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**Invitation to the Slovenian Presidency Conference "Research Infrastructures
and their Structuring Dimension within the European Research Area"**

Dear Sir, Madam,

The Slovenian Presidency is pleased to invite you to the high level conference on the above mentioned subject, taking place on

5 - 6 March 2008

at

Brdo, Slovenia.

The meeting is jointly organised by the Slovenian Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology and the European Commission.

The main objectives of the conference are to clarify the challenges and opportunities at the national, regional and European level, which are related to research infrastructures (including the e-infrastructure dimension). This conference is also expected to provide valuable feedback to policy makers for the better coordinated development of new research infrastructures, with special emphasis on their relative impact on regions and on the Lisbon objectives.

Attendance is by invitation only and in recognition of your interest in research infrastructures, we are inviting you to register by completing the on-line registration form (see attached [Instructions and Practical information](#)). We would like to point out that attendance is strictly limited to 250 persons only. For these reasons, please do

not forward this e-mail to others. If you would like to send a substitute or recommend to us to invite someone specific, please refer to the conference secretariat.

You are kindly asked to register for the event no later than **Monday, 18 February 2008**.

We also advise you to make your travelling arrangements as soon as possible since there might be some flight limitations. The organisers will provide transportation from the airport to the hotels and venue from 4 – 6 March.

Accommodations for the conference participants will be in Bled, 30 kilometres from the international airport and 25 kilometres from the meeting venue. Room allotments have been pre-booked in several Bled hotels, divided into several price categories (see attached Practical information).

An official dinner will be hosted by the Slovenian Presidency at 8 p.m. on 5 March at the Grand Hotel Toplice in Bled.

Looking forward to seeing you in Slovenia,

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