Gospodarska zbornica Slovenije

since 1851

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia

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LEADING REPRESENTATIVE OF SLOVENIAN ECONOMY OF MOUSTRY OF SLOV OF GOMMERCE AND VENIA CHAMBER OF The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (CCIS) is the largest independent, voluntary, non-profit association of companies in Slovenia. It was founded in 1851, and today boasts more than 5,200 member companies of all shapes and sizes, from different branches and regional backgrounds. Our member companies contribute about 50% of gross value added of the Slovenian economy, and generate 2/3 of sales in foreign markets.

Business in Slovenia starts here!

The CCIS has the status of a representative Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and thus cooperates with the government in preparing legislation and policy strategies. It is a member of the Economic and Social Council of Slovenia as well as numerous government bodies, supporting them with its knowhow and expertise. The CCIS is a signatory party of more than 20 branch-level collective agreements.

As one of the employers' associations, it represents the interests of its members in their relations with the government and trade unions as regards the creation of good business conditions for economic development.

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The CCIS is a member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Eurochambres, and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). It is also a member of A.I.E.C.E. (Association d'Institutes Economiques de Conjoncture Economique) that provides periodic economic forecasts for the economy. The branch associations and chambers are members of different international branch associations and other institutions.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER CHAMBERS

The CCIS has signed more than 100 Memorandums of Understanding with partner chambers from around the globe, with the goal to enable direct support to companies when entering target markets.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Lobbying for a business-friendly environment
- Boosting the internationalisation of companies
- Promoting trade
- Encouraging development and innovation
- Informing and educating
- Promoting the best
- Connecting businesses

OUR VISION

To be the largest, most powerful, and influential organisation in the Slovenian economy.

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OUR CORE MISSION

To represent member companies' interests and improve the business environment, resulting in greater economic growth.

OUR CORE VALUES

- Respect
- Cooperation
- Creativity
- Professionalism
- Responsibility

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The organisational structure of the CCIS reflects the membership structure and the complexity of its activities.

CCIS members are organised within:

- 25 branch associations/chambers representing specific sectors of the Slovenian economy,
- 13 regional chambers representing regional interests.



THE DOOR OF OUR CHAMBER IS OPEN TO YOU

WHAT DO YOU GAIN BY KNOCKING ON OUR CHAMBER'S DOOR?

- 1. Direct contact with the Slovenian private sector.
- 2. A partner who stands by your side when you enter the Slovenian market.
- 3. A networking megahub, where best practices can be exchanged.
- 4. An ecosystem of talented and capable professionals in Slovenia and abroad.
- 5. World-class consultants with vast knowledge and experience.
- 6. Priceless opportunities for data mining with access to countless databases.
- 7. Relevant, high-quality business information on markets, sectors, and key players.



WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

The CCIS is the ideal local partner for foreign investors and business professionals. It can support and facilitate your entrance into the Slovenian market. It can help you search for new contacts and provide you with a wide range of useful business information.

If you are interested in doing business in Slovenia, the CCIS offers you services designed specifically for your needs.

MARKET INTELLIGENCE

ENTRY POINT TO THE SLOVENIAN MARKET

Foreign businesspeople interested in entering the Slovenian market and doing business with our companies should visit our English website BusinessSlovenia, where a list of business partners recognised as being the best in their respective sectors can be found.

The CCIS also publishes a monthly newsletter in English informing and addressing foreign businesspeople as well as support institutions about key achievements of the Slovenian economy.

DISCOVER SLOVENIA

Once a year the CCIS publishes the magazine *Discover Slovenia* to promote Slovenian exporters who are more than ever reaping great success, and the Slovenian businesses which can compete with the best in the world. You can find plenty of information, presentations, and contacts of Slovenian enterprises in each issue. Each year regional issues of the *Discover Slovenia* magazine are also published.

INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION

The CCIS provides a wide range of information on the economic situation in Slovenia. This includes everything from economic indicators and trend forecasts to information on companies' credit ratings. You also get access to contacts for potential business partners.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The CCIS can provide you with information about Slovenian legislation or offer you legal consulting on Commercial, Corporate, Property, Enforcement, and Labour Law, as well as information on public procurement and insolvency procedures.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The CCIS provides information on new and existing environmental legislation, and other environmental aspects, including exchanges of best practices and benchmarking through conferences, training activities, and individual consultations.

