ONLINE CONFERENCE

SLOVENIA ON THE PATH OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION:

Recovery and Resilience Plan, Other Financial Incentives and Best Practices







Friday, **4 February 2022**, 9:30-13:15

INVITATION

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

On behalf of the **European Commission** and the **European Investment Bank (EIB)**, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the online conference Slovenia on the Path of Digital Transformation: Recovery and Resilience Plan, Other Financial Incentives and Best Practices.

Digital technologies are profoundly changing our daily life, the way we work, do business and interact with the state. This has become even more apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Digital transformation is therefore at the forefront of the EU's efforts to facilitate a quick recovery and increase its resilience through the NextGenerationEU temporary instrument and a modernised long-term EU budget 2021-2027.

Digital transformation of the economy and the public administration also plays a vital role in Slovenia's mid-term development and competitiveness. The reforms and investments envisaged in the national recovery and resilience plan aim to support this path.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to learn about digitalisation incentives outlined in Slovenia's recovery and resilience plan as well as best practices in the digitalisation of transport and e-government presented by the EIB. The concluding panel will touch upon the country's further needs in this area as well as financing opportunities to support the transformation.

Participants are encouraged to raise questions already during registration or afterwards throughout the conference. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Slovenian and English.

Please find enclosed the conference programme and registration information.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

Jerneja JUG JERŠE,

Head of European Commission Representation in Slovenia Francesco FERRERO.

Head of the European Investment Bank Office in Slovenia

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PROGRAMME

9:30 **Welcome address**

Jerneja Jug Jerše, Head of European Commission Representation in Slovenia

9:40 **Opening speeches**

Lilyana Pavlova, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank **Mark Boris Andrijanič**, Minister of Digital Transformation

10:00 **Policy overview: Slovenia's recovery and resilience plan – digital component Janez Mravljak**, Acting Director, Office for Recovery and Resilience, Ministry of Finance

10:20 Break

10:30 Sector focus - European Investment Bank case studies

Digitalisation of strategic public infrastructure: transport sector

Blaž Košorok, State Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure

Matej Vovk, Undersecretary, National Traffic Management Centre

Tiago Lopes, Sector Expert, European Investment Bank, Projects Directorate

Peter Gašperšič, Management Board Member, Motorway Company in the Republic of Slovenia

Digitalisation of government services: cloud infrastructure, e-identity, cybersecurity...

Peter Jenko, Directorate for Information Society, Ministry of Public Administration **Harald Gruber**, Head of Division, European Investment Bank, Projects Directorate

12:00 Break

12:10 Panel on digital transformation of Slovenia

Monika Kirbiš Rojs, State Secretary, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, Head of the Operational Group for the Preparation of Slovenia's Recovery and Resilience Plan **Nena Dokuzov**, Secretary, Coordinator of the Slovene Strategy for the Digital Transformation of the Economy, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology

Zoran Stančič, Special Advisor to DG CONNECT, European Commission

Gilles Badot, Director, European Investment Bank, Operations Directorate - Adriatic Sea

Nenad Šutanovac, Director of the Association for Informatics and Telecommunications, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia

13:10 Closing of the event

Francesco Ferrero, Head of the European Investment Bank Office in Slovenia

Conference will be moderated by **Jernej Šmajdek**, Journalist in the Business DEsk, Slovenian Press Agency.

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