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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)
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| 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”
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| 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”
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| 10:50 - 11:00 | **Benefits of** **Doing business in Akron**, * Ms. Suzie Graham Moore, Director of Economic Development, City of Akron
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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.
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| 11:35 - 11:50 | Overview of the **Medical industry sector** in Slovenia* Ms. Petra Borovinšek, Director, TIK Kobarid , representative of the MedTech Slovenija
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| 11:50 - 12:00 | Questions and Answers  |  |
| 12:00 | Conclusion  |  |
| 12:00 – 13.00  | Networking & individual meetings |  |
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