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# RESEARCH & INNOVATION TRANSFORMING EUROPEAN HEALTHCARE

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Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU  
Boulevard du Régent 45-46, 1000 Brussels

The Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA), in cooperation with Istanbul IT Valley, the Lithuanian RDI Liaison Office in Brussels (LINO), the NCBR Office in Brussels, Eötvös Loránd University and the National Research, Development, and Innovation Office in Hungary have the pleasure to invite you to **Research & Innovation Transforming European Healthcare** taking place in Brussels, Belgium.

The **objectives of the conference** are to:

- learn about current EU policies and programmes in healthcare research;
- gain knowledge of different research partnerships, associations, and other organisations (i.e., Swiss funding in research & innovation);
- promote research ideas, activities and achievements to the broader research & innovation audience in Brussels (EU representation offices of different national and regional research, innovation and business organisations);
- provide feedback to the European Commission and other speakers at the event.

## Agenda

09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:30	<b>Welcome speeches:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Iztok Jarc, <i>Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the EU</i></li><li>• Faruk Kaymakçı, <i>Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Türkiye to European Union</i></li><li>• Levin Pal, <i>Assistant Acting Director, Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency</i></li><li>• Serdar İbrahimcioğlu, <i>President, IT Valley</i></li><li>• Draško Veselinovič, <i>President of the Slovenian Business &amp; Research Association (SBRA)</i></li></ul>
09:50	<b>Presentation of the EU Health Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adrianus van Hengel, <i>Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Research &amp; Innovation</i></li></ul>
10:10	<b>PART 1: INNOVATIVE HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES</b> Showcasing and sharing ideas for health research ( <b>pitching session</b> )

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isabel Sáez Martinez, <i>Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia</i></li> <li>• Blaž Stres, <i>National Institute of Chemistry</i></li> <li>• Ausra Baradoke, <i>Deep Scientific</i></li> <li>• Nataša Debeljak, <i>Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana</i></li> <li>• Burcu Rodopman, <i>Bogazici University, Center of Joint Excellence in Digital Innovation – JEDI</i></li> <li>• Matjaž Malok, <i>Jožef Stefan Institute</i></li> <li>• Cengizhan Öztürk, <i>Boğaziçi University, Center for Life Sciences and Technologies</i></li> <li>• Ricardas Rotomskis, <i>National Cancer Institute, Biomedical physics laboratory; Vilnius University, Laser Research Center</i></li> <li>• Barbara Breznik, <i>National Institute of Biology &amp; Metka Novak, National Institute of Biology</i></li> <li>• Bartosz Wojtas, <i>Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology</i></li> <li>• Sanela Stadler, <i>Commission for protection of human rights Slovenia</i></li> <li>• Katja Leben, <i>National Institute of Biology</i></li> </ul>
<b>11:10</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<p><b>Part 2: ADVANCED MATERIALS IN HEALTH</b> Showcasing and sharing ideas for health research (<b>pitching session</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magdalena Dobrzyńska, <i>Polish Science Contact Agency "PolSCA" of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Brussels</i></li> <li>• Gašper Čehovin, <i>Parsek</i></li> <li>• Sezen Güngör, <i>Bilişim Vadisi</i></li> <li>• Eiva Bernotiene, <i>Innovative Medicine Centre</i></li> <li>• Vidmantas Sakalys, <i>Vital3D Technologies</i></li> <li>• Martin Rakuša, <i>University Medical Centre Maribor</i></li> <li>• Seda Senol, <i>Istanbul Health Industry Cluster Association (ISEK)</i></li> <li>• Marina Trkman, <i>Faculty of Public Administration, University of Ljubljana</i></li> <li>• Rita Takács, <i>Faculty of Informatics, Student Support Centre, Eötvös Loránd University</i></li> <li>• Boris Rogelj, <i>Jožef Stefan Institute</i></li> <li>• Zsombor Zrubka, <i>Óbuda University</i></li> </ul>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Brokerage Sessions &amp; Networking Lunch*</b>
<b>13:30</b>	<p><b>Presentation of strategic programming of Horizon Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montserrat Badia Serrano, <i>Common Strategic Planning &amp; Programming Service Unit, European Commission, DG Research &amp; Innovation</i></li> </ul>
<b>13:50</b>	<p><b>EU research landscape</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gregor Švajger, <i>Counsellor for Research, Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU</i></li> </ul>
<b>14:10</b>	<p><b>Horizon Europe – EU Cancer Mission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annika Nowak, <i>Head of Sector, Cancer Mission Secretariat, European Commission, DG Research &amp; Innovation</i></li> </ul>
<b>14:30</b>	<p><b>Research partnership on health – Innovative Health Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hugh Lavery, <i>Executive Director, Innovative Health Initiative</i></li> </ul>
<b>14:50</b>	<b>Implementing health research projects: Evaluation process in Horizon Europe</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marianne Ines Da Silva, <i>HaDEA – Health and Digital Executive Agency</i></li> </ul>
15:10	<b>Vanguard Initiative – Smart Health pilot</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jolien Roovers, <i>Co-coordinator of Vanguard Smart Health Pilot Team</i></li> </ul>
15:30	<b>Swiss programmes for research cooperation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simon Marti, <i>Head of SwissCore Brussels</i></li> </ul>
15:50	<b>ADVORTising clinical research to change clinical practice: From Belgium to Slovenia and Europe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitja Lainščak, <i>Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana and Department of Internal Medicine, General Hospital Murska Sobota</i></li> <li>• Pieter Martens, <i>Cardiologist, Advanced Heart Failure Specialist, ZOL Genk, Belgium</i></li> </ul>
16:00	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
16:30	<b>End of conference</b>

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