

SLOVENIAN CULTURAL EVENTS



IN BRUSSELS AND IN LUXEMBOURG DURING THE SLOVENIAN
PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION 2021

SLOWIND CONCERT

WHEN: 5 July 2021 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Citizens' Garden of European Parliament

WHAT:

At the invitation of the European Parliament, the Slovenian wind quintet Slowind will perform on Monday, 5 July 2021, in the Citizens' Garden, Rue Vautier 68, 1050 Ixelles.

The ensemble, which in addition to the classical repertoire also performs works from the modern repertoire, has been awarded several times for its achievements. In 1999, it received the Župančič Prize, in 2003, the Prešeren Fund Prize, and in 2013, the Betetto Prize.

More information on the concerts in the Citizens' Garden can be found at: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/en/events/brussels/citizens-garden-concerts>, and more about the Slowind ensemble on their website <https://slowind.org/sl/>.



Photo: Jaka Babnik

ONLINE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION OF CIRIL JAZBEC

WHEN: opening on 8 July 2021 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: photography exhibition on the website of the European Economic and Social Committee

WHAT:

In honor of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the European Economic and Social Committee will open an online exhibition of the award-winning Slovenian photographer Ciril Jazbec on Monday, 8 July 2021. The exhibition, which includes 25 photos, draws attention to the consequences of climate change. In addition to the creator, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative Tamara Weingerl-Požar, and representatives of the EESC will also take part in the opening of the exhibition.

You can take a look at the exhibition at <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/agenda/our-events/events/decade-climate-change>.



Photo: Ciril Jazbec

EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY SLOVENIAN FINE ARTS "WE ARE LIVING IN INTERESTING TIMES"

WHEN: opening on 12 July 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

WHERE: European Parliament

WHAT:

The exhibition of contemporary Slovenian fine arts entitled "We are Living in Interesting Times" presents the works of contemporary Slovenian artists in the field of painting, sculpture and photography. The selection was prepared by curator Marko Košan from The Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Koroška. The exhibition, which will be on display in the European Parliament and on the website of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, will be opened on 12 July at 7.30 p.m. by the Minister of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia Vasko Simoniti.

More information follows at <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/art-collection/en/welcome.htm>.



Tina Dobrajc, 2019

EXHIBITION OF THE WORKS OF ALAN HRANITELJ IN THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

WHEN: opening on 13 July 2021 3 p.m.

WHERE: Council of the European Union

WHAT:

An exhibition by the internationally renowned Slovenian costume designer Alan Hranitelj, prepared in collaboration with set designer Marko Japelj, will be on display at the Council of the European Union.

The exhibition "Crazy Hatter's Wardrobe" is part of the rich oeuvre of Slovenