

Circular Economy in the Region:

Connected for Sustainability and Growth

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VENUE: RIKLI BALANCE HOTEL (HALL SUN), CANKARJEVA 4, BLEED, SLOVENIA

7. NOVEMBER 2019

19.00 **Official reception hosted by Mr. Simon Zajc, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia**
Venue: Lake Salon, Grand Hotel Toplice, Bled

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8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9.00 – 9:30 **Opening of the Conference**

- **Simon Zajc**, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Karmenu Vella**, Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (TBC)
- **Izabella Teixeira**, Co-Chair of the IRP - International Resource Panel

9.30 – 9.50 **Key note speech »Decoupling the Growth« - A systemic change: Janez Potočnik**, former EU Commissioner for the Environment and co-chair of the IRP

9.50 – 10.20 Coffee Break

10.20 – 11.10 **Panel 1: «Climate Change and a New Era of Resource Management»**
Presentations by the IRP experts

- **Resource efficiency and Product Related Policies: Paul Ekins**, director, Institute for Sustainable Resources and University College London, IRP member
- **The Weight of the Cities - Urban Solutions for Sustainable Future: Maarten Hajer** professor, Utrecht University, IRP member
- **Innovative Land Use Planning and Management Strategies for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: Jeff Herrick**, US Department of Agriculture, University of Colorado, New Mexico State University, IRP member

11.10 – 11.45 Discussion (Panel with speakers)

11.45 – 12.45 **Panel 2 – first part: “Circular Economy in the Region: Possible steps ahead”**
Statements by the ministers and Heads of Delegation

12.45 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 14.45 **Experiences and practices from Slovenia**

- **Transition to Circular Economy - new models of governance:** Ministry for the Environment and Spatial Planning
- **The Role of Circular Hotspots;** Ladeja Godina Košir, Chair of CG European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform, CEO Circular Change
- **Business opportunities in going green:** Managers' Association of Slovenia: Saša Mrak, Executive Director, Managers' Association of Slovenia

14.45 – 15.15 **Panel 2 – continuing: “Circular Economy in the Region: Possible steps ahead”**
Statements by the ministers and Heads of Delegation

15.15 – 16.00 **Open discussion with regional partners and stakeholders**

16.00 – 16.30 **Conclusions and official closure of the conference**