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## INVITATION TO THE PRESS

### **Slovenia and the EU: Research in Support of Policies - Commissioner Janez Potočnik outlines success stories to-date & possible ways ahead with the Joint Research Centre (JRC)**

- Who?** Janez Potočnik, EU Science & Research Commissioner;  
Mojca Kucler Dolinar, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology;  
Roland Schenkel, Director-General, Joint Research Centre.
- What?** Press conference on the occasion of the EU presidency event "Research in Support of Policies".
- When?** 26 May 2008.
- Where?** Hotel Lev, Ljubljana.

*The EU presidency event "Research in Support of Policies", taking place in Ljubljana on Monday 26 May 2008, 2005, brings together key representatives from the Slovenian government and scientific community and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, to underline the role of research in support to the conception, development, implementation and monitoring of policies at EU, national and regional level in areas such as climate change, energy, food, agriculture, GMO's, etc.*

Collaborative research provides support to many areas that are of vital importance for the quality of life and safety of citizens. Participants at the event will present concrete examples of successful joint initiatives between Slovenian research bodies and the JRC and consider likely areas for future collaboration.

#### **What does this media briefing offer?**

Media are invited to attend the workshops of scientific and technical support to EU policies throughout the day to get first-hand information on current topics on the Slovenian and EU research agenda. The press conference at 10h10 will in particular highlight success stories to-date & possible ways ahead for future Slovenia/JRC collaborative projects.

Programme overview:

- 09h00 Registration and welcome coffee
- 09h30 Opening session
- 10h10 Press conference
- 11h40 Workshops "Research policy", "Environment and Climate change"
- 14h30 Workshops "Food, GMO's and Agriculture"; "Energy"

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