



International conference: What will it take to feel safe in the EU?

20 April 2024, 10:00h-12:00h

Glass Hall of the Cultural Centre »Delavski dom Zagorje«, Cesta 9. avgusta 1, 1410 Zagorje ob Savi, Slovenia

In difficult circumstances, as Europe first faced the Covid-19 pandemic that led to a severe health crisis, followed by the war in Ukraine and the ensuing energy crisis, high inflation and a cooling economy, adding to the consequences of the war in the Middle East and the ever-increasing migratory pressure, it is crucial to ask how a safe and stable life in the future can be guaranteed at all important levels of a person's life.

The need for decarbonisation and simultaneous adaptation to climate change is also a particular challenge.

Finding answers to strategic questions such as:

How to ensure sufficient supplies of safe and healthy food? Will we maintain traditional food production or will our food soon be laboratory printed? How can we provide enough energy at an affordable price? Are we able to decarbonise in a way that maintains the economic competitiveness? Is migration a threat to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Slovenia and the European Union?

The international conference, jointly organised by the Institute of Dr Anton Korošac and the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, will take place on **Saturday, 20 April 2024**, between **10:00h and 12:00h** in the **Glass Hall of the Cultural Centre »Delavski dom Zagorje«, Cesta 9. avgusta 1, 1410 Zagorje ob Savi, Slovenia**.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

9.30 – 9.55 Registration, coffee and light snack

10.00 – 10.15 Welcome speeches

- **Primož Jelševar**, Director of the Anton Korošec Institute
- **Franc Bogovič**, Member of the European Parliament

10.15 - 11.45 Discussion on the energy, food and territorial concept of security

- **Franc Bogovič**, Member of the European Parliament, EPP-Group
- **Sonja Šmuc**, Director of Bluberry
- **Anja Kastelic**, Young farmer, former president of the Association of Slovenian Rural Youth
- **Roman Žveglič**, President of the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia
- **Žiga Turk**, Member of Academic Council, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies; Professor, University of Ljubljana

11.45 – 12.00 Discussion and conclusions

12.00 - 12.30 Light lunch

12.30 Expected end of the event

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