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**Seminar: Doing Business with the USA - Opportunities between Slovenia and Akron County**

**Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia, Hall C, 1st Floor**

**Thursday, October 17, 10.00 a.m.**

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| 10:00 - 10:10 | **Welcome remarks**:   * Ms. Natalija Stošicki, Director, Director of strategic development and internationalization * Representative of the US Embassy in Slovenia (TBC) |  |
| 10:10 - 10:25 | **Overview of “Akron, USA”** international marketing initiative   * Mr. Gregg Cramer, Vice President of Greater Akron Chamber * Mr. Sam DeShazior, Member, Akron City Council and EcD Consultant to “Akron USA” |  |
| 10:25 - 10:40 | **Slovenia your Business Partner**, Representative of **SPIRIT Slovenia Business Development Agency (TBC)** |  |
| 10:40 - 10:50 | **Importance of international relationships -** specific/strategic importance of Slovenia   * Mr. Don Plusquellic, former Mayor of the City of Akron and International Investment Consultant to “Akron, USA” |  |
| 10:50 - 11:00 | **Benefits of** **Doing business in Akron**,   * Ms. Suzie Graham Moore, Director of Economic Development, City of Akron |  |
| 11:00 - 11:10 | **Establishing a business in the United States-** legal assistance and building/site identification   * Mr. Jason Dodson, Attorney, Roetzel & Andress and EcD Consultant to the County of Summit |  |
| 11:10 - 11:20 | **Overview of** **Polymer Industry Cluster Initiative -** potential areas of collaboration with Slovenian companies   * Mr. Gregg Cramer, Vice President of the Greater Akron Chamber |  |
| 11:20 - 11:35 | **Plastics sector in Slovenia** - New products from recycled materials and their composites   * Ms. Alenka Dovč, Association of Chemical Industries of Slovenia * Ms. Nuša Pavlinjek Slavinec, ROTO d.o.o. |  |
| 11:35 - 11:50 | Overview of the **Medical industry sector** in Slovenia   * Ms. Petra Borovinšek, Director, TIK Kobarid , representative of the MedTech Slovenija |  |
| 11:50 - 12:00 | Questions and Answers |  |
| 12:00 | Conclusion |  |
| 12:00 – 13.00 | Networking & individual meetings |  |
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