



slavic student summit

Creating our future

Dear Sir/Madam,

University of Ljubljana is the oldest and largest scientific-research institution in Slovenia. It was founded in 1919, therefore this year we are celebrating its 100 anniversary. To mark this occasion, The Student's Council of the University of Ljubljana and Students' organization of Ljubljana are organizing an International Conference: **Slavic Student Summit – Creating our future**, which will take place from **18. September 2019** to **21. September 2019** in **Ljubljana**.

The aim of the summit is to bring together students' representatives from different Universities from all Eastern and South-eastern European Countries and discuss important topics regarding educational systems, student rights and the future of education and knowledge.

We are kindly inviting you to participate at our conference and contribute your thoughts and views on the topics. You shall send two delegates from your organization to represent you at the Conference.

We will provide you with accommodation. Breakfast and lunch for every day, black tie dinner, all the social events and excursion are included.

We are attaching an indicative program of the Conference. The timetable and content might still slightly change; therefore, you will receive the exact program in September before the conference will hold place.

We would be grateful if you acknowledged the receipt of this e-mail by sending us a confirmation e-mail **by 31. July at latest**. Please provide us with **name and surname, date of birth, number of the document** and the **function** of both delegates within your organization. Furthermore, in the reply e-mail please notify us if you need a **visa** in order to travel to Slovenia. Since not only the process of obtaining a visa, but also the scheduling of an appointment may take time, we strongly advise you to get informed and schedule an appointment as early as possible. We will provide you with the necessary invitation for your visa application. Lastly, in the case that no one will be able to attend, please notify us as well.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to your attendance at the Conference.

Yours Sincerely,

Laura Koudela,
President of Student's Council of University of Ljubljana

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WEDNESDAY // 18. September // Arrival day

09:00 – 13:00	Registration and accommodation
13:00 – 19:00	Workshops (soft skills)
20:00 – 24:00	Social event: Intercultural night

THURSDAY // 19. September

08:30 – 09:30	Breakfast
10:00 – 10:30	Opening speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Rector of University of Ljubljana, prof. dr. Igor Papič— President of Student's Council of University of Ljubljana, Laura Koudela— President of Students' organisation of Ljubljana, Mubina Vrtačič
10:30 – 13:00	Presentations of host organisation and participant organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Presentation of each delegation: it should contain information regarding your work, structure, successful practices, access to funding etc. The presentation should be limited up to 10 minutes.
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 18:30	Debate and group work: Is higher education outdated? <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Introduction to the topic— Level of student participation and inclusion in the decision-making processes on the level of universities, as well as on the national level: access to the funding, presence and influence of students in decision-making processes, etc.— Viability and corruption of student organisations— Connectedness of higher education and labour market— Inclusion of students in organizations:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Student surveys</i><i>Number of student representatives in decision-making bodies</i>— Quality assurance processes of higher education:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Issues regarding quality assurance process</i><i>Relevance of topics discussed</i>— Debate in groups and presentation of results
18:30 – 19:00	Break
19:00 – 24:00	Social event

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FRIDAY // 20. September

08:30 – 09:30

Breakfast

10:00 – 13:00

Debate and group work: The cost of knowledge

- Social position of students, representation of situation in each of the countries.
- Presentation of findings in Eurostudent survey.

Topics:

- Student expenses: such as food, accommodation, prices etc. and social transfers such as subvention for food, accommodation, etc.
- Scholarships: who is eligible to receive scholarships and country statistics on scholarships.
- Student work: is it possible to work as a student and what are the reasons that students decide to work (to be able to pay for the costs or to improve their skills in the given field of studies).
- How is the amount of working hours effecting the quality of studying?
- Which students find themselves in the worst position: is it based on the ethnicity, sex, special health condition and needs etc.

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch break

14.30 – 16:30

Presentations: 3 good practices of each University and 3 biggest social issues they are facing.

Final debate of all participants: extracting most common social issues and the best practices.

18:00 – 19:00

Panel discussion: The future of Eastern Europe

19:30

Black tie dinner

- Signing a joint guidelines by all student representatives

SATURDAY // 21. September

08:30 – 09:30

Breakfast

10:00

Excursion (not obligatory)

- Visit of another Slovenian university
- Sightseeing one of the Slovenian wonders and picnic in nature