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Dato 30/11-07 Kl.

Ljubljana, 26 November 2007

Dear Madam or Sir,

Please find enclosed the invitation of the Chairs of the Committee on the Economy and the Committee on the Environment and Spatial Planning of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia addressed to the Chairpersons of the Energy and Environmental Affairs Committees of EU Member states, the candidate countries and the European Parliament.

We would be most appreciative if you could forward the enclosures to the relevant working bodies of your National Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

France Cukjati, M.D.

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



Committee on the Economy
Committee on the Environment and Spatial Planning

Ljubljana, 26 November 2007

Meeting of Chairpersons of the committees responsible for energy and environmental issues of national parliaments of EU Member States, the European Parliament and the parliaments of candidate countries

Dear Chairpersons,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the meeting of Chairpersons of the committees responsible for energy and the environment from the national parliaments of EU Member States, the European Parliament and the parliaments of candidate countries to be held in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia in Ljubljana on 20 and 21 January 2008. You are also invited to join us for the official reception and dinner on the eve of the meeting, 20 January 2008.

The meeting of 21 January will be divided in two sessions, starting with presentations concerning the sustainable EU energy policy, with emphasis on the cooperation with the neighbouring regions, and climate change in the light of the new EC energy and climate change package.

During the morning session, keynote speakers will present their positions on renewable energy sources, energy technology and the Strategic Energy Technology Plan, and the South East European Energy Community as a model for achieving sustainable and stable energy supply in the region. The meeting will in fact mark the first anniversary of the presentation of the EC Strategic Energy Package which calls for a new EU energy policy and sets ambitious goals concerning the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the use of renewable energy. Particular emphasis will be given to the international energy dialogue, an example of which is indeed the SEE Energy Community.

The presentations to follow will centre on climate change, particularly in the light of the new Energy and Climate Change Package being prepared by the European Commission as a basis to fulfil the commitments of the European Council of March 2007. Attention will be given also to international negotiations on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions after 2012, particularly to the results of the conference of the parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the parties to the Kyoto Protocol in Bali in December 2007. The aim of the meeting is to approximate as closely as possible the common vision for achieving the

Convention's ultimate objective – i.e. to prevent dangerous interference with the climate system – and the EU positions.

The afternoon session will be entirely devoted to the discussion of selected topics where we look forward to your active participation. We believe that the meeting will serve as an excellent opportunity to exchange views on selected topics that are certainly important for our everyday parliamentary work.

Enclosed you may find a draft programme of the meeting as well as the registration form, the hotel booking form and some general information.

To confirm your participation at the meeting, please fill in the enclosed forms and send them to the addresses indicated on each form. Please note that the deadline for hotel booking confirmation is 20 December 2007.

Should you need any further information concerning the course of the meeting, do not hesitate to contact Jerneja Bergoč by phone: +386 1 478 9511 or e-mail: jerneja.bergoc@dz-rs.si. For information concerning logistics, please contact Viktorija Rošer, phone: +386 1 478 9591, fax: +386 1 478 9592 or e-mail: Guest_13@dz-rs.si. All information about the meeting is also available at the National Assembly's website: <http://www.dz-rs.si/predsedovanje>, accessible from 1 December 2007.

We will be most honoured if you attend the meeting and by active participation contribute to a fruitful debate, and look forward to welcoming you in Slovenia.

Feri Horvat
Chair
Committee on the Economy

Rudolf Petan
Chair
Committee on the Environment and Spatial Planning

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



*Committee on the Economy
Committee on the Environment and Spatial Planning*

Meeting of Chairpersons of Energy and Environment Committees
National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia
Ljubljana, 20 - 21 January 2008

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 20 January 2008

- 18.30 - 19.45 Grand Hotel Union
Registration of participants
- 20.00 Reception for participants at the Grand Hotel Union (buffet dinner)
- Welcoming address:
Mr. Feri Horvat, Chair of the Committee on the Economy
Mr. Rudolf Petan, Chair of the Committee on the Environment and Spatial Planning