CONNECTING BUSINESSES

LOOKING FOR PARTNERS IN SLOVENIA?

Consider the CCIS as a reliable and competent entry point for foreign companies. We offer services to ease and hasten your market entry with a personal touch.

Contact our International Relations Department, providing a broad range of business opportunities for companies to connect and exchange best practices.

- Around 100 events under the brand Go International Slovenia.
- More than 2,000 companies attending internationally themed events.
- Over 1,000 business consultant services to companies regarding doing business in foreign markets.

BUSINESS TALKS AND VIRTUAL GROUPS

Weekly Business Talks and Virtual Groups connect over 700 members from more than 70 countries aimed at discussing specific business topics, experiences, and services through different apps.

SLOEXPORT: ALL MAJOR SLOVENIAN COMPANIES IN ONE PLACE

SloExport is a database catalogue containing information on more than 6,500 Slovenian exporters. It is a tool that will be of great assistance in seeking information on Slovenian companies of interest.

FIND A PARTNER IN THE Borza Database

Take advantage of the best business opportunities in Slovenia. Foreign companies can register and search for trade inquiries through our special inquiry database BORZA, where you can find both Slovenian and international business partners.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

INNOVATIVE SLOVENIA

The programme Innovative Slovenia aims at connecting, informing, and educating Slovenian innovators, other stakeholders of the Slovenian innovation ecosystem, and the wider public about the importance of research, development, and innovation.

The programme includes:

- awards for the best Slovenian innovations, dating back to 1996,
- networking and other events like monthly innovation meetups, Innovation Day as the biggest and most important annual innovation event, and the event KorpoStart where corporations and startups can meet,
- promotional activities, including the podcast Gravitacija dedicated to innovation,
- exhibitions dedicated to the presentation of R&D&I achievements,
- individual consultations related to innovation, development, and intellectual property.



STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PARTNERSHIPS

The CCIS is involved in eight out of nine national strategic partnerships implementing the Slovenian smart specialisation strategy. These Strategic Research and Innovation Partnerships (SRIPs) aim to strengthen the economic competitiveness in strategic sectors in an international context. They create national value chains with high value added and a strong potential for positioning in global value chains. These SRIPs represent a dynamic community of companies, research institutions, investors and other interested parties, whose main interests are focused on improvement of R&D activities. By creating an open and friendly environment for the development of innovations, SRIPs facilitate a breakthrough and perspective that goes beyond the national framework.

RECOGNISING THE BEST

SLOVENIAN BUSINESS OSCARS

The oldest and most prestigious award for businesspeople in Slovenia is the CCIS Award for Outstanding Economic and Entrepreneurial Achievements. Since 1969, it has been awarded to more than 370 businesspeople who have been achieving excellent results in the domestic and global markets for many years. The recipients are chosen based on a wide array of business criteria, including financial performance, success on foreign markets, innovation, and high social responsibility.

THERE IS MORE

LJUBLJANA ARBITRATION CENTRE

The Ljubljana Arbitration Centre is an autonomous and independent arbitration centre providing administrative services for the resolution of disputes between parties through arbitration, mediation, conciliation, and alternative forms of dispute resolution.

The Ljubljana Arbitration Rules are available in seven languages.

PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING

The CCIS offers several packages of promotional opportunities and advertising to foreign partners to increase their visibility on the Slovenian market.

EXCELLENT SME CERTIFICATION

In cooperation with the renowned global credit insurer Coface, the CCIS issues Excellent SME certificates to Slovenia's most successful small and medium-sized enterprises. This certificate enables potential investors or business partners to perform a background check of a company's credentials, and, most importantly, its creditworthiness.

In cooperation with partner chambers of commerce and Coface, the Excellent SME project is operating in eight nearby countries.

BUSINESS CONFERENCE CENTRE

Our premises feature multipurpose halls, classrooms, and meeting rooms of all sizes and purposes. All facilities are equipped with state-ofthe-art and user-friendly equipment, and can be rented for any time frame.



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