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6th Investment and Development Conference
September 23-24, 2021, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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Program

DAY 1

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Pre-Event:

**Combo AmCham Business Breakfast –
Responsibility for the Planet**

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Leaders' Dialogue

**How Can We Create a Region of
Mavericks, Unicorns, and Global
Winners?**

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Investors' Dinner

By special invitation only.

DAY 2

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Biomed & Biotech – Slovenia,
Competitive in Knowledge
and Innovation**

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Slovenia, Home to
Future Technologies**

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Infrastructure and Energy
in the Green Future**

1:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Networking and
"Out of the Box" Lunch**

⌚ 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Pre-Event

Responsibility for the Planet

Climate change, development, and environmental protection. The responsibility lies also with business.

Keynote remarks:

KAJA PERGAR

Engagement Manager, Climate and Sustainability, Oliver Wyman

NADA JERAJ VELAN

Producer and Entrepreneur

Moderator:

GREGOR SKENDER

Sustainability Senior Manager, Deloitte Belgium, and Co-chair of the AmCham Sustainable Growth Committee



Partner of the Combo
AmCham Business
Breakfast:



**ROBERT
SWAN**

OBE, FRGS, Founder @ 2041 Foundation, UN Goodwill Ambassador for Youth, First person to walk to both North & South Poles



**Prof. Dr. NINA
GUNDE-CIMERMAN**

Professor of Microbiology, Department of Biology, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana



**BLAŽ
BRODNJAK**

CEO, NLB, President, AmCham Slovenia



**ANTONIO
SIRJAN**

Senior ESG Program Manager, AI Telekom Austria Group

🕒 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Opening of the conference

Leaders' Dialogue: How Can We Create a Region of Mavericks, Unicorns, and Global Winners?

What is the Role of Slovenia?
A conversation with business owners who have created
outstanding regional and global stories.

Opening remarks:

MARK BORIS ANDRIJANIČ

Minister without portfolio, responsible for digital transformation of the Republic of Slovenia

Keynote listeners:

MATEJ ZAVRL

Managing Director, Goodyear Slovenija

MATEJ FALATOV

Member of the Management Board, Nova KBM






Moderator:

mag. AJŠA VODNIK

CEO, AmCham Slovenia, Vice Chair,
AmChams in Europe

Partner of the Leaders' Dialogue:



				
EMIL TEDESCHI CEO and Co-owner, Atlantic Grupa	IZA LOGIN Co-founder, Outfit7, CEO, Login Establishment	DRAGAN ŠOLAK Founder and Chairman of Advisory Board, United Group	PHILIPP JUSTUS Vice President of DACH and CEE, Google	NEVENKA ČREŠNAR PERGAR Co-chair of the AmCham Investment Committee, Member of the AmCham Board of Governors, and Director, NP Consulting

AmCham Investment
Committee Keynote
Remarks

Dinner with Investors and Decision-makers

🕒 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Special Event

By special invitation only.

At the dinner with investors, we will focus on investment opportunities, innovation and development. Because a good business environment requires cooperation and dialogue, we will also be joined by high representatives of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and other decision-makers.

We will also be joined by:

JOHN DENHOF

CEO and President, Nova KBM

BLAŽ BRODNJAK

CEO, NLB, and President,
AmCham Slovenia



MARK BORIS ANDRIJANIČ

Minister without portfolio,
responsible for digital transformation
of the Republic of Slovenia

SUSAN K. FALATKO

Chargé d'affaires,
US Embassy in Ljubljana

MATEJ TONIN

Deputy Prime Minister of the
Government of the Republic of
Slovenia and Minister of Defence
of the Republic of Slovenia

⌚ 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Biomed & Biotech – Slovenia, Competitive in Knowledge & Innovation

Slovenia relies on its knowledge and development and is an important niche global player in the fields of biotechnology and biomedicine. We will be joined by successful Slovenian entrepreneurs and investors.

