

Press Conferences

Interpretation will only be available at the Presidency press conference. All national briefings will be conducted in the language of the country holding the press briefing.

National briefing rooms are located in the Glass Hall (Ground Floor, Brdo Congress Centre), in the Heros Hall (Basement, Brdo Congress Centre) and in the Kokra Hotel (Ground Floor).

Leisure time

On Thursday, 27 March at 15.00 we kindly invite you for a boat ride on Lake Bled in a special boat called *pletna*, and visit "the only Slovenian island".

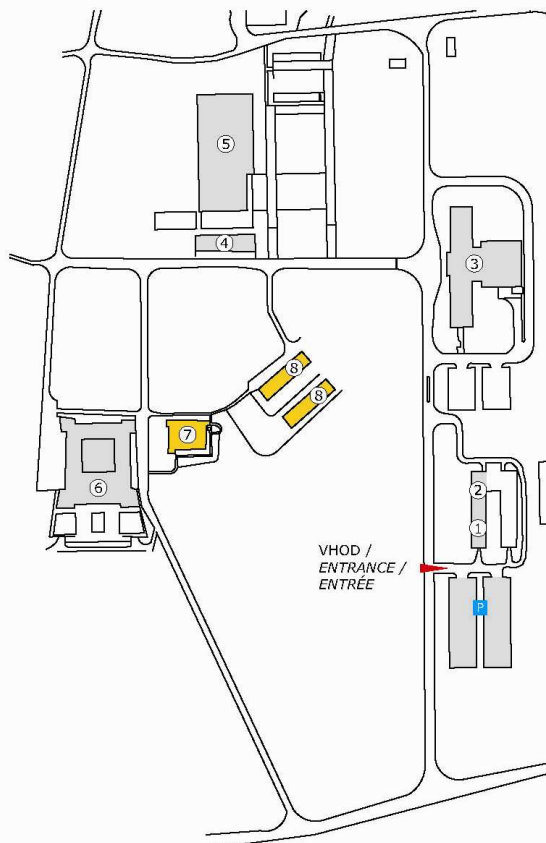
For this, please apply at mateja.malnar@gov.si by **21 March 2008**.

After spending some time in the Slovenian Alps the Presidency invites you on a Sunday tour of the Slovenian coast (30 March). We'll visit the Sečovelje Saltpans, enjoy a delicious lunch, and...well, let the rest remain a secret. Please apply by writing to mateja.malnar@gov.si by **Monday, 24 March 2008**.

For more info please refer to the Media Survival Kit:

www.eu2008.si/includes/Downloads/misc/publikacije/Media_Handbook_ENG.pdf

PRIZORIŠČE / VENUE



- ① Varnostna točka / Security check-point
- ② Akreditacije / Accreditations
- ③ Hotel Kokra / Kokra Hotel
- ④ Restavracija Zois / Zois Restaurant
- ⑤ Kongresni center Brdo / Congress Centre Brdo
- ⑥ Grad Brdo / Castle Brdo
- ⑦ Novinarsko središče / Press Centre
- ⑧ RA in TV center / RA and TV Centre
- Parkirišče / Parking



Informal Meeting of Foreign Ministers ("Gymnich")

Brdo, Slovenia
28 - 29 March 2008

Media Info

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Accreditation

Access to the venue is limited to accredited media representatives.

Your accreditation badge will be waiting for you at the Media Accreditation Desk of the Brdo Congress Centre.

Opening hours of the Accreditation Desk:

Thursday, 27 March	9.30 – 19.00
Friday, 28 March	9.00 – 18.00
Saturday, 29 March	7.30 – 15.00

Accommodation

Media representatives are requested to make hotel reservations directly with the hotels at which they intend to stay. A list of recommended hotels in **Bled** is available at www.eu2008.si.

Venue

The informal meeting will take place at the Brdo Congress Centre.
For more information about the venue and how to get there please visit www.eu2008.si.

Transport

Special transport will be organised between the Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport and Bled on **27, 28 and 29 March**.

An information desk will be set up at the airport for your assistance.

On 27, 28 and 29 March a shuttle service will be organised by the Presidency between some hotels in **Bled and Ljubljana** and the Press Centre.

Detailed timetable will be available at www.eu2008.si from **21 March 2008**.

Press Centre

A permanent Press Centre during the Slovenian Presidency is located at the Brdo Estate, 200m from the Brdo Congress Centre.

The radio and television centre which has a cafeteria for media representatives is even closer, only 100m from the Congress Centre.

The standard equipment of the Press Centre includes 200 workstations, of which 20 are equipped with PCs with internet access, telephones, fax machines, printers, and photocopiers.

The workstations will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Stations are equipped with 220V power outlets. Laptop computers can be plugged directly into RJ 45 sockets for high-speed internet access via a LAN. WiFi will also be available.

The additional radio and TV centre (parallel to the existing) comprises radio and TV booths and also 50 additional workstations with WiFi access.

Press Centre opening hours:

Thursday, 27 March	9.30 – 19.00
Friday, 28 March	9.00 – 22.00
Saturday, 29 March	7.30 – 18.00

During this time, vending machines with coffee, tea, water, soft drinks, snacks, etc. will be available.

On 28 and 29 March a lunch buffet will be provided at Kokra Hotel (1st Floor).

Host Photographer

The Presidency will provide a limited number of photographs by the Host Photographer. Please visit www.eu2008.si.

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RTV Slovenija (the Slovenian Public Broadcaster) is the Host Broadcaster for the Slovenian Presidency of the EU, and will provide free of charge to any interested radio stations and television channels audio-visual material on informal ministerial meetings, meetings with EU institutions, meetings with third countries and individual conferences taking place in Slovenia.

They also manage the reservation of radio and TV booths.

The standard fitting for TV booths includes one LAN access point, one digital telephone line with telephone, one CCTV monitor, 220V electricity supply, two desks and four chairs.

The standard fitting for radio booths includes one ISDN access point, one LAN access point, one digital telephone line with telephone, one CCTV monitor, 220V electricity supply, one desk and two chairs.

Any additional requirements (for example, receiving a pool signal) should be notified to the Host Broadcaster and will be charged to the account of the requesting stations or channels.

Parking spaces for broadcast trucks (SNG's) are also allocated by the Host Broadcaster.

All vehicles must arrive by 19.00 on 27 March 2008.

Please confirm your arrival at marko.petretic@rtvslo.si and indicate make of vehicle and the vehicle type, the registration number and electricity requirements.

For additional IT services for the vans please contact Telekom:

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