

# European Network of Living Labs Road Map

## Slovenian Statements

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## EU Presidency of Slovenia

- From 2007 the Slovenia will be in triple-shared presidency with Germany and Portugal for a periods of 1.5 years with the "leading role" during January – June 2008.
  - January 2007: Germany
  - July 2007: Portugal
  - January 2008: Slovenia

## Slovenia in Brief



- **Area:** 20,273 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Population:** 2,001,114  
(30.6.2005)  
**Capital city:** Ljubljana  
**Language:** Slovene; also Italian and Hungarian in nationally mixed areas  
**Currency:** SIT -Adopt EUR  
**1.1.2007**
- **GDP:** 14.000 EUR/capita
- **Important dates:**
  - Independence - 25 June 1991
  - Member of EU - 1 May 2004



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## Republic of Slovenia



- Slovenia is a high-income economy which enjoys the highest GDP per capita (\$23,250 in 2006 [1]) of the newly joined EU countries.
- The country's relatively high rate of inflation (3.6% in 2004) declined to 2.5% in 2005 and is now comparable to the average in the European Union.
- Slovenia's economy has started to grow more strongly in the last few years (5.0% in H1 2006, 4.0% in 2005, 4.4% in 2004), after relatively slow growth in 2003 (2.7%). Ž
- Overall, the country is on a sound economic footing.

## Tourism

- In Slovenia, you can experience amazing **contrasts** in the same day: a morning swim in the Adriatic, followed two hours later by skiing below Alpine peaks, then an adventurous discovery of
- **Karst** subterranean phenomena and an invigorating bath in a thermal spring; an encounter with history in a lively mediaeval city and, not far away, a more solitary stroll through primeval forests or undulating, winegrowing hills.



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## Policy background

Directions referring to the innovations support are to be found in the following important national strategic documents authorised by the Government or National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia:

- Development strategy for Slovenia for the period between 2006 and 2013,
- The framework of economic and social reforms for increasing the welfare in Slovenia,
- Resolution on the national research and development programme for the period between 2006 and 2010.

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## Why Slovenia join ENoLL?

Innovation is increasingly becoming a collaborative process, moving beyond the boundaries of single enterprises. In particular in services innovation, the users play an increasing role as co-producers and co-creators.

With the European Network of Living Labs we will establish a Europe-wide platform providing innovation capabilities for co-creative innovation processes to a large number of SMEs and international corporations, public sector agencies, academic institutions and individual citizens.

The living Labs are an approach to stimulate and accelerate industrial and societal innovation and to connect and empower the users to participate in the innovation process.

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## Statement of Slovenia on ENoLL

- A note of The Ministerial Statement of Slovenia on European Network of Living Labs as a step towards European Innovation System.
- Slovenia officially confirm and announce the parting in the European Network Living Lab (ENoLL).
- As a party at the Launch Event we additionally announce two events in Slovenia during our presidency of EU.

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## Slovenia announce

1. Slovenian Presidency preparatory event, Slovenian Launch ENoLL Meeting - PROPOSED: second week of September 2007
2. Slovenian Presidency event, including ENoLL 3rd wave launch - PROPOSED: spring 2008

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## Slovenian Initiatives in ENoLL

- eInvoicing in the eRegion: Slovenia's Project Initiative (November 2005):  
<http://www.eLivingLab.org/Invoicing>
- Information Systems Interoperability of Organizations Involved in a Major Disaster Relief in the eRegion: Slovenia's Project Initiative (February 2006),  
<http://www.eLivingLab.org/Safe>

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**Thank you very much  
for your attention!**