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## INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE

### ENERGY AS A DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY IN THE SLOVENIAN COUNTRYSIDE

**8 July 2016, 9.30 a.m. - 14.30 p.m.**

**Grm Novo mesto – Centre of Biotechnics and Tourism, Sevno 13, 8000 Novo mesto**

Energy in the rural areas is undoubtedly one of development opportunities of the Slovenian countryside. In the past years, we could witness the development of small solar power plants on the roofs of barns and farm buildings which helped to improve the financial situation on farms and stabilize employment in the countryside. We can also see some examples of good practice in biogas power plants of smaller nominal power (up to 150 kW) which mainly use as an energy source the waste of livestock farming. For a couple of decades, we have been installing small hydroelectric power plants, and even exploiting geothermal energy. In the past two years, however, an opportunity for installing new small energy devices, in particular, for wood biomass cogeneration, is somehow slipping through our fingers, this being especially evident in the fact that we cannot clean up the Slovenian forests after the one-hundred sleet in 2014 and after an intensive attack of Scolytinae (typographus) in 2015. Too much wood simply rots in our forests because many owners have no interest in forest restoration, since the financial result is too small in relation to the work dangers that lurk in the forests. In 2014, we adopted a new Energy law (Z-1) and we are still waiting for the first tender which will accelerate the investments in RES and CHP. And it is these very little CHPs (e.g. wood biomass cogeneration) and RES (net-metering, small hydroelectric power plants, etc.) which can contribute to the stabilisation of jobs and thereby maintaining the rural population.

At the consultation, we therefore want to answer the questions, how to revive investments in RES and CHP, which energy facilities are reasonable in the countryside in relation to the sources of energy and infrastructure, what steps are waiting for us to launch new investments for better utilisation of RES, how to harmonize the legislation, etc. At the consultation, we will with the assistance of international experience and Slovenian experts gain a new platform for the development of the countryside and suggest possible solutions to launch new incentives for new investments.

The consultation will be organized in two parts. The first part of the consultation, whose co-organizer will also be the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, is designed as a round table titled "Opportunities and challenges of providing energy solutions in the local environment". In the guided discussion we want to check the baseline policy and legislators' opinion on this development opportunity and to hear about the experience in the field of energy from the land of Saxony (Federal Republic of Germany).

In the second part of the consultation, we will continue presenting the examples of good practices and some development opportunities. In this section, the co-organizer is Elektro Ljubljana RSE, Ltd.

Attendance at the event is free, but due to the organisation of the event please register your participation at the email address [info@vsgrm.unm.si](mailto:info@vsgrm.unm.si).

You are cordially invited!

Dean of the Landscape Governance College Grm Novo mesto  
Dr Jože Podgoršek, l. r.



## PROGRAMME OF THE CONSULTATION

9:00-9:30	REGISTRATION
<p><b>ROUND TABLE: Opportunities and challenges of providing energy solutions in the local environment</b> Co-organizers: , Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food and the Landscape Governance College Grm-Novo mesto</p>	
9:30-11:00	<p>Introductory welcome message - Mr. Tone Hrovat, Director of the Institute Grm Novo mesto – Centre of Biotechnics and Tourism</p> <p><b>ROUND TABLE: Opportunities and challenges of providing energy solutions in the local environment</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Jože Podgoršek</b>, Dean of the Landscape Governance College Grm Novo mesto</p> <p><b>Mag. Dejan Židan</b>, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Food</p> <p><b>Mr. Thomas Schmidt</b>, Minister for Agriculture and the Environment, Free State of Saxony, the Federal Republic of Germany</p> <p><b>Dr. Primož Simončič</b>, Director of the Forestry Institute of Slovenia</p> <p><b>Mr. Danijel Levičar</b>, Director of the Directorate for Energy – Ministry of Infrastructure</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
<p><b>EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICES</b> Co-organizers: Elektro Ljubljana RES, Ltd. and Landscape Governance College Grm Novo mesto</p>	
11:30-12:00	<b>Mrs. Vesna Črnilogar</b> , Financial incentives of the Eco Fund in 2016
12:00-12:20	<b>Mr. Jernej Muzek</b> , Burkhardt system
12:20-12:40	<b>Mr. Igor Kupčič</b> , Green fuel as an opportunity for the countryside
12:40-13:00	<b>Mr. Vito Komac</b> : Energy independent greenhouses and the use of biogas without combustion and emissions
13:00-13:20	<b>Mrs. Suzana Pavlič</b> , Elektro Ljubljana RES, Ltd.: Net-metering
13:20-13:40	<b>Mrs. Uršula Krisper</b> , E-mobility
13:40-14:30	DISCUSSION