



## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**»Presidency Conference New ERA - Towards a  
responsible knowledge driven society of the 3rd  
Millennium«**

**26 October– 27 October 2021**

**Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia**





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## 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union is pleased to share the following practical information for the upcoming conference *New ERA - Towards a responsible knowledge driven society of the 3rd Millenium* (new ERA conference). The Conference will be held on 26 and 27 October 2021 at Congress Centre Brdo, Slovenia, complemented by virtual participation.

The objective of the new ERA conference is to create a space for stakeholders to engage with the formation of the new, revitalised European Research Area (ERA) in order to pursue the European Commission's goals of co-designing, co-creating and co-developing ERA policies with all ERA actors. The first day of the ERA conference focuses on the Commission's proposal for a Council Recommendation on a Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe and a Council Conclusion on the new ERA governance structure. The second day will focus on implementation challenges, in discussion with stakeholders.

The expected impacts of the ERA conference are: a) contributing to the Commission's co-creation of ERA Actions (derived from the ERA policy agenda), ensuring they are designed appropriately; and b) engaging stakeholders, by giving them their own space to discuss the implementation of several actions.

This **Practical Information Note** (PIN) provides general information on logistical and organisational aspects to help you prepare for the meeting.

For on-site participants the Conference starts on Tuesday 26 October at 13.00 (CET) with lunch at the Brdo Congress Centre, Slovenia. The first day will conclude at 18.00 hours. Dinner for Conference participants will be provided on Tuesday evening, at 20.00 (CET) at Cukrarna, Ljubljana. The second day, Wednesday, 27 October starts at 9.00 (CET) in the morning and finishes around 16.00 (CET).

Transport for participants will be provided from Ljubljana to Brdo and back.

It will be possible to follow the Conference online, via the conference website [www.era-si.eu](http://www.era-si.eu). Virtual attendees will also be able to participate in the conversation and ask questions via the Mentimeter tool.

Day 1: Tuesday, 26 October (13.00 – 18.00 CET); Congress Centre Brdo, Slovenia  
 Dinner: Tuesday, 26 October (20.00 CET onward); Cukrarna, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
 Day 2: Wednesday, 27 October (9.00 – 16.00 CET); Congress Centre Brdo, Slovenia

Please note, all information is subject to change.

Checklist and timeline of steps to be taken:

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| 7 October  | <a href="#">Registration open</a>  |
| October    | <b>Registration for in-person participation</b> will close once 170 participants are reached |
| 20 October | Registration for <b>on-line</b> participants closes  |
| 26 October | Start of the new ERA Conference  |

### 1.1 COVID-19

The organizers of the new ERA conference will endeavour to host the planned event in person while ensuring the maximum safety of all participants. In cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the National Institute of Public Health, the organizers will do their utmost to ensure the highest health standards at all events and venues.

At all times, please follow the recommendations below:

- wash or disinfect your hands frequently
- wear a face mask when indoors (mandatory in Slovenia)
- maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 metres from other people, both indoors and outdoors
- refrain from attending the event if you have any symptoms of infection
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- avoid touching your face



Image: National Institute of Public Health [www.nijz.si](http://www.nijz.si)



We kindly invite you to respect the measures in effect during the event. The organizers of the new ERA Conference will pay special attention to ensure that your stay in Slovenia is healthy and safe, and count on your support in these efforts.

Please note that special requirements for entry into Slovenia may apply and we advise advance consultation of the [official website for updates](#). According to national legislation currently in effect, participation in indoor congress events is possible for persons with proof of vaccination, negative test (rapid AG test/48 hr or PCR test/72 hr) or proof of recovery (not older than 6 months). The documents will be checked upon arrival to Slovenia (Ljubljana Airport) and at the meeting venue. Please note that these health documents may also be needed upon check-in at the hotel.

Passengers travelling by air or sea are advised to fill out the **EU Digital Passenger Locator Form (dPLF)** form available at <https://app.euplf.eu>.

Passengers travelling by land (bus, train or car) do not have to fill out the form. For more information regarding the dPLF please visit the following website: <https://www.euplf.eu/en/home/index.html>.

We kindly ask you to attend in-person events only if you are in good health and to refrain from travelling if you notice any signs of respiratory infection.

