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- 08.30-09.00** **Registration**
- 09.00-09.45** **Opening session**
Opening speech by Mr Janez Janša, Prime Minister, Republic of Slovenia
- Keynote address by Mr Joaquín Almunia, Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Commission
Seven years of the euro: main lessons and future challenges
- Keynote address by Dr Andrej Bajuk, Minister of Finance, Republic of Slovenia
- 09.45-10.00** **Coffee**
- 10.00-11.00** **Session 1: EMU governance: basic principles and current challenges**
Chair: Mr Grégoire Brouhns, Director-General, Economic and Social Affairs, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
- Mr Hervé Carré, Deputy Director-General, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission
The institutions and policies of EMU: how the single currency works
- Mr Peter Mooslechner, Director, Economic Analysis and Research, Oesterreichische Nationalbank
Eurosystem, Monetary policy and European integration
- Questions and open debate**
- 11.00-12.00** **Session 2: Slovenia's macroeconomic outlook and the main challenges**
Chair: Dr. Mojmir Mrak, Professor, Faculty of Economy, University of Ljubljana
- Mr Servaas Deroose, Director, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission
Euro adoption and macroeconomic policy challenges
- Mrs Maja Bednaš, Deputy Director, Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development
Macroeconomic outlook in Slovenia on the road to euro adoption
- Questions and open debate**

12.00-13.45

Lunch

13:45-14:00

Keynote address by Mrs Pervenche Berès, President, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament

14.00-15.15

Session 3: Introducing the euro in practice

Chair: Mrs Pervenche Berès, President, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament

Prof. Dr. h.c. Christa Randzio-Plath, former President of EMAC, European Parliament

Some best practices and lessons from the previous changeover

Mr Božo Jašovič, Member of the Governing Board, Bank of Slovenia
National perceptions of and policy on the changeover

Mr Sibil Svilan, co-Chairman of the National Changeover Board
Measures adopted concerning the introduction of the euro

Mr Antti Heinonen, Director Banknotes, European Central Bank
Lessons of the 2002 cash changeover and implications for the enlargement of the euro area

Questions and open debate

15.15-15.30

Coffee

15:30-15:45

Keynote address by Mr Mitja Gaspari, Governor, Bank of Slovenia

15.45-17.45

Round Table: Preparing the changeover with the main actors

Chair: Mr Andrej Rant, Vice-Governor, Bank of Slovenia and co-Chairman of the National Changeover Board

Mr Johan Verhaeven, Head of Unit, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

Practical aspects of the changeover: some preliminary remarks on the Slovenian case

Mr Cveto Stantič, Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce
The challenges for small and medium enterprises

Mr Dušan Hočevar, Director, Bank Association of Slovenia
Preparations in the banking sector

Mr Žiga Debeljak, President of the Board, Mercator d.d.
The views of the retail sector

Mrs Breda Kutin, Director, Consumer Associations
Consumers' concerns

Mr Gregor Krajc, Director, Public Relations and Media Office
The euro-information campaign in Slovenia

Questions and open debate

17.45 – 18.00

Closing keynote address

Mr Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for Science and Research, European Commission

19:30

Cocktail

20:00

Official dinner