Case Examples:

Dr. MARK PLEŠKO
CEO, Cosylab
Doc. Dr. MIOMIR KNEŽEVIČ
Director, Educell

Moderator:

Dr. VITA GODEC
MBA, Director of Operations, Lenis farmaceutika, and AmCham Top Potential of the Year 2018

Opening remarks:



Tomaž Kostanjevec
SPIRIT Slovenia,
Public Agency



Jernej Zupančič
Managing Director,
Cleangrad



Robert Ljoljo
President of the Management
Board, Lek



Prof. Dr. Maja Ravnikar
Director, Scientific Counsellor,
National Institute of Biology



Borut Čeh
Managing Director,
Labena



Boštjan Koritnik
Minister of Public Administration
of the Republic of Slovenia



Erik Bertman
CEO Conscia Group,
Advisor EQT group



Prof. Dr. Boštjan Zalar
Director,
Jožef Stefan Institute



Elvis Janežič
CEO, Instrumentation
Technologies

⌚ 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Slovenia, Home to Future Technologies

Robotics, artificial intelligence, smart cities, smart factories and more. How is Slovenia creating the technological trends of the future?

Opening remarks:

BOŠTJAN FABJANČIČ
Director of Product & Innovation Europe,
Mastercard

Case Examples:

Prof. Dr. BLAŽ ZUPAN
Full Professor, University of Ljubljana,
Faculty of Computer and Information Science

Announcement:

GOOGLE MARKET FINDER
A tool for international growth

Moderator:

JAKA REPANŠEK
Founder, RePublis, Co-chair of the AmCham
Intellectual Property Committee

🕒 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Infrastructure in the Green Future

Investing in green and environmentally friendly businesses is the investment of the future.
What are the investment opportunities in Slovenia?

Keynote Listeners:

MATJAŽ ULČAR
Managing Partner, Odvetniška
pisarna Ulčar in partnerji

MARKO KETLER
Senior Partner, Law Firm Ketler
& Partners, member of Karanovic

Moderator:

ALJOŠA KRŽIČ
Senior Associate, Odvetniška
pisarna Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik
in partnerji, Co-chair of the
AmCham Investment Committee,
President of the AmCham Young
Leaders Club



Jernej Vrtovec

Minister of Infrastructure
of the Republic of Slovenia



Dr. Romana Jordan
Advisor to the Director, Jožef
Stefan Institute, Chairwoman,
Council of the Energy Agency



Joseph Philipz
Senior Investment Director,
Amber Fund



Suvad Bajrić
Director, H-PLANET and Managing
Director ALFI Renewables



Rob Irving
Partner,
Dentons

🕒 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Networking and 'Out of the box' Lunch



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"Slovenia is just the right size to search for, find and create opportunities. It is also just the right size to connect the region and open the door to the world. And most importantly, it is just the right size to develop a culture of dialogue between all stakeholders with a goal to develop a higher quality business and living environment. And that is what we are striving for at the conference."

— **Ajša Vodnik**, MSc, CEO, AmCham Slovenia and Vice Chair, AmChams in Europe

Registrations

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Attend the conference. Listen to outstanding stories. Discover trends and opportunities. Expand your business network.

Register here:

www.businessbridge.si/register.html

Conference Fees:

Members of AmCham Slovenia:

- Participation is free of charge for AmCham Slovenia Patron and Corporate Members (two persons), entrepreneurs and non-profits (one person), special guests, partners, and supporters of the conference. In all other cases, the conference fee is EUR 270 + VAT.
- Attendance at the Investors' Dinner is by special invitation only.

Non-members of AmCham Slovenia:

- Full conference fee: EUR 420 + VAT.

Application deadline:

Please register by Friday, September 17, 2021, at the latest. Due to the immense interest in the conference, we invite you to register as soon as possible, as the "first come, first served" rule applies. The conference will take place in person and will also be streamed online. RVT (recovered-vaccinated-tested) condition applies. In the case of stricter measures, the conference will partly be held in a virtual environment, with special guests and those who have first shown interest having priority in attending the conference live.

Cancellation policy:

Cancellations will be accepted up to Friday, September 17, 2021. The whole participation fee will be charged in case of no-shows.

Additional information:

For questions regarding the conference please email business@amcham.si. The conference will be held in English.

More on www.businessbridge.si.

Thank you to all partners and supporters of the Conference!

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