"ON THE PATH TO A GREEN TRANSITION"

The Conference on Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Mobility Measures

Dear all,

Friday, 21 October 2022, 9:30–13:30

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On behalf of the **European Commission** and the **Slovenian Office for Recovery and Resilience**, we would like to invite you to the first annual event of the Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) in Slovenia – On the Path to a Green Transition. As part of the event, we are organising a conference on energy efficiency and sustainable mobility measures.

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the past economic and financial crisis have reminded us once again that building strong, sustainable and resilient social systems helps countries to respond more effectively, equitably and inclusively to various shocks and to recover faster.

To enable countries to build such social systems, the European Union has created the Recovery and Resilience Facility, which Slovenia is implementing through its Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP).

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has not only slowed the recovery but has also created an energy crisis that is forcing us to rethink the way we produce and consume energy. Sustainable development has never been as high on the agenda as now.

Participants will learn about the planned reforms and the investments made possible by the RRP in the energy sector, focusing on renewable energy. The panellists will also touch upon the opportunities offered by the REPowerEU initiative, aimed at ending the EU's dependence on Russian fossil fuels.

The participants will then discuss sustainable mobility as a response to rising energy prices, investment opportunities offered by the RRP, especially in the fields of public transport and e-mobility, and the challenges in setting up such systems.

The conference will be held in Slovenian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Please find attached the conference programme and registration information.

As part of the first annual event of the Recovery and Resilience Plan, a symbolic event will take place at the Borovnica train station at 12:45, organised by the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Slovenian Infrastructure Agency. The event will mark the end of the works on upgrading the railway section Ljubljana – Brezovica and the start of works on upgrading the section Brezovica – Borovnica, part of the RRP investments in enhancing the railroad infrastructure.

We look forward to seeing you,

Jerneja JUG JERŠE Head of EC Representation in Slovenia

Josip MIHALIC

Director of the Slovenian Recovery and Resilience Office

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9:30 – Welcome address:

Jerneja Jug Jerše, PhD, Head of EC Representation in Slovenia

9:35 – 10:15 – Opening speeches:

- Céline Gauer, Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force, European Commission
- Klemen Boštjančič, Minister of Finance
- Tina Seršen, State Secretary at the Ministry of Infrastructure

10:15–11:15 – Panel discussion: Renewable energy resources and energy efficiency – measures to achieve a decarbonised society in times of rising cost of living and the opportunities offered by REPowerEU

- Johannes Luebking, Principal Adviser for the European Semester Coordination, European Commission
- mag. Tina Seršen, State Secretary at the Ministry of Infrastructure
- Andrej Gnezda, Umanotera Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development
- Ana Vučina Vršnak, Energy Industry Chamber of Slovenia

11:15-11:30 – Coffee break

11:30-12:30 - Panel discussion: Sustainable mobility in response to rising energy prices

- Luc Tholoniat, Director Economies of the Member States, European Commission
- Darko Trajanov, Director of Sustainable Mobility and Transport Policy Directorate, Ministry of Infrastructure
- Špela Berlot Veselko, CIPRA Slovenija, Association for the Protection of the Alps
- Peter Geršič, Association of Urban Municipalities of Slovenia

12:30-13:30 - Lunch break & closing

The conference will be hosted by Maja Derčar, a Radio Slovenija journalist

We ask you to confirm your **physical presence** at the conference by registering here. The number of places at the venue is limited, however, you can attend the live event online here.

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