The organizers of the new ERA Conference will ensure testing facilities are available, if you need a rapid AG test or PCR test to return to your home country. The cost will be at your expense and results will be provided within 24hr at the latest.

## 2 FORMAT AND REGISTRATION

In light of the current health situation, participation at in-person events under the Slovenian Presidency will be strictly limited.

Please note that participants attending the event will have to register in advance through the »Registration« button via the conference webpage: [www.era-si.eu](http://www.era-si.eu).

Due to the circumstances we can only allow 170 participants to be present physically at the event at Congress Centre Brdo.

We invite you to complete the registration process well in advance. The registration for in-person participants will be closed as soon as the number of registrations reaches 170. However, registration will stay open for the online participants until 20 October. Please note that only registered participants will have access to the meeting and dining venues.

The delegates will receive their badges at the Congress Centre Brdo. All badges are strictly personal and non-transferable.

Please make sure to wear your badges visibly at the meeting venue and other official programme venues. If you lose your badge, please contact the Accreditation Centre without delay at: [era-pseu.mizs@gov.si](mailto:era-pseu.mizs@gov.si).

All personal information obtained through accreditation procedures will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

### 3 TRANSPORTATION

Transport will be provided between Ljubljana and Brdo Congress Centre. See section 3.1 for further details.

Transportation to/from the airport **will not be provided by the organizers of the ERA Conference**. However, please consider the options below to facilitate the organization of your transport.

#### Travelling to/ from Ljubljana, Slovenia (Jože Pučnik Airport)

The closest **airport to Ljubljana is Jože Pučnik Airport**, which is located around 26 kilometres from Ljubljana. There are many options for transport to/ from Ljubljana:

- Nomago shuttle; price: from 10€ (tickets); from the airport to the Main Bus Station, buy the ticket here (<https://shuttle.nomago.si/si/domov>).
- Go Opti; price: from 18-27€/person; from the airport to the given address, order on their website (<https://www.goopti.com/en/>).
- Markun Shuttle; price: from 10€/person; from the airport to the given address, order by phone (051 651 771) or email ([info@markun-shuttle.com](mailto:info@markun-shuttle.com)).
- Zup prevozi, price: 44€/1-3 persons or 59€/4-7 persons; from the airport to the given address, order by phone (031 304 141) or email ([info@zup-prevozi.eu](mailto:info@zup-prevozi.eu)).

#### Travelling to/ from Zagreb, Croatia (Franjo Tuđman Aiport)

- Go Opti; price: from 21-38€/person/shared vehicle, from 55€/2 persons/private vehicle; from the airport to the given address, order on their website (<https://www.goopti.com/en/>)
- Markun Shuttle; price: upon request, from the given address to the airport, order by phone (051 651 771) or email ([info@markun-shuttle.com](mailto:info@markun-shuttle.com)).
- Shuttle direct, price: from 168€/2 persons, from the airport to the given address, order on their website (<https://www.shuttledirect.com/en/>)

#### Travelling to/ from Graz, Austria (Flughafen Graz)

- Zup prevozi, price: upon inquiry; from the airport to the given address, order by phone (031 304 141) or email ([info@zup-prevozi.eu](mailto:info@zup-prevozi.eu)).
- Shuttle Planet, price: upon inquiry; from the airport to the given address, order on their website (<https://www.shuttleplanet.com/>)
- Go Opti; price: from 50€/person/shared vehicle, from 77€/ 2 persons/private vehicle; from the airport to the given address, order on their website (<https://www.goopti.com/en/>)

#### Travelling to/ from Venice, Italy (Venice Marco Polo Airport)

- Zup prevozi, price: upon inquiry; from the airport to the given address, order by phone (031 304 141) or email ([info@zup-prevozi.eu](mailto:info@zup-prevozi.eu)).
- Go Opti; price: from 34€/person/shared vehicle, from 75 €/ 2 persons/private vehicle; from the airport to the given address, order on their website (<https://www.goopti.com/en/>)
- Nomago shuttle; price: upon inquiry; bus from the airport to the Main Bus Station, buy the tickets on their website (<https://shuttle.nomago.si/si/domov>).

