



The Slovenian Presidency of the EU Council



SLOVENIA

Basic data



Republic of Slovenia
Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology



Population density: 98.0 per km²
Capital: Ljubljana (population 330 000)

Area: 20 256 km²

Population: 2 mio



PRIORITIES in education and training

- **Improving the visibility and the role of education and training in the knowledge triangle and in the revised Lisbon strategy;**
- **Promotion of creativity and innovativeness in connection with the modernization of schools;**
- **Promoting intercultural dialogue and multilingualism.**



Working on the above mentioned issues will be inevitably linked to consideration on possible future priorities for Education and Training beyond 2010, as a political orientation and as a response of education area to challenges that European societies face in a globalized world.



PRIORITIES HE

- realisation of the modernisation agenda of universities with an emphasis on new models of governance and leadership of HEIs
- the role of higher education in Lifelong Learning
- creation of a vision of the European Higher Education Area after 2010



KEY DOSSIERS HE

- Erasmus Mundus (II)
- Interim report in "Education and training 2010" and key messages to the spring EU Council
- EQF
- ECVET
- Lisbon strategy, intercultural dialogue



KEY EVENTS HE

Date	Location	Event
January 16	Ljubljana	BFUG Board
March, 10-11	Ljubljana	Conference “Universities and LLL”
March, 13-14	Ljubljana	Meeting of the BFUG
June, 9	Bled	BFUG Board
June, 11-13	Bled	Meeting of the DG for HE



Accompanying events HE:

March, 13 - 17	Ljubljana,	15 th European student convention
April, 28 - 30	Ljubljana	Presentation of "EuroStudent III"
June, 10	Portorož	Signing of the Foundation act Euro-
of the Mediterranean		University



- **Education and Training - Events**

December, 6 -7	Ljubljana	Meeting of High Level Group on Education and Training policies
February, 4 - 5	Brdo	Meeting GD Sport
February, 15	Brussels	Ministerial Conference on Multilingualism
March, 1 - 4	Brdo	Meeting GD for Vocational Education and Training
March, 16 - 17	Brdo	Informal ministerial on Sport
April, 9 - 10	Brdo	Conference “Impact of Education on Society” – the Role of Creativity and Innovation



April, 19 – 20	Brdo	Youth Event
April, 20 - 21	Brdo	Meeting GD Youth
June, 5 - 6 08	Oslo	Ministerial Conference: "The institutional foundation for dialog and respect"
June, 12 - 13	Ljubljana	Conference "Quality in Mobility"
June, 26 – 27	Brdo	Education Committee



➤ RESEARCH – key topics

- (1) **Follow up of Green Book on ERA** (Intellectual Property Charter, Mobility and Career Development (Researcher' s Passport), Joint Research Programmes, Women in Science)
- (2) **Joint Technology Initiatives** (Inovative Medicines – IMI, Embed Computer Systems – Artemis, Nanoelectronics – ENIAC, Aeronautics and Air Traffic – CLEAN SKY, Fuel Cells and Hydrogen – FCH)
- (3) **“Article 169” Initiatives** (Ambient Assisted Living, Research SME' s – EuroSTARS
- (4) **European Institute of Technology**, (Location of Headquarters Board of Governance)
 - Strategic Energy Technology Plan
 - Bilateral Agreements



RESEARCH SPECIAL FOCUS

- “Family Friendly Scientific Careers” (Women in science)
- Inclusion of Western Balkans in ERA
 - Steering Platform Meeting
 - “Herman Potočnik-Noordung” Award
- Research Infrastructures and their structuring dimension in the ERA



➤ RESEARCH KEY EVENTS

- **Competitiveness Council** (Feb. 25-26, Brussels, Apr. 15-16 Brdo, May 29-30 (Brussels))
- **Informal CREST and Joint WP on Research / Atomic Questions**
(Feb. 7-8 ,Brdo)
- **ESFRI Meeting** Mar. 6-7, Brdo



➤ INFORMATION SOCIETY KEY TOPICS

1. World Summit on Information Society
2. i2010 – European Information Society for Growth and Employment
3. eAccessibility
4. eInclusion
5. ENISA
6. Safer Internet
7. Secure Information
8. Digital Divide



➤ INFORMATION SOCIETY KEY EVENTS

- Conference “ i2010’ ” (May 13-14, Brdo)
 - Future of the Internet, New Generation Network, Future networks, Pan-European services and products, User perspectives
- Conference “ Euromed’ ” (February 27, Kairo)
- Conference “ E-health without frontiers’ ” (May 6-8, Portorož)
- Conference “ E-government’ ” (March 26-28, Brdo)
- Conference “ Digital Cultural Contents’ ” (June 5-6, Brdo)



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