientific best practices in Slovenia***
  Senior Economic Advisor at the Slovenian Business & Research Association

DRAFT PROGRAMME

16h30	**Introduction of the panellist**
16h45	**Project presentation and panel discussion**
17h45	**Closing remarks**
17h50	**Q&A**
18h00	**Presentation of scientific best practices in Slovenia**

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SETTING & SCRIPT

Panel debate;

The panel debate and presentation on AI-practices will be held in a tent on the Rond Point Schuman, Brussels. We are targeting a broad audience in an informal setting, which will be reflected in the introduced topics.

Artificial intelligence is becoming seamlessly integrated into our everyday lives, augmenting our knowledge and capabilities in driving, avoiding traffic, finding friends, choosing the perfect movie, and even cooking a healthier meal. It also has a significant impact on many aspects of society and industry, ranging from scientific discovery, healthcare and medical diagnostics to smart cities, transport and sustainability. AI can have a significant impact on real-world social challenges and the potential to bring valuable solutions to various societal issues. Within this 21st century 'man meets machine' reality unfolding, several social and juristic challenges emerge and we would like to explore whether we are prepared for that. We will try to review social dilemmas where individual interests are at odds with the interests of others, and where artificial intelligence might have a particularly hard time making the right decision.

Below, please find some key questions that will help fuel the debate:

- AI in general: How did AI change the world we live in and what can we expect in the future? What are some most common misconceptions about AI Are there (un)expected failures of AI? What are possible downsides of deep learning?
- AI-development: How can we ensure that AI uses fair and balanced algorithms? How can we eliminate discrimination or marginalisation in the development of AI-algorithms? What are the consequences of unequal access to data?
- AI & economy: How will AI impact our economies and our daily professional lives?
- AI & ethics: What is the most important take-aways concerning AI & ethics? Is it possible to teach machines morals, values or even compassion? How can humanity cope with this and what are possible downfalls? Who is accountable for AI-decisions?

Presentation of scientific best practices in Slovenia:

After the panel debate there will be a short presentation of Slovenian performance in EU framework programmes for R&I and some of the best achievements of Slovenian science will be displayed.

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