

Opening event of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue (2008)

International conference Intercultural Dialogue as the Fundamental Value of the EU

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Venue

Opening event of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue (2008) and international conference Intercultural Dialogue as the Fundamental Value of the EU will take place from 7 - 8 January 2008 in Cankarjev dom in Ljubljana.

Accreditation

Accreditation badges won't be necessary when attending the conference on Monday, 7 January. Due to the space restrictions we kindly ask media representatives to confirm the attendance at the conference (for different sections) to the e-mail (mateja.malnar@gov.si) by Monday, 31 December 2007 at the latest.

For the second day (8 January) accreditation badges will be obligatory. Valid will be the ones issued by Government Communication Office for the meeting of the Slovenian Government and European Commission. Please visit the Presidency website www.eu2008.si and apply for the accreditation on -line.

Applications for accreditation can be completed also on the spot, but the preparation of badges may take up to 20 minutes.

Accreditation badges will be available for collection on Tuesday, 8 January at the Media Accreditation Desk in Brdo (8.00 - 14.00) and then after 15.00 at the Accreditation Desk in Cankarjev dom (Foyer II; access from Šubičeva street and then under the Maximarket department store). They may be collected personally on presentation of an I.D. card or passport and a valid press card (or letter of accreditation from a recognized media organisation), which should be presented at any time upon request of security personnel.

Press Centre

The Press Centre will be located in the Cankarjev dom - Foyer II, Prešernova Street 10, Ljubljana and could be accessed from Šubičeva street (under the Maximarket department store).

In the direct vicinity of the Media Centre there are several bus stops (lines Nr. 1, 3, 6, 9, 14, 19). The Ljubljana bus station and the Ljubljana railway station are both less than 15 minutes' walk away.

Members of the press arriving by taxi should tell their drivers they can be dropped off near the Media Centre entrance (corner Slovenska - Šubičeva Street).

The Press Centre will be operational on the following hours:

Monday,	7 January	11:00 - 23:00
Tuesday,	8 January	09:00 - 21.00

The media working area will comprise 10 desktop computers, 90 laptop computer outlets, printing, and copying and other facilities. Laptop computers will need to be equipped with RJ 45 plugs in order to be able to connect to the high-speed communication network.

Telephone and fax services will be provided at all times free of charge.

The IT Support staff will provide assistance in case of technical problems with the IT facilities at your workstation.

Free drinks and snacks will be available during Press Centre opening hours on Tuesday, 8 January.

Radio and Television

Host Broadcaster satellite uplink truck and O.B. van will be parked close to the Media Centre.

If you plan to come with your own SNG van, please inform Host RTV about your arrival (and also the type of the vehicle, registration plates and electricity needs) **by Thursday, 3 January 2008 at the latest.**

The Host Television Broadcaster, TV SLO, will provide live coverage of the ceremony as also the technical assistance.

The Host Radio Broadcaster, RA SLO, will provide the technical assistance.

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Host Photographer

Presidency will provide various photographs by the Host Photographer. Media representatives could make full use of this photo service. The photos could be downloaded in print quality free of charge from Presidency website.

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Security

Access to the Cankarjev dom on Tuesday, 8 January will only be possible for persons displaying a valid badge.

When inside the Cankarjev dom, a valid badge must be worn visibly at all times. Security staff will be instructed to ensure that media representatives only enter areas they are normally entitled to enter. Media representatives are requested to co-operate in security checks.

Journalists are also kindly requested not to leave unidentified bags or other objects in areas of the Press Centre where they are not working. Unattended objects will be opened and searched by security officers without notice. Please do not bring luggage into the complex.

General information and services

Smoking is only permitted in outside areas.

A cash dispenser (ATM) is located just outside of the Press Centre.

Electricity in Slovenia is 220V and plugs have two round pins.