

Unlocking Growth: The Future of Slovenian and European Capital Markets

Date: 23 September 2025

Venue: Tovarna Rog, Ljubljana

Main Event Programme

Tuesday, 23 September 2025

10:00 – 10:25 | *Arrival and Registration*

10.25 – 10.30 | *Family photo of panelists*

10:30 – 10:40 | *Opening Remarks*

Dr. Robert Golob, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

10:40 – 11:40 | Panel I – The Future of European Capital Markets

Moderated by Mr. Klemen Boštjančič, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia

Key discussion points:

- Emerging trends, structural reforms, and integration challenges
- Vision for resilient and deep capital markets in the EU

Confirmed Speakers:

- Maria Luís Albuquerque, EU Commissioner
- Paschal Donohoe, President of the Eurogroup
- Marko Primorac, Minister of Finance, Republic of Croatia
- Jeromin Zettelmeyer, Director, Bruegel
- Jürgen Ligi, Minister of finance, Republic of Estonia

11:40 – 12:10 | *Coffee Break & Media Opportunity*

- Joint statement from Klemen Boštjančič, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia and Maria Luís Albuquerque, EU Commissioner
- Followed by questions for other panelists – on request

12:10 – 13:10 | Panel II – Global Practices in Capital Markets

Moderated by Mr. David Avarello, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Focus:

- Insights from Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, International Monetary Fund and MTS on building deep, diversified, and resilient capital markets
- Topics include: liberalization strategies, regional integration, institutional frameworks, and innovation in market infrastructure
- Lessons from global leaders: Case studies from Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong

Confirmed Speakers:

- Christopher Hui, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Hong Kong
- Mohammed El-Kuwaiz, Chairman of the Capital Market Authority, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- James Roberts, Financial Sector Expert, International Monetary Fund
- Angelo Proni, Chief Executive Officer, MTS – Euronext Group

13:10 – 14:10 | Panel III – Slovenia's Capital Market: A Strategic Path Forward

Moderated by Ms. Nikolina Prah, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance Slovenia

Topics:

- National strategies for innovation, investor confidence, and capital formation
- Policy priorities for unlocking domestic market potential

Confirmed Speakers:

- Stanka Šarc Majdič, MSc, Member of Management Board, SID Bank
- Igor Štemberger, President of the Management Board, ILIRIKA d.d.
- Marja Milič, economist, journalist, and author of the Money-How podcast
- Aljoša Valentinčič, professor of accounting, finance and neuroeconomics, School of Economics and Business