Monday, 21 January 2007

- 8.30 Departure by bus to the National Assembly, Šubičeva 4, Ljubljana
- 8.45 Registration of participants in the National Assembly

Sustainable EU Energy Policy – Cooperation with Neighbouring Regions

- 1. Renewable energy sources – how to support the EU's energy saving potentials of 20%?*
- 2. Energy Technology and the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan)*
- 3. South East European Energy Community as a model for achieving sustainable, stable and reliable energy supply in the region*

- 9.00 Welcoming address:
Mr. Feri Horvat, Chair of the Committee on the Economy
- 9.05 - 9.10 Opening address:
Mr. France Cukjati, M.D., President of the National Assembly
- 9.10 - 9.30 Achieving sustainable goals and cooperation with neighbouring regions
- significance of the Western Balkans
Mag. Tomaž Jeršič, State Secretary, Ministry of the Economy

- 9.30 - 9.50 *Dr. Romana Jordan Cizelj, Member of the European Parliament, member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (tbc)*
- 9.50 - 10.10 Cooperation with neighbouring regions (SEE) (?)
Mr. Slavtcho Neykov, Director of the Energy Community (tbc)
or Slovenian expert
- 10.10 - 10.30 *Mr. Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice-President of the European Parliament (tbc)*
- 10.30 - 10.45 Coffee break

<p><i>Climate Change in the Light of the upcoming EC Integrated Energy and Climate Change Package</i></p>

- 10.45 - 10.50 Welcoming address:
Rudolf Petan, Chair of the Committee on the Environment and Spatial Planning
- 10.50 - 11.10 Slovenia's Position on the upcoming EC Proposals (?)
Janez Podobnik, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning
- 11.10 - 11.30 Presentation of the upcoming EC Proposals (?)
Representative of the European Commission (Mogens Peter-Carl, Director-General, Environment DG) (tbc)
- 11.30 - 11.50 EP Position
Guido Sacconi, Chair of the EP Temporary Committee on Climate Change
- 11.50 - 12.10 Preparing the Slovenian Economy for the New Energy Package (?)
Slovenian expert (tbc)
- 12.15 Photo session - group photo of participants
- 12.30 - 14.00 Lunch at the Restaurant Maxim (buffet lunch)
- 14.15 - 14.45 **Discussion**
- 15.45 - 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00 - 17.00 **Discussion**
- 17.00 End of meeting

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



GENERAL INFORMATION

MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OF THE EU MEMBER STATES,
THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
LJUBLJANA, 21 JANUARY 2008

MEETING VENUE:

National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia
Šubičeva 4
1000 Ljubljana

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NUMBER OF DELEGATES

Due to space constraints of the Plenary Hall of the National Assembly, the number of delegates is limited to three members for unicameral parliaments and to six members for bicameral parliaments, committee secretaries included.

ACCOMODATION:

GRAND HOTEL UNION
Miklošičeva 1

1000 LJUBLJANA
Tel: +386 1 308 1270,
Fax: +386 1 308 1015

Reservation and cancellation policy is specified in the hotel registration form. The participants are kindly requested to make the reservation only through the attached hotel booking form.

INTERPRETING

Simultaneous interpreting will be provided in English, French and Slovenian, and exceptionally in Italian language.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF PARTICIPANTS

Participants are required to make their own travel arrangements from and to the airport.

The Jože Pučnik Airport is situated 26 km north of the Ljubljana city centre. The journey by car from the Ljubljana airport to the centre of Ljubljana takes approximately half an hour. The estimated airport taxi fare is 35 euros (one-way).

1.1. REGISTRATION

The participants registering for the meeting are requested to use the appropriate registration form.

