

A series of events on the topic:

ENERGY FUTURE OF SLOVENIA AND THE POTENTIAL OF SMRS **Discussion #1: Path to a Low-Carbon Future: The Role of SMRs as Catalysts for a Just Transition in the SAŠA Region**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Reception of Participants with Morning Coffee and Croissants (8:15 – 9:00)

Opening Session (9:00 – 10:15)

- **Perspectives from the Decision-Makers: Challenges of the SAŠA region and the Potential of SMRs**



dr. Janez Gale,
Secretary at the Energy Directorate, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy



Peter Dermol,
Mayor of the Municipality of Velenje



Boris Goličnik,
Mayor of the Municipality of Šoštanj



Jan Panek,
European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy



Biljana Škarja, MSc,
Director, Development Agency SAŠA

Main Session: Technological Innovations and Energy Supply Potential of SMRs (10:15 – 11:45)

- **Perspective of SMR Developer: The Status and Prospects of SMRs**



NUWARD SMR – Designed to Decarbonise Europe.
Anne Falchi,
EDF New Build Development

- **Panel Discussion with Slovenian Experts: Critical Reflections on Energy Supply Specifics of Slovenia and the SAŠA region**



Full Prof. Leon Cizelj, PhD,
Jozef Stefan Institute



Mitja Tašler,
HSE SAŠA



Assist. Prof. Franc Žerdin, PhD, former director of the Velenje Coal Mine



Mihael Boštjan Končar,
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Ljubljana & Young Generation Network of the Nuclear Society of Slovenia

Coffee Break, Refreshments, and Networking (11:45 – 12:30)

Round table discussion (12:30 – 13:45) on the following topics:

- Scenarios of Slovenia's energy supply
- Development perspectives for the SAŠA region
- Needs and initiatives of the industry
- Skills and workforce challenges of the future energy sector



Video message: Dr. Meritxell Martell, Executive Director of GMF Europe – Group of European Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities, and Chair of the Public Engagement Working Group (TWG5) in the European Industrial Alliance on SMRs, will provide triggers for the discussion.



Mojca Drevenšek, M.Sc., consultant at Consensus Communications, will present examples of TWG5 activities in the field of stakeholder engagement within the SMR ecosystem.

Panel discussion:



Full Prof. Sebastijan Seme, PhD,
Faculty of Energy Technology,
University of Maribor



Vesna Nahtigal,
Chamber of
Commerce and
Industry of Slovenia



Sandi Vitanc,
Hisense Europe –
Gorenje



Aleksander Mervar, MSc,
Energy Industry Chamber
of Slovenia and ELES



Bruno Glaser, PhD,
GEN energija



Franc Bogovič,
former Member of the
European Parliament
and author of the EU
report on SMRs

Refreshments and Networking (13:45 – 14:30)

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