

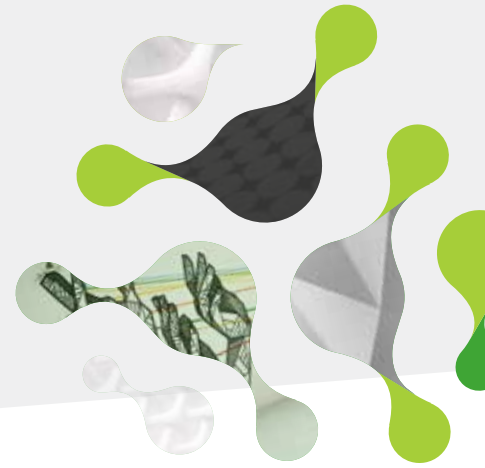


Circular Economy in the Region:

Connected for Sustainability and Growth

SOUTH EAST EUROPE IN FOCUS

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2019 — BLED, SLOVENIA



VENUE: RIKLI BALANCE HOTEL (HALL SUN), CANKARJEVA 4, BLED, SLOVENIA

7. NOVEMBER 2019

19.00

Official reception hosted by Mr. Simon Zajc, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia

Venue: Lake Salon, Grand Hotel Toplice, Bled

8. NOVEMBER 2019

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9.00 – 9:30

Opening of the Conference

- **Simon Zajc**, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Karmenu Vella**, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (video address)
- **Izabella Teixeira**, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel (IRP)

9.30 – 10.00

Key note speech »Decoupling the Growth« - A systemic change: Janez Potočnik, former EU Commissioner for the Environment and co-chair of the IRP

10.00 – 10.45

Panel 1: »Climate Change and a New Era of Resource Management«

Presentations by the IRP experts

- **Resource efficiency and Product Related Policies: Paul Ekins**, director, Institute for Sustainable Resources and University College London, IRP member
- **The Weight of the Cities - Urban Solutions for Sustainable Future: Maarten Hajer** professor, Utrecht University, IRP member
- **Innovative Land Use Planning and Management Strategies for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: Jeff Herrick**, US Department of Agriculture, University of Colorado, New Mexico State University, IRP member

10.45 – 11.15

Discussion (Panel with speakers)

11.15 – 11.45

Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.15

Panel 2 – first part: “Circular Economy in the Region: Possible steps ahead”

Panelists:

Simon Zajc, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia;

Goran Trivan, Minister of Environmental Protection, Serbia;

Naser Nuredini, Minister of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia;

Igor Čizmek, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Croatia;

Christian Holzer, Director General, Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism, Austria;

Milan Chrenko, Director General for Environmental Policy, Slovakia;

Discussion with regional partners and stakeholders

Family photo

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 16.00 **Panel 2 – continuing: “Circular Economy in the Region: Possible steps ahead”**

Panelists:

Simon Zajc, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia;

Fatmir Matoshi, Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning, Kosovo*;

Vladislav Smrž, Deputy Minister of Environment, Czech Republic;

Dragan Asanović, Director General, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro;

Ferenc Hizo, Ministry for Innovation and Technology, Hungary;

Discussion with regional partners and stakeholders

16.00 – 16.30 **Experiences and perspectives from Slovenia**

- **Transition to Circular Economy - new models of governance:** Janja Kreitmayer McKenzie, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia

- **The Role of Circular Hotspots;** Ladeja Godina Košir, Chair of CG European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform, CEO Circular Change

- **Business opportunities in going green:** Managers' Association of Slovenia: Saša Mrak, Executive Director, Managers' Association of Slovenia

16.30 – 17.00 **Conclusions and official closure of the conference**

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of independence

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