**Launch of the European Environment State and Outlook 2015 in Slovenia**

**5. June 2015**

**City Hotel, Dalmatinova 15, Ljubljana**

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| 9.00 | Welcome Coffee and Registration |  |  |
| 9.30 | Welcome Speeches | * Irena Majcen, Minister – Ministry for Environment and Spatial Planning
* Jože Knez, director – Slovenian Environment Agency and EEA MB representative for Slovenia
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| 10.00 | **SOER 2015 outcomes with the focus on green economy** | Jock Martin, Head of programme IEA - Integrated environmental assessments, European Environment Agency(25-30 minutes presentation + discussion)

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 | Overall objective(s) and expected outcome:To update participants on the SOER 2015 outcomes related to the green economy. |
| 10.40 | **SOER 2015 - Assessment of global megatrends relevant for European environment** | Anita Pirc Velkavrh, IEA - Integrated environmental assessments, FLIS – Forward looking EEA Country desk officer(15 minutes presentation + discussion) | Overall objective(s) and expected outcome:To update participants on GMTs relevant for Europe with the list of indicators showing the state in Slovenia.  |
| 11.00 | **Environmental indicators as instrument for monitoring environmental trends**  | Nataša Kovač, Slovenian Environment Agency(20 minutes presentation + discussion) | To update participants regarding the environmental trends on: * natural capital (water, air…),
* resource efficiency and low carbon economy (waste management, energy efficiency…)
* helath (exposure to air pollution, exposure to chemicals (contaminated sites), exposure to noise due transport…)
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| 11.30 | **Environment and sustainable development in Slovenia** | Rotija Kmet Zupančič, Institute of macroeconomic analysis and development (20 minutes presentation + discussion) | To update participants regarding the economic activities and environment:* Lower economic activities contributed to a lower environmental preassures.
* The decline in greenhouse gas
* emissions in 2012 (the most recent data) was again mainly due to lower economic activity.
* The impact of environmental taxes on the competitiveness of the economy remains relatively small, as most environmental taxes burden households.
* Lower demand on energy sources contributed to higher rate of using renewable energy.
* The quantities of generated waste rise slowly, reuse remain the issue, some progres was made on municipal waste – quantity of landfill waste decreased.
* Material productivity of the economy improved further, but
* this was mainly a result of the above-average decline in construction, which is a natural-resource-intensive sector.
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| 12.00 | Coffee with snack |  |  |
| 12.30 | **Roundtable** |  |  |
|  | Presentation: Green Economy from the EEA perspective | Jock Martin, Head of programme IEA - Integrated environmental assessments, European Environment Agency(15 minutes presentation) | To update participants on the EU concept for green economy |
|  | Presentation: Slovenian activities towards green growth | Mag. Tanja Bogataj, State secretary – MOP(15 minutes presentation) | To update participants on Slovenian activities regarding the green growth |
|  |  | Participants: * Jock Martin, Head of programme IEA - Integrated environmental assessments, EEA
* His Excellency Mr. Pierre-François MOURIER, Ambassador of France to the Republic of Slovenia
* Tanja Bogataj, State secretary, MOP
* Mitja Brezovnik, Head of System of Indirect Taxes and custom system, Ministry of finance
* Peter Novak, V.P of Scientific commettee of EEA
* Veronika Valentar, Head of project 'Local partnerships fpr Green Cities and Regions'
 | A moderator will ask 3 main questions (one after another), with subquestion to clarify what is meant for a single participant:3 main questions will be:1. Are we capable to conserve the environment (or even improve it) with enabling the economic growth?

(subquestion for you: in European context1. Slovenia is very reach with forests, water and biodiversity. How to manage this resources?

(subquestion for you: what is the meaning of our resources from European perspective. Are they important for Europe - could they be considered as for example – the lungs for Europe or as water supply for Europe) Are there any evaluations what is the value of such natural resources?)1. Do we have efficient governance to speed up transition? Who are the main actors?

(subquestion for you: main actors in EU level…) |
| 14.00 | End of the day |  |  |

 **Note: most of the workshop will be held in English**