#### Travelling to/ from Trieste, Italy (Friuli Venezia Giulia Airport)

- Go Opti; price: from 22€/person/shared vehicle, from 52€/ 2 persons/private vehicle; from the airport to the given address, order on their website (<https://www.goopti.com/en/>)
- Zup prevozi, price: from 18€/person – price upon inquiry; from the airport to the given address, order by phone (031 304 141) or email ([info@zup-prevozi.eu](mailto:info@zup-prevozi.eu)).
- Kombi Center; price: price upon inquiry; from the airport to the given address, order by phone (051 313 729) or email ([info@kombicenter.si](mailto:info@kombicenter.si))

### 3.1 TRANSPORTATION to the meeting venue

Transportation from Ljubljana to/from the meeting venue (Brdo Congress Centre) will be provided by organized bus transfer once per day.

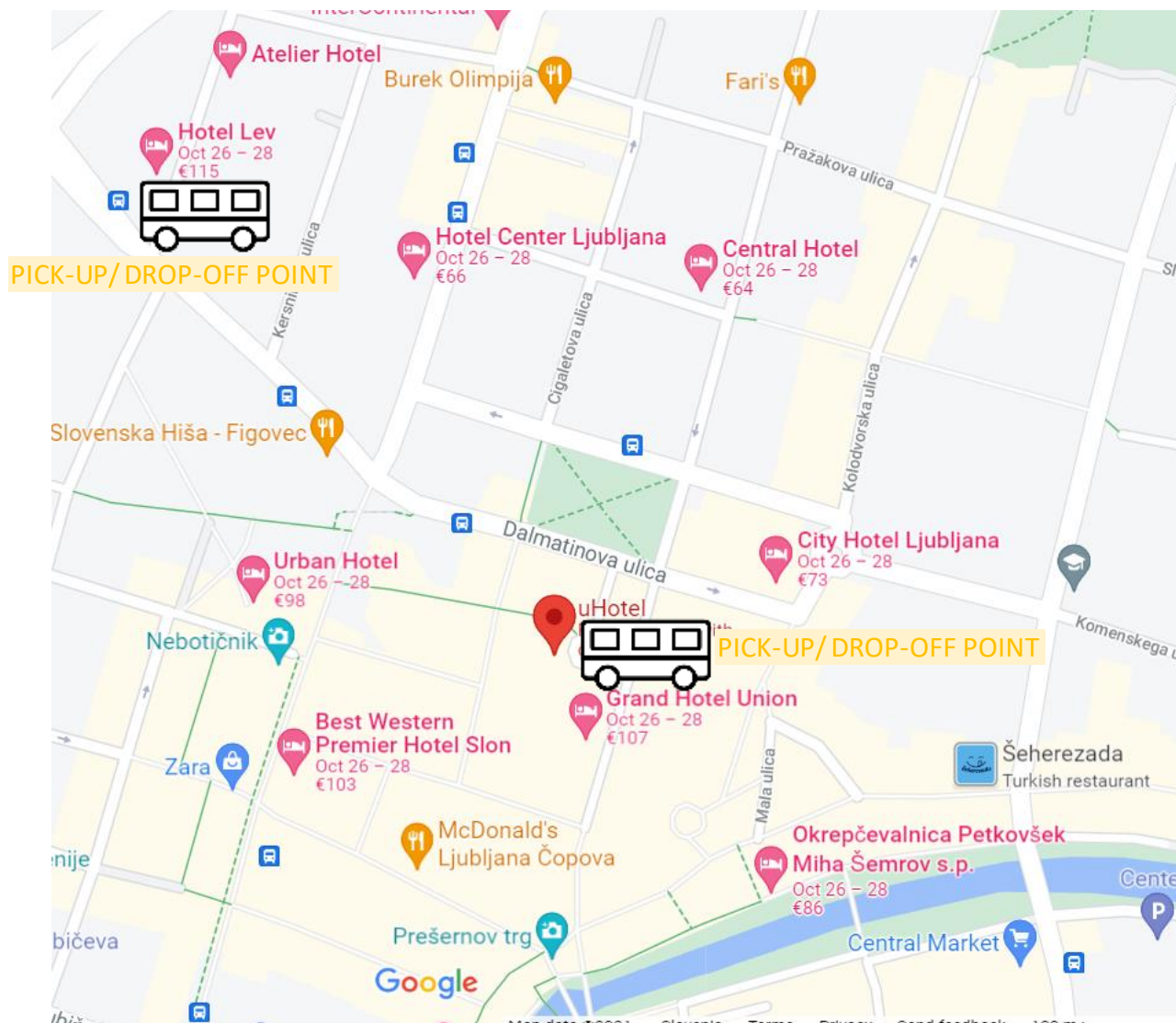
#### Tuesday, 26 October

- pick-up point **from Ljubljana to Brdo Congress Centre** will be organized in front of two hotels:
  - Hotel Lev (Vošnjakova ulica 1) and
  - U hotel (Miklošičeva cesta 3)
- buses will leave at **11:15 am**
- transfer **from Brdo Congress Centre to Ljubljana** will be provided after the conference day ends (~18:00 CET)

