



National launching event for Horizon Europe

Virtual conference, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2020

## »Exploring Horizon Europe«

**Day 1, 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2020**

### *Opening & welcome addresses*

**10.00 - 10.25**

*Address by the European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture,  
Education and Youth,*

***Ms. Mariya Gabriel***

*Address by Head of EU Representation in Slovenia,*

***Mr. Zoran Stančič***

*Address by the Minister of Economic Development and Technology,*

***Mr. Zdravko Počivalšek***

*Address by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport,*

***Ms. Simona Kustec***

**10.25 – 10.30**

***Power break and Science month video presentation***



10.30 – 12.00

*High-level Policy Panel “How can Horizon Europe and the new ERA effectively address the key global challenges?”*

Moderator

*Mr. Tomaž Boh, Director General, Science Directorate, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport*

*Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General, Directorate for Research and Innovation, European Commission*

*Ms. Jana Kolar, Executive Director, CERIC-ERIC*

*Mr. Jure Gašparič, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport*

*Mr. Jernej Salecl, Director General, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology*

*Ms. Andreja Gomboc, Chair, Science and Technology Council of the Republic of Slovenia*

*Mr. Janez Potočnik, Co-chair, International Resource Panel of the United Nations*



12.00 – 12.10

*Power break and Science month video presentation*

12.10 – 13.40

*Presentation of the horizontal elements of Horizon Europe*

Moderator

*Mr. Peter Volasko, National coordinator for Horizon Europe, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport*

Strengthening the new ERA and generating synergies

*Ms. Anna Panagopoulou, DG RTD, European Commission*

Widening Participation & Spreading Excellence

*Ms. Magda de Carli, DG RTD, European Commission*

National contact points

*Ms. Tanja Vertelj in Ms. Uršula Konečnik, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport*

Discussion (Q&A)

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**Day 2, 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2020**

**9.00 - 10.30**

***Presentation of Pillar 1 activities***

Moderator

***Ms. Andreja Umek Venturini***, Science Sector, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

European Research Council (ERC)

***Mr. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon***, President ad interim, European Research Council, (ERC)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

***Ms. Claire Morel***, Head of Unit, DG EAC, European Commission

Research Infrastructures

***Mr. Johannes Klumpers***, Head of Unit, DG RTD, European Commission

National contact points

***Mr. Stojan Sorčan***, Science Sector, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

Discussion(Q&A)

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10.30 – 10.40

*Power break and Science month video presentation*

10.40 - 12.10

*Presentation of Pillar 2 activities*

Moderator

*Ms. Petra Žagar, Science Sector, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport*

Partnerships

*Mr. Marnix Surgeon, DG RTD, European Commission*

Missions

*Mr. Neville Reeve, DG RTD, European Commission (TBC)*

National contact points

*Ms. Petra Žagar, Science Sector, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport*

Discussion(Q&A)

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12.10 – 12.20

*Power break and Science month video presentation*

12.20- 13.40

*Presentation of Pillar 3 activities*

Moderator

*Ms. Natalija Medica, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology*

European Innovation  
Council (EIC)

*Mr. Jean-David Malo, Director, European Innovation Council (EIC)*

European Institute of  
Innovation and  
Technology (EIT)

*Ms. Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva, Director, DG EAC, European Commission*

National contact points

*Mr. Igor Milek, Public Agency for Entrepreneurship, Internationalization,  
Foreign Investments and Technology (SPIRIT Slovenia)*

Discussion(Q&A)

13.40 – 13.45

*Concluding remarks*

*Mr. Tomaž Boh, Director General, Science Directorate, Ministry of Education,  
Science and Sport*