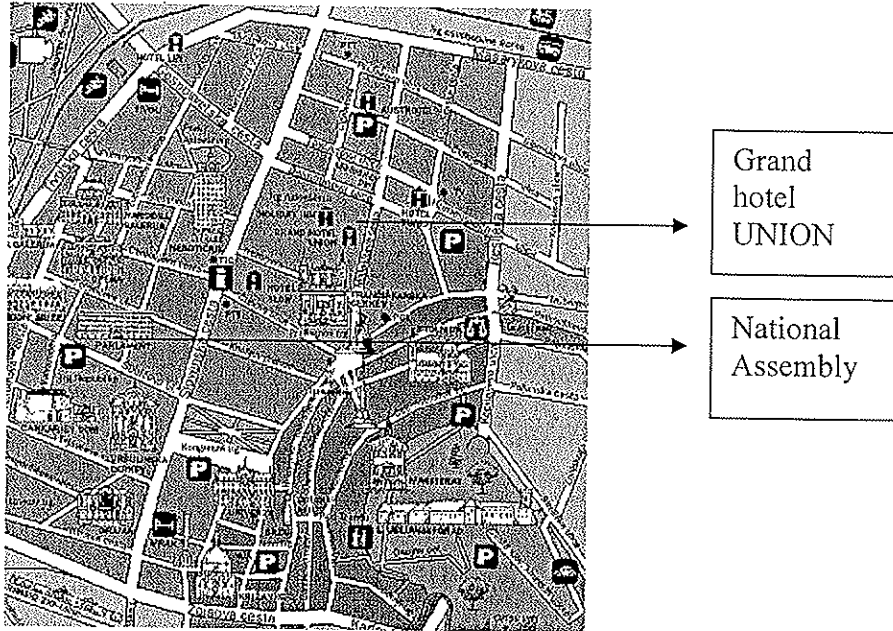
Registration desk will be located in the lobby of the Grand Hotel Union and will be open on 20 January 2008 from 18.30 to 19.45, whereas on 21 January 2008, the registration will take place at the premises of the National Assembly, from 8.30 to 9.00. The participants are asked to bring along a piece of identification.

IDENTIFICATION BADGES

For security reasons, the participants are required to wear identification badges visibly displayed upon each entrance into the premises of the National Assembly and at all times during the meetings.

TRANSPORT

The Grand Hotel Union is located in the city centre, within 10 minutes walking distance from the National Assembly. Shuttle service will also be provided from the hotel to the National Assembly, particularly in the case of bad weather conditions.



RECEPTIONS

On 20 January 2008 at 20.00, the Chairmen of the Committee on the Economy and the Committee on the Environment and Spatial Planning will be hosting a reception at the Grand Hotel Union, and a lunch at the Maxim Restaurant in the immediate vicinity of the National Assembly on 21 January 2008.

WEATHER

In Ljubljana, the average January temperature reaches 2.5 degrees Celsius. Mornings are cold with temperatures often falling below zero. Even during the day, the temperatures rarely exceed 5 degrees Celsius. Snow showers are also likely to occur.

CURRENCY

The Slovenian currency is Euro (€). Major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.

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ABOUT LJUBLJANA AND SLOVENIA

Invitations, registration forms and additional information are available at: www.dz-rs.si/predsedovanje. For more information on Slovenia and Ljubljana please visit: www.slovenia.info, www.ljubljana.si.



GRAND HOTEL UNION
Hotel and Conference Center

HOTEL BOOKING FORM
MEETING OF ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES
Ljubljana, 21 January 2008

