

## MAX

### Maximising Migrants' Contribution to Society

#### Diversity Dialogue Fora

#### CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE SOCIETY IN SLOVENIA (challenges, opportunities and labour market in Slovenia)

(webinar in Slovenian and partly English language)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021

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Time: 10:00 am – 13:40 pm CET

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Diverse ways of thinking can inspire creativity, drive innovation and bring new insights to address things from a different, perhaps more efficient, perspective.

When presenting data on migration it is relevant to note the difference between foreign-born population and foreign citizens. Why does this matter for Slovenia? Mainly because more than half of those who were born abroad are nowadays citizens of Slovenia. According to Eurostat, 250.226 people residing in Slovenia in 2018 were born abroad and had moved to Slovenia at some point of their life. This means that foreign-born individuals represented 12.1% of total Slovene population in 2018. But slightly more than half of them (54 %) acquired Slovene citizenship by naturalisation or by origin, meaning that actual foreign citizens was reduced then to a 5,9% of total population that year.

The majority, that is 85 % of all foreign-born population living in Slovenia was born in one of the Western Balkan countries, mostly Bosnia and Herzegovina (43 % of all foreign-born population), followed by Croatia (18% of all foreign-born population), Serbia (10 % of all foreign-born population), North Macedonia and Kosovo (each of them 7 %).

Max partners believe that migration makes places more diverse. It certainly can create new challenges but also important opportunities. To make such opportunities a reality, diversity needs to be properly addressed and managed at the local level, encouraged not only by community-led initiatives but actively supported by all the actors who live together in a society (public administration, private sector, schools, neighbours' associations, etc.).

With our [local DDE](#), we aim at having a joint discussion to learn how migration can benefit the socio-economic development of our European societies in general and Slovenian cities in particular, which societal challenges can be tackled at local level thanks to different initiatives supporting diversity and by presenting the experience of migrants and refugees themselves from their positive perspective.

## Agenda

**10:00 – 10:10** Welcoming by the moderator of the session, **Lucija Zavrtanik (project manager at ASES)**, Association Social economy Slovenia a member of MAX project

**10:10 – 11:15 The migration landscape in Slovenia and integration of migrants to Slovenian labour market (Panel 1)**

- Migrants in today's multicultural world Integration into the labour market and society (substantive and analytical review on the situation in Slovenia and globally)  
Speaker: Mr. Goran Lukič (Counselling office for workers - An organization dedicated to the advocacy, protection, promotion and development of workers', social and status rights of workers and other vulnerable groups) (15 min)  
\*Q&A
- Entrepreneurial Skills as Tool of integration of migrants to labour market  
Speaker: Mr. Jure Gomboc/Mrs. Asja Pehar Senekovič (Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, ZRC SAZU) (30 min)  
\*Q&A
- Entrepreneurial program PONI at the RRA Podravje develops the entrepreneurial idea of parties for (migrant) children with fairy tales and legends of Pohorje and Drava  
Speaker: Mrs. Mendez (participant at the PONI program. Teacher as profession) (20 min)  
\*Q&A

**PAUSE (11:15 – 11:25)**

**11:25 – 12:20 \*\*How social entrepreneurs\*\* can involve migrants\*  
(Panel 2)**

- Presentation of Coworking Aurora Murska Sobota  
Speaker: Mr. Jose Morales (Peru) – 15 min  
\*Q&A
- Presentation: Project - Yunus center Slovenia and the European Business School of Social Economy  
Speaker: Mr. Miro Mihec (ASES) - 20 min  
\*Q&A
- Precarious work and social economy: the case of the Cooperative Responsible Creators  
Speaker: Mr. Miro Mihec (ASES) - 20 min  
\*Q&A

**PAUSE (12:20 – 12:25)**

**12:25 – 13:10 Newcomers in Slovenia (Panel 3):** Good practices of newcomers' integration / Success stories in cultural, economic and social level

- Mr. Luigi Jeremy Martin Mendez Cueva a singer from Peru "Civil initiative When I lift myself I lift Maribor" / "Ko dvignem sebe dvignem Maribor (15 min)  
\*Q&A
- Intercultural mediator and entrepreneur Mrs. Astrite Humski (15 min)  
\*Q&A
- Eco farm Vodnjov (Russia) – Mrs. Julia Vodnjov (15 min)  
\*Q&A

Breakout rooms:

Panel 1: Moderator

Panel 2: Moderator

Panel 3: Moderator

### **13:30 – 13:40 Main remarks and goodbye by ASES**

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