#### Wednesday, 27 October:

- pick-up point **from Ljubljana to Brdo Congress Centre** will be organized in front of two hotels:
  - Hotel Lev (Vošnjakova ulica 1) and
  - U hotel (Miklošičeva cesta 3)
- buses will leave at **08:00 am**
- transfer **from Brdo Congress Centre to Ljubljana** will be provided after the conference day ends (16:00 CET)



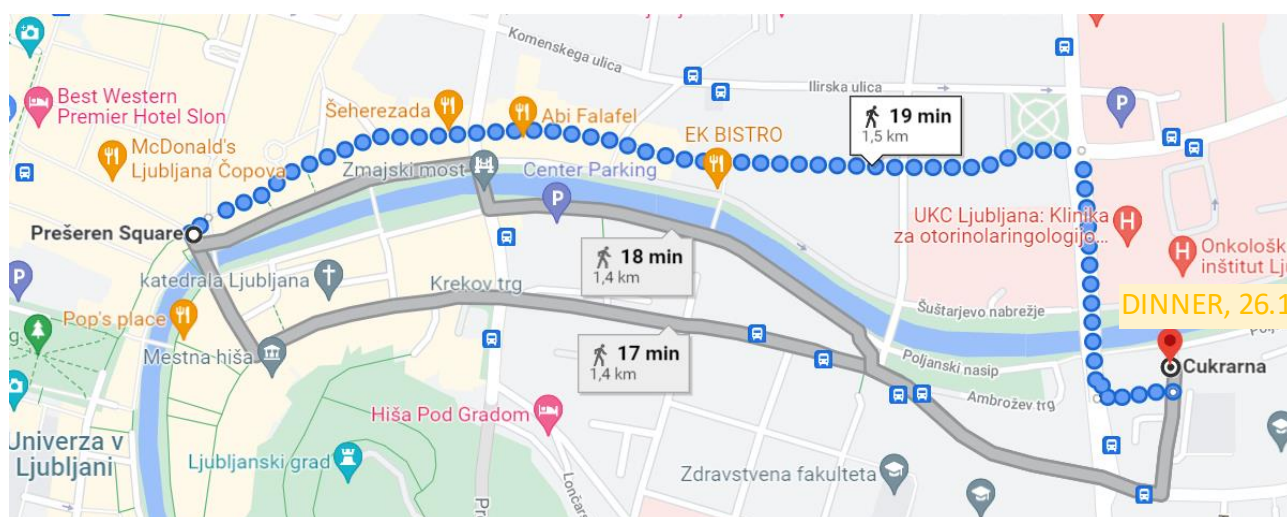


### 3.2 TRANSPORTATION to the dinner venue

Transportation to and from the dinner venue (Cukrarna, Ljubljana) will be provided by bus from the same pick-up points as for the Brdo Congress Centre, i.e. Hotel Lev (Vošnjakova ulica 1) and U hotel (Miklošičeva cesta 3).

**Registration for the transport to and from dinner must be conducted at the registration desk in the Congress center Brdo, upon receipt of the conference badge.**

However, we would recommend the nice walk along the banks of the river Ljubljanica, which will take you only about 15 minutes from the city center.