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATION: 20. 12. 2007

COUNTRY:		House of Parliament:	
Last name:		First Name:	
Address:			
Postal Code:		City:	
Telephone Number:		Fax Number:	
Email:			
Arrival date:		Departure date:	
TYPE OF ROOM REQUIRED:			
Single <input type="checkbox"/> 155,00 € (TVA + breakfast included)	Double (single occupancy) <input type="checkbox"/> 165,60 € (TVA + breakfast included)	Double (double occupancy) <input type="checkbox"/> 184,00 € (TVA + breakfast included)	
City tax of 1,01euro per person per day is not included in the rates.			
CREDIT CARD GUARANTEE: Your credit card is required to secure the rooms. Payment should be made directly with the hotel. By completing this form I accept the terms and conditions of booking.			
Credit card type: VISA <input type="checkbox"/> / MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> / DINERS <input type="checkbox"/> / AMEX <input type="checkbox"/> / OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>			
Name on card:			
Number on card:			
Last 3 digits on card (CVC code):			
Expiry date:			
Signature:		Date:	
To book your accommodation please complete one booking form per participant and return it to:			
Ms TINA ŠENK GRAND HOTEL UNION Miklošičeva 1 Tel.: +386 1 308 19 57 Fax: +386 1 308 19 08 tel. e-mail: tina.senk@gh.union.si		Ms VIKTORIJA ROŠER EU PRESIDENCY PROJECT GROUP NATIONAL ASSEMBLY Šubičeva 4 Tel.+386 1 478 9591, Fax.+386 1 478 9592 e-mail: Guest_13@dz-rs.si	

Special room rates for the participants of the meeting have been negotiated. To take advantage of these rates and to ensure your accommodation, please return the booking form directly to the HOTEL by 21 December 2007 at the latest.

Please note that after this deadline rooms and rates will be based upon availability. Accommodation will be booked on "first come, first served" basis and delegates kindly asked to book early. These special rates only apply if booked through the accommodation form.

Check in after 2 p.m. on arrival date; check out until 10 a.m. on departure date.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

Cancellation Fees: All cancellations and changes must be notified in writing and sent to the Grand hotel Union within dates indicated below:

- Cancellation within 30 - 14 days prior to arrival: 100% of the room price for the first night
- Cancellation less than 7 days prior to arrival: 80% of the room price for all nights
- No-show: 100 % charge of the room rate for all reserved period

No additional charges are incurred for name changes.

In case of no-show or late cancellation as specified above, the hotel will charge the credit card provided with the hotel booking form form.

REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA
DRŽAVNI ZBOR



MEETING OF ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES
RÉUNION DES COMITÉS DE L'ÉCONOMIE ET DE
L'ENVIRONNEMENT

Ljubljana, 21 January 2008 / Ljubljana, 21 janvier 2008

Registration form / Formulaire d'inscription

Please complete one registration form for each person attending the meeting and **return it to Viktorija Rošer** by fax (+386 1) 478 9592 or e-mail: Guest_13@dz-rs.si by **21 December 2007 at the latest**.

Veillez remplir un formulaire d'inscription par participant et **le retourner** par fax (+386 1) 478 9592 ou e-mail: Guest_13@dz-rs.si **au plus tard le 21 décembre 2007**.

Last name / Nom: First name / Prénom:

Function / Fonction:

Parliament / Parlement:

Address / Adresse:

City / Ville: Country / Pays:

Tel / Tél: Fax:

Email:

Date of arrival / Date d'arrivée: Flight number / Numéro de vol:

Date of departure / Date de départ: Flight number / Numéro de vol:

**Please note that the National Assembly shall not provide any transfer services from or to the airport. / Veuillez noter que l'Assemblée nationale ne fournira pas de transfert aller-retour entre l'aéroport et l'hôtel.*

I will attend / Je participerai

Reception, 20 January 2008 / Réception, le 20 janvier 2008

Lunch, 21 January 2008 / Déjeuner, le 21 janvier 2008

Special diet / Régime alimentaire:

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Italian. If you are accompanied by your own interpreters, please let us know the languages and the number of interpreters involved. Please note that the translation booths will be distributed on the first-come, first-served basis. L'interprétation simultanée sera assurée en anglais, français et italien. Si vous serez accompagné de vos interprètes privés, veuillez nous faire savoir les langues d'interprétation et le nombre d'interprètes concernés. Veuillez noter que les cabines d'interprétation seront distribuées selon le principe du premier arrivé, premier servi.

For further information please contact Viktorija Rošer by telephone (+386 1) 478 9591. / Pour toute autre information veuillez contacter Viktorija Rošer au téléphone (+386 1) 478 9592.