



PROGRAMME

3rd MEETING OF HONORARY CONSULS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

SLOVENIA, 27 – 29 September 2023

Hosted by:

H.E. Ms Tanja Fajon

**Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs
of the Republic of Slovenia**

and by H.E. Mr Matej Arčon

Minister of Government Office for Slovenians Abroad

Organised by:

**Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
of the Republic of Slovenia**

Tuesday, 26 September 2023

Afternoon/evening Arrival of all participants at the Perla Hotel, Nova Gorica
Perla, Resort & Entertainment, Kidričeva ulica 7, Nova Gorica

Wednesday, 27 September 2023

- 8.30 Gathering and **registration** of all participants at the Perla Hotel
Perla, Resort & Entertainment, Kidričeva ulica 7, Nova Gorica
- 9.00 **Opening of the Meeting of Honorary Consuls of the Republic of Slovenia**
Moderated by: Mr Peter Szabo
- 9.05–9.10 Welcome address by: Mr Samo Turel, Mayor of the Municipality of Nova Gorica
- 9.10–9.20 Welcome speech by: Ambassador Renata Cvelbar Bek, Secretary-General at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- 9.20–10.30 **Slovenia: Current situation and outlook (Roundtable discussion)**
Moderated by: Dr Slobodan Šešum, Director-General, Directorate for Economic and Public Diplomacy
- 'I feel Slovenia' Brand**
Presented by: Ms Špela Vovk, Head of division for the Promotion of Slovenia, the Government Communication Office of the Republic of Slovenia

Tourism

Presented by: Ms Karmen Novarlič, Slovenian Tourist Board

Chamber of commerce

Presented by: Ms Marjana Majerič, Executive director of the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce for strategic development and internationalization

International promotion of the Slovenian economy

Presented by: Ms Andreja Mulec Bohinc, Head of Internationalisation Promotion Department ad int., SPIRIT Slovenia, Public Agency for Investment, Entrepreneurship and Internationalization

Business

Presented by: Mr Jernej Pintar, CEO & Head of Tech Community at Technology Park Ljubljana

10.30-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-12.30

Meeting with Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

Ambassador Renata Cvelbar Bek, Secretary-General at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia,

Mr Viktor Mlakar, Acting Head, Consular Department

Followed by: Q & A

12.30-13.45

Buffet lunch

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- 13.45–14.45 **Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia**
Mrs Mateja Norčič Štamcar, Director-General Directorate for Political Affairs,
Ambassador Anžej Frangeš, Acting Director-General,
Directorate for European Affairs
Followed by: Q & A
Perla, Resort & Entertainment
- 14.45–15.30 **Break before departure**
Perla, Resort & Entertainment
- 15.30 **Gathering in the Lobby**
Perla, Resort & Entertainment
- 16.00 **Departure towards the Presidential palace in Ljubljana**
- 18.00 **Reception with H.E. Mrs Nataša Pirc Musar, President of the Republic of Slovenia**
Erjavčeva cesta 17, 1000 Ljubljana

Official family photo
- 20.30 **Departure for Nova Gorica**
Perla, Resort & Entertainment, Kidričeva ulica 7, Nova Gorica

Thursday, 28 September 2023

- 7.30 **Gathering in the Lobby**
Perla, Resort & Entertainment, Kidričeva ulica 7, Nova Gorica
- 7.45 **Departure for Novo mesto**