## 4 ACCOMMODATION

**Accommodation will not be provided by the organizers of the ERA Conference.** However, please consider the following accommodation options in Ljubljana:

### Hotel Lev

Vošnjakova ulica 1  
1000 Ljubljana

### uHotel

Miklošičeva cesta 3  
1000 Ljubljana

### B&B Hotel Park

Tabor 9  
1000 Ljubljana

If you want to spend time in nature, away from the pulse of the city and very close to the Conference Center Brdo, you can also choose a hotel on the Brdo Estate:

### Elegans Hotel

Predoslje 39  
4000 Kranj

## 5 MEETING VENUE

The new ERA conference will be held at the main conference venue on the Brdo Estate:

Brdo Congress Centre/Kongresni center Brdo (N 46°16.378' E 014°22.826')

Predoslje 29

4000 Kranj

[www.brdo.si/en](http://www.brdo.si/en)





The Brdo Estate is located halfway between Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, and Bled, one of the most visited Slovenian tourist destinations with scenic lake views. The venue is 10 minutes away from Jože Pučnik Ljubljana Airport and around 30 minutes from the centre of Ljubljana.

In 2020, the Brdo Congress Centre was awarded a certificate of compliance with the requirements of Slovenia Convention Bureau's 'Safe and Healthy Meetings & Events' initiative.

### 5.1 Conference plenary

The first day the Conference will be held in the main Grandis Hall, which has a surface area of 550 m<sup>2</sup>. Throughout the event, limitations on the number of people present in the rooms may apply in accordance with the legal provisions in effect.

### 5.2 Breakout sessions

Three additional rooms will be available for the parallel breakout sessions planned for the Day 2. The moderators will direct you to the designated rooms and one group will stay in the Grandis Hall.

### 5.3 Meals and refreshments

Lunch will be provided at the premises of the Brdo Congress Centre. Refreshments and meals will be provided in accordance with the applicable health recommendations.



## 6 DINNER

Health situation permitting, a dinner hosted by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport Dr. Simona Kustec will be held for participants at the Cukrarna Palace in Ljubljana on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 20.00.

The Cukrarna Palace is a cultural-infrastructure project of the Municipality of Ljubljana and its Museum and Galleries of Ljubljana. The project is named after the building in which it will be accommodated, Cukrarna, the former Ljubljana sugar factory (in Slovenian, cukrarna means "sugar factory"), which is today considered a monument of cultural significance. Cukrarna has been left to ruin for a long time, but in the last decade, under the slogan "the former Sugar Factory is becoming a modern Culture Factory", a renovation and revitalisation project has been planned that will give Cukrarna Palace a new life, first with the Cukrarna Gallery, and then with a Palace of Books and Youth.

The renewed building was opened on Thursday, September 23, 2021 and we are thrilled that we will be able to welcome the participants of the ERA Conference as one of the first to visit the renewed cultural site.

The address of Cukrarna is Poljanski nasip 40, 1000 Ljubljana, and it will take you approximately 15 minutes from the city centre by foot along the river banks of the Ljubljanica river.



## 7 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Electricity is 220 V. In Slovenia the power sockets used are of type F. This socket also works with plug C and E. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug it in.
- Slovenia is in the Central European Time Zone (CET). Central European Standard Time is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1).
- Tap water is drinkable.
- Weather forecast: <http://www.meteo.si/met/en/>

## 8 LEARN SLOVENE

Here you can find some Slovene phrases, to assist you, and for you to be able to tell your friends you have learnt some words in a language spoken by only 2 million people.

For pronunciation guidelines you can visit the following web page: <http://slovlit.ff.uni-lj.si/sft>

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|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Good morning.   | Dobro jutro. | A glass of water please.    | Kozarec vode prosim.               |
| Good evening.   | Dober večer. | I am hungry and thirsty.    | Sem lačen in žejen.                |
| Good afternoon. | Dober dan.   | Enjoy your meal.            | Dober tek.                         |
| Good night.     | Lahko noč.   | One beer/ coffee please.    | Eno pivo / kavo prosim.            |
| Hello.          | Zdravo.      | Cheers.                     | Na zdravje.                        |
| Good bye.       | Nasvidenje.  | Where is a toilet?          | Kje je stranišče?                  |
| Please.         | Prosim.      | I am lost. Please, help me. | Izgubil sem se. Prosim, pomagajte. |
| Thank you.      | Hvala.       |                             |                                    |

## 9 CONTACTS

Ministry of Education, Science and Sport – new ERA Conference Team: [era-pseu.mizs@gov.si](mailto:era-pseu.mizs@gov.si)

Official channels of the new ERA conference:

Webpage: [www.era-si](http://www.era-si)  
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/newERAConf>  
 YouTube: [new ERA Conf](https://www.youtube.com/newERAConf)

**We are looking  
forward to  
welcoming you  
to Slovenia!**