



Ljubljana, Friday, 28 March 2008

GZS Conference Center, Dimičeva 13

**Programme** (SL-EN interpretation provided)

- 8:45 – 9:15 Registration**
- 9:15 - 9:30 **Welcome address by the Slovenian Presidency**  
• Mr Andrej Vizjak, *Slovenian Minister of Economy*
- 9:30 - 9:40 **Welcome address by the European Commission**  
• Mr Jean-Noël Durvy, *Director DG Enterprise and Industry*
- 9:40 - 10:30 **European Commission SME policies and CIP financial instruments**  
• Mr Per-Ove Engelbrecht, *Head of Unit, DG Enterprise and Industry*  
• Mr James Mc Ging, *Head of Unit, DG Economic and Financial Affairs*  
**SMEs' participation in the Seventh Framework Programme and Eurostars programme:** • Mr Bernd Reichert, *Head of Unit, DG Research*
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break (and video clip)**
- 10:30 - 11:00 Press conference**
- 11:00 - 11:25 **Implementation of the new CIP financial instruments**  
• Mr Alessandro Tappi, *Head of Guarantees, European Investment Fund (EIF)*
- 11:25 - 12:00 **Experience of EU financial instruments in Slovenia**  
• Ms Maja Tomanič-Vidovič, *Director, Slovenian Enterprise Fund*  
**Entrepreneur's experience:** • Dr Enej Kuščer, *Director, Acies Bio d.o.o.*
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Role of the new Enterprise Europe Network in Slovenia**  
• Prof. Dr. Peter Stegnar, *Coordinator of the Network in Slovenia*  
Official signature of the Partnership Agreement between the Network Partners
- 12:30 -14:00 Networking lunch offered**
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Panel discussion 1 - sharing experience and challenges ahead:** • Mr Pleterski, *Director General, Ministry of Economy (moderator)*; • Mr Jean-Noël Durvy, *Director, European Commission*; • Mr Tappi, *EIF*; • Mr Georges Noël, *Director Venture Platform EVCA*; • Anthony Clarke, *President EBAN*; • Mr Aleš Lipnik, *Enterprise Europe Network*; • Ms Mateja Vadnjal, *Director, CRMG-Easy project*; • Mr Iztok Lesjak, *Director, Ljubljana Technology Park*; • Mr Jure Verhovnik, *Incubator Tovarna podjetij & Start-up Slovenia*; • Mr Vincenc Jamnik, *Director SMEs, Unicredit Bank*
- 15:00 -15:10 Coffee break**
- 15:10 – 16:30 **Panel discussion 2: More transparency between banks and SMEs in issuing guarantees:** • Mr José Fernando Figueiredo, *President, European Mutual Guarantee Association (moderator)*; • Ms Maja Tomanič-Vidovič, *Director, Slovenian Enterprise Fund*; • Mr Luciano Vierin, *Head of Credit Department, Banka Koper d.d.*; • Manja Skernišak, *Management Board Member, NKBM d.d.*; • Sibil Svilar, *President of the Management Board, Slovene Export and Development Bank*; • Irma Butina, *Chamber of Commerce and Industry*; • Viljem Pšeničny, *Secretary General, Chamber of Craft and Small Business*; • Danilo Krapec, *Director, Regional Development Agency Mura*;  
*Panel 2 organised by*



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