10.00	Arrival to Novo mesto <i>Krka, d. d., Šmarješka cesta 6, Novo mesto</i>
10.15–10.30	Reception and welcome drink <i>Krka, d. d., Šmarješka cesta 6, Novo mesto</i>
10.45–11.15	Presentation of the company KRKA d.d. Presentation by: Mr Jože Colarič, President of the Management Board and CEO
11.20	Photo opportunity <i>Krka, d. d., Šmarješka cesta 6, Novo mesto</i>
11.30–12.45	Guided bus tour and presentation of the Notol 2 plant <i>Krka, d. d., Šmarješka cesta 6, Novo mesto</i>
12.45	Departure for Otočec
13.00–15.15	Lunch hosted by Krka d.d. <i>Otočec castle, Grajska cesta 2, Otočec</i>
15.30	Departure for Novo mesto <i>Glavni trg 7, Novo mesto</i>
16.00	Arrival to Novo mesto <i>Župančičevo sprehajališče 2, Novo mesto</i> Welcome address by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Gregor Macedoni, Mayor of Novo mesto- Mr Marko Gorjup, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Dolenjska and Bela Krajina- Presentation of companies from the region
16.45	Press statement(s)

17.00 **Guided tour of Novo mesto**

18.00 **Departure for Colnar winery**

Colnar winery, Lešnica 8, Otočec

Followed by **Presentation of the winery and tasting of local dishes and wine**

Welcome address by: Mr Janez Colnar Jr.

20.00 **Departure for Nova Gorica**

22.00 **Arrival to Nova Gorica**

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Friday, 29 September 2023

8.00 **Check-out** for participants NOT staying another night at the hotel

8.30 **Gathering of all participants in the Lobby**

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9.00-11.00 **Visit to City Hall of Nova Gorica**

Main Plenary Hall, Municipality of Nova Gorica, Trg Edvarda Kardelja 1, Nova Gorica

Speech by:

- Mr Samo Turel, Mayor of Nova Gorica
- H.E. Mr Matej Arčon, Minister of Government Office for Slovenians Abroad
- Mrs Nevenka Volk Rožič, Director of the regional Chamber of Commerce Nova Gorica
- Company presentation: Arctur Ltd.

- Company presentation: Intra Lighting Ltd.
- Mr Robert Rakar, Director of the regional Chamber of Commerce Koper
- Company presentation from the region
- Presentation of GO! 2025 - European Capital of Culture 2025

11.15 **Departure for Kostanjevica**

11.30 **Visit of the Franciscan Monastery Kostanjevica**

Monastery of Kostanjevica, Škrabčeva ulica 1, Nova Gorica

12.30 **Photo opportunity with H.E. Ms Tanja Fajon and H.E. Mr Matej Arčon**

Europe Square, Nova Gorica

12.50 **Departure for restaurant Primula**

Restaurant Primula, Soška cesta 40, Solkan

13.00 **Lunch hosted by the Mayor of Nova Gorica**

Restaurant Primula, Soška cesta 40, Solkan

14.30 **Departure for Goriška Brda**

15.00 **Arrival to Gonjače**

Tower Gonjače, Gonjače 28c, Kojsko

Welcome address by: Mr Franc Mužič, Mayor of Brda

15.40 **Departure for wine cellar Brda**

Wine cellar Brda, Zadružna cesta 9, Dobrovo v Brdih

16.00–17.15 **Guided tour of wine cellar Brda**

Wine cellar Brda, Zadružna cesta 9, Dobrovo v Brdih

17.30	Departure for Vipolže <i>Vila Vipolže, Vipolže 29, Dobrovo</i>
18.00 – 20.00	Tour of Villa Vipolže and networking reception with representatives of tourist organisations and local wine growers co-hosted by: Vesna Humar, State Secretary of Government Office for Slovenians Abroad <i>Vila Vipolže, Vipolže 29, Dobrovo,</i> Welcome speech by: Ms Tina Novak Samec, the director of the Institute for tourism, culture, youth and sport Brda Speech by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Vesna Humar, State Secretary of Government Office for Slovenians Abroad Roundtable discussion »Wine in diplomacy« at the Villa Vipolže Moderated by: Ms Marjana Simčič Humar Participating wineries: Klet Brda, Movia, Marjan Simčič, Edi Simčič, Medot, Ferdinand, Dolfo Speech by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H.E. Ms Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia Photo opportunity
Followed by	Departure for Nova Gorica and Ljubljana