



Slovensko predsedstvo EU 2008
Slovenian Presidency of the EU 2008
La Présidence slovène de l'UE 2008



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE EUROPEAN YEAR
OF INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE (2008)

European Commission and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia

**Intercultural Dialogue as the Fundamental Value
of the EU**

International Conference, 7th and 8th January 2008,
Cankarjev dom, Ljubljana, Slovenia

PROGRAMME

January 7, 2008

11:00–13.00 Registration (Infopoint, Lobby 1)

13:00 Inauguration of the exhibition of Projects by Radio and Television Broadcasters
“Intercultural Dialogue among Neighbours” (Lobby 1)

Welcoming addresses:

- Dr. Rado Bohinc, Rector of the University of Primorska
- Dr. Vesna Mikolič, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Primorska

Music by Bonaventura

13.30–15.30 Introductory plenary session of the conference (Linhart Hall)

Opening addresses:

- Dr. Vasko Simoniti, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia
- Ján Figel', European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth
- Dr. Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research
- Marko Peljhan, European Ambassador for Intercultural Dialogue, artist

Presentation of studies on intercultural dialogue:

- The study on national approaches and practices to ICD (Odile Quintin, European Commission, DG Education Youth and Culture, and Dr. Andreas Wiesand, European Institute for Comparative Cultural Research – ERICarts)
- Council of Europe' White Paper on ICD (Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, CoE)
- Rainbow Paper conclusions (Sabine Frank, Dr. Michael Privot, Civil Society Platform for ICD)

15.30–16.00 Coffee Break

16.00–18.00 Sections 1 and 2

1) Culture and Art (Linhart Hall)

Topics: intercultural values, common European heritage, respect for other cultures, dialogue among cultures and civilisations, European co-operation in the field of culture and cultural heritage. *Topics prepared by:* Dr. Krištof Jacek Kozak (SLO, University of Primorska, expert on literature and theatre).

Chair:

Naseem Khan (GB, expert on arts and arts policies)

Reporter:

John Sell (GB, Vice-President of Europa Nostra, NL)

Speakers:

- Dr. Aleš Debeljak (SLO, University of Ljubljana, writer and expert on cultural studies and European cultural and identity policies)
- Odile Chenal (NL, European Cultural Foundation, Deputy Director)
- Magdalena Vášáryová (SK, member of the Parliament of the Republic of Slovakia, member of the Committee on Culture and Media)

2) Education and Research (Lecture Room M3-4)

Topics: intercultural values in education and research, intercultural competences as part of lifelong learning (multilingualism, recognition and respect of other cultures), intercultural communication and cooperation in the field of education and research. *Topics prepared by:* Dr. Vesna Mikolič (SLO, University of Primorska, linguist, expert on intercultural communication).

Chair:

Dr. Michael Wimmer (AT, expert on ICD in arts education)

Reporter:

Dr. Zvonko Kovač (HR, University of Zagreb, expert on intercultural literature and cultures in contact)

Speakers:

– Dr. Lucija Čok (SLO, University of Primorska, expert on ICD in education and communication)

– Dr. Evelyn Deutsch-Schreiner (AT, Kunstuniversität Graz, expert on intercultural arts education)

– Patrick Siegele, M.A. (DE, Anne Frank Zentrum, expert on ICD in primary /

secondary education)

18.00–18.30 Coffee Break

18.30–19.30 Screening of short films on intercultural dialogue “(Non)existing border” and interview with the film makers

Led by: Dr. Ernest Ženko (SLO, University of Primorska, expert on contemporary European thought and aesthetics)

20.00–22.30 The presentation of the “Liberty” Prize to European Commissioner Ján Figel’ by the International Peace Center of Sarajevo

Speakers: Ibrahim Spahić, International Peace Center Sarajevo, and Ján Figel’ , European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth

Dinner and gipsy music by Langa
(Grand Reception Hall)

January 8, 2008

09.30–11.30 Sections 3 and 4

3) Media (Linhart Hall)

Topics: intercultural values and modern communication technologies, intercultural communication and intercultural cooperation in the field of media. *Topics prepared by:* Dr. Sandra Bašić Hrvatinić (SLO, University of Ljubljana, University of Primorska, media studies expert).

Chair:

Dr. Gero Schließ (DE, Deutsche Welle, Director of Programme Projects)

Reporter:

Boris Bergant (SLO, RTV SLO, EBU)

Speakers:

- Ruth Hieronymi (DE, member of the European Parliament)
- Franco Del Campo (IT, President of Corecom, Regional Committee for Communication Policies)
- Helena Luczywo (PL, Gazeta wyborcza, Deputy Editor in Chief)

4) Sustainable economic development (Lecture Room M3-4)

Topics: intercultural values in economy, enculturation of workforce from third countries, intercultural communication and intercultural cooperation of companies; cultural industries as generators of intercultural dialogue. *Topics prepared by:*

Dr. Anton Gosar (SLO, University of Primorska, expert on geography of economic development and tourism).

Chair:

Dr. Anton Gosar (SLO, University of Primorska, expert on geography of economic development and tourism)

Reporter:

Jordi Pascual i Ruiz (ESP, researcher and practitioner in the field of urban development and culture)

Speakers:

- General managers of the ports in the Northern Adriatic:

Robert Časar (SLO, Port of Koper, President of the Board)

Claudio Boniciolli (IT, Port of Trieste, General Manager)

– Michel–Robert Bouton (FR, former President of the Board of Renault Revoz)

– Simon Evans (GB, Creative Clusters)

11.30–12.00 Coffee Break

12.00–12.30 Signing of the “Joint Statement on the Importance of Public Service Broadcasters for Intercultural Dialogue” by National Radio and Television from Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy and Slovenia (Lobby 1)

12.30–14.00 Final plenary session (Linhart Hall)

Final reports:

– reporters from various sections

– Dr. Edvard Kovač, philosopher and ethics expert, SLO

– Dr. Jelka Pirkovič, State Secretary, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia

Closing remarks:

Odile Quintin, DG Education Youth and Culture, European Commission

14:30–16:30 Signing of the Arts Festivals “Declaration on Intercultural Dialogue”, Ljubljana Castle (with reception)

Welcome addresses: Darko Brlek, EFA President and Director Ljubljana Festival, Ján Figel', European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, Zoran Janković, Mayor of Ljubljana, Hugo De Greef, EFA Secretary General

17.30–19.15 Evening ceremony directed by Barbara Hieng Samobor (Gallus Hall)

The guests will be greeted by Dr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia, opening addresses will be given by: José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering, President of the European Parliament, Dr. Edvard Kovač, philosopher and ethics expert, representative of the civil society, SLO, Janez Janša, The Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia.

19.15–21.00 Reception

Organisers of the event:

European Commission and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia

In cooperation with:

University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities, Koper

Cankarjev dom, Cultural and Congress Centre, Ljubljana