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Republic of Slovenia in collaboration with European commission, partner countries and organizations is glade to invite you to attend and participate actively on regional conference:

SEE²: SCALING UP SOCIAL ECONOMY ENTERPRISES IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

24. – 25. April 2017
Ljubljana – Slovenia

The main purpose of the conference is to boost social economy enterprises in the South East Europe (SEE) region countries: Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Romania and Bulgaria. It provides a platform for exchange of public and private experiences across Europe for development of social economy enterprises in SEE, for establishing links and a common strategy of the region.

This unique event deals with the following horizontal issues:

- Promoting European values through partnerships and social economy;
- Promoting social inclusion and jobs creation through partnerships and social economy;
- Promoting bottom up creation of regional networks through development cooperation programmes and IPA in case of candidate countries and EU sources of financing – particularly how to better use European Structural and Investment Funds to develop social entrepreneurship and social economy as a whole.

The conference will operate on both top-down and bottom-up levels: firstly to create and develop synergies between States, local authorities and social economy actors; and secondly to boost social economy enterprises and identification and anticipation of their needs on the decision making policy levels. The final goal of the conference is to create a mid-term plan for boosting social economy enterprises in SEE. Participation on the conference is free of charge, you can register online [HERE](#).

Registration is available NOW and will be closed on 15th of April 2017. Get your free ticket today!

Welcome to **SLOVENIA** !

Tadej Slapnik
State Secretary



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – 24.4.2017

- ▶ 9.00 - 10.00 **Registration and coffee**
- ▶ 10.00 - 10.10 **Introductory speeches**
- ▶ 10.10 - 10.50 **Welcoming speeches**
- ▶ 10.50 - 11.20 **Development of social economy in South East Europe: state of play**
- ▶ 11.20 - 11.40 **Coffee break**
- ▶ 11.40 - 13.10 **Round table: Social inclusion, social activation and active citizenship – local jobs creation / Questions & answers**
- ▶ 13.10 - 14.00 **Lunch**
- ▶ 14.00 - 16.30 **EIB Institute Panel & Working groups: Social innovation – from innovative idea to business (capacity building knowledge transfer to SEE countries)**
 - **Startups (innovative business models):** social enterprises, cooperatives, others
 - **Supporting environment** (from desk sharing to business accelerators)
 - **Knowledge transfer:** how to change an idea into products/services with social impact
 - **Access to market for social economy enterprises:** sustainable financing through different financial tools (impact investment funds, cooperatives for ethical financing, private impact investors, EU funding programmes, international development cooperation)
- ▶ 16.30 - 17.00 **Coffee break**
- ▶ 17.00 - 17.30 **Presentation of Social Impact Migrants Investment Fund – SIMIF project**
- ▶ 17.30 – 19.00 **Workshop 1: Upgrading SIMIF project**
- ▶ 17.30 – 19.00 **Workshop 2: Legal basis for social enterprises – transfer of practices: Social economy network**
- ▶ 20.00 **Dinner**



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DAY 2 – 25.4.2017

- ▶ 8.30 - 9.00 **Welcoming coffee**
- ▶ 9.00 - 09.10 **Welcoming speech**
- ▶ 9.00 - 09.10 **Welcoming speech**
- ▶ 9.10 - 9.25 **Results of the Working groups on upgrading SIMIF project**
- ▶ 9.25 - 10.30 **Round table: Sector-specific best practices of partnership and growth in SEE / Questions & Answers**
- ▶ 10.30 - 12.00 **Working groups on institutional issues: Partnerships and innovative models of cooperation - capacity building session**
- ▶ 12.00 - 12.15 **Coffee break**
- ▶ 12.15 - 13.15 **Round table: Launching a mid-term plan for boosting social economy enterprises in the South East European region + Key recommendations**
- ▶ 13.15 - 13.30 **Closing remarks**
- ▶ 13.30 - 14.30 **Lunch**
- ▶ 16.00 – 19.00 **Visiting social enterprises in Ljubljana**
- ▶ 20.00 – 23.00 **Networking evening in Ljubljana**

Accompanying program of both days: Fair of social enterprises



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