



ARAB SLOVENIAN BUSINESS CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

Bridges between Saudi Arabia and Slovenia: Investments, Innovation & Partnerships

Venues:

- Grand Plaza Hotel Ljubljana, Slovenia
- IEDC – Bled School of Management, Bled, Slovenia

Proposed Dates:

- **6- 8 MAY 2026** *(to be confirmed by the Saudi side)*

Working Languages: English / Arabic / Slovenian

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2026

INVESTMENT, FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Host: Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia

Venue: Grand Plaza Hotel Ljubljana

Focus: Presentation of both economies and strategic investment opportunities

09:00–10:00 | Official Opening & High-Level Remarks

- Address by **H.E. Ms. Nataša Pirc Musar**, President of the Republic of Slovenia
 - Minister of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia
 - Representative of the Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Vienna)
 - State Secretary, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia
 - State Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning
 - Representative, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
 - Saudi–Slovenian Business Council (Riyadh)
 - Arab–Slovenian Business Club (Ljubljana)
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10:00–12:30 | Institutional & Strategic Presentations (TBC)

- Slovenian ministries and government agencies



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- Selected municipalities and regional development agencies
- Saudi investment ecosystem: **MISA, PIF, Vision 2030 framework**
- Banking, finance, tourism and real estate investment opportunities

12:30–14:00 | Lunch & Networking

14:00–15:30 | Structured B2B Meetings

Venue: Grand Plaza Hotel Ljubljana

18:00–20:00 | Guided Tour of Ljubljana

Old Town & Cultural Heritage

21:00 | Gala Dinner & Cultural Programme

Venue: Ljubljana Castle

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2026

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES & SECTOR CONFERENCE

Host: Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia

Venue: IEDC – Bled School of Management, Bled

Focus: Sector-based business opportunities aligned with **Saudi Vision 2030**

09:00–10:00 | Transfer from Ljubljana to Bled

10:30–11:00 | Official Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Minister of the Economy, Tourism and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia
- Representative of the Saudi Delegation (TBC)



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- Mayor of the Municipality of Bled
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (GZS)
- Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia (OZS)
- Slovenian Tourist Board (STO)
- SPIRIT Slovenia

11:00–12:30 | SECTOR SESSIONS – PARALLEL TRACKS (ROUND 1)

SECTION A: IT, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Smart cities and digital infrastructure
- AI, data analytics and cybersecurity
- GovTech, e-services and digital twins
- Opportunities within Saudi Vision 2030

SECTION B: FOOD, AGRI-TECH & FOOD SECURITY

- Halal-certified food production
- Smart agriculture and agri-tech solutions
- Food security and resilient supply chains
- Distribution and partnership models

SECTION C: ENERGY, RENEWABLES & GREEN TRANSITION

- Renewable energy and hydrogen solutions
- Energy efficiency and smart grids
- Water management and sustainability
- Industrial decarbonisation

SECTION D: INDUSTRY, MANUFACTURING & ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

- Industry 4.0 and automation
- Robotics and advanced materials
- Industrial partnerships and supply chains

12:30–13:30 | Lunch

14:00–15:00 | SECTOR SESSIONS – PARALLEL TRACKS (ROUND 2)

SECTION E: TOURISM, WELLNESS & HOSPITALITY



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- Destination development
- Health, wellness and medical tourism
- Hospitality investments and services

SECTION F: CONSTRUCTION, WOOD INDUSTRY & SUSTAINABLE BUILDING

- Sustainable construction solutions
- Prefabricated and wooden structures
- Urban development projects

SECTION G: AUTOMOTIVE, MOBILITY & DEFENCE INDUSTRIES

- Advanced mobility solutions
- Dual-use technologies
- Defence industry cooperation (within regulatory frameworks)

SECTION H: EDUCATION, SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

- Executive education and professional training
- Competence centres and applied research
- Workforce development and exchange programmes

15:00–16:00 | Guided Visit of Bled

16:00 | Transfer from Bled to Ljubljana

Evening | Dinner & Cultural Exchange

Hosted by the Saudi Delegation

DAY 3 – THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2026

B2B MEETINGS, COMPANY VISITS & CLOSING

Venue: Ljubljana and surrounding regions (TBC)

Focus: Practical cooperation, site visits and project follow-up



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09:00–12:00 | B2B Meetings & Company Visits

- Sector-specific company meetings
- Site visits to selected Slovenian enterprises

12:00–13:00 | Lunch

13:00–16:00 | Visits to Tourist, Industrial & Innovation Sites (TBC)

17:00 | Closing Remarks & Next Steps

FINAL NOTES

This draft agenda is respectfully submitted for review and confirmation.

*We welcome comments and suggestions so that the final programme may be **jointly adopted**.*

*The conference will host **more than 70 Slovenian companies**, open and focused on cooperation with the **GCC region**.*

We kindly invite the Saudi side to confirm:

- *preferred dates,*
- *participating ministries and institutions,*
- *delegation structure and companies,*
*so that we may begin preparing **high-quality, targeted B2B meetings** and a strong strategic programme*