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4. Information about the Conference

The Good Society - Let's make the most of the potential of non-governmental organizations

Hotel Union, Ljubljana, Slovenia, May 16 2006

Organiser: Umanotera, the Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development, in Cooperation with the Ministry of Public Administration of Republic of Slovenia

The **Purpose** of the Conference: to look at the present state of the NGO sector in Slovenia, propose possible directions for its better development, especially to use its full potential. The NGO sector contributes to the better quality of life of citizens, as well as enables a higher degree of democracy in the society. These will be the areas highlighted by the conference, from the point of view of the vision of future development of Slovenia.

Program

The conference will focus on the following three questions

- What is the importance and potential of non-governmental organisations in the future development of Slovenia?
- How should the relationship between the government and NGOs be defined in the future?
- How is the NGO sector integrated in the vision of the future development of Slovenia?

The first part of the conference (9.00-11.15) will be dedicated to presentations of five keynote speakers:

- 09.05 - 09.20 dr. Gregor Virant, Minister of Public Administration of Republic of Slovenia
- 09.20 - 09.45 dr. Andreja Črnak Meglič, Research Group on »The Size and the Role of the Non-Profit Sector in Slovenia«
- 09.45 - 10.00 Mojca Senčar, dr. med., chair of Europa Donna, the Slovenian Breast Cancer Coalition (also declared Woman of the Year 2005)
- 10.00 - 10.15 prof. dr. Rudolf M. Rizman, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Ljubljana
- 10.15 - 11.15 Jeremy Rifkin, president for the Foundation on Economic Trends

After the first part of the conference, there will be a short coffee break of 20 minutes. During the break the keynote speakers can give their statements to the representatives of the media that will also be invited to the conference.

The second part (11.35-13.15) will further develop the discussion with active involvement of all conference participants in the format of the World Cafe, with a final synthesis of conclusions.

- 11.35 - 12.00 First discussion with the keynote speakers of the conference:
 - Gregor Virant

- Andreja Črnak Meglič
- Mojca Seenčar
- Rudi Rizman
- Jeremy Rifkin

- 12.00 - 12.30 Second dicussion with the participants and the keynote speakers
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- 13.00 - 13.15 Final sythesis of conclusions of the conference