

Ljubljana, 31.08.2009

INVITATION

to Conference on Cross-border cooperation of Austria, Croatia, Italy, Hungary and Slovenia

Dear Sir/Madam,

Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia and Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy will organize a conference on cross-border cooperation held

on Wednesday 16 September 2009, from 10 am to 2 pm,
in the Celjanka conference room of the Celje Fairgrounds business building, Dečkova 1, Celje.

We are fully aware that during the period of economic and financial crisis undertakings are in great need of support to their business conduct. Business opportunities should be looked for at various levels of cooperation, whereby European cohesion policy funds earmarked for cross-border cooperation constitute one of more important co-financing sources. Almost 300 million Euros are made available for this purpose to interested applicants in the programming period 2007-2013. In order to acquaint undertakings with the possibility of co-financing of projects under European territorial cooperation, the conference will seek to showcase the activities and measures that may significantly contribute to a more efficient cross-border cooperation of small and medium-sized enterprises. The conference will provide an opportunity for exchange of viewpoints on future cooperation as well as for discussion on results to date.

Conference programme:

9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:20	Opening address - Zlata Ploštajner, MSc, Minister, Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy - Štefan Pavlinjek, Vice President, Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia
10:20 – 11:45	Results to date of cross-border cooperation (Objective 3) in the light of the set objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European territorial cooperation, Dimitrij Pur, Head of European Territorial Cooperation Unit, Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy • Operational Programme Slovenia – Austria 2007-2013, Joint Technical Secretariat (Maribor) • Operational Programme Slovenia – Croatia 2007-2013, Joint Technical Secretariat (Ljubljana) • Operational Programme Slovenia – Italy 2007-2013, Joint Technical Secretariat (Trieste) • Operational Programme Slovenia – Hungary 2007-2013, Joint Technical Secretariat (Maribor)
11:45 – 13:00	Discussion and conclusions
13:00 – 14:00	Informal mingling and networking time

The conference is free of charge (including admission to the fairgrounds). Please confirm your attendance by returning the completed registration form (attached) no later than **10 September 2009**, as the number of places at the conference is limited. The event languages are Slovene and English, simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you in Celje.

Yours sincerely,

Zlata Ploštajner, MSc
Minister


Štefan Pavlinjek
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Business of Slovenia and Chairman of
Management Board of the Chamber of Craft
and Small Business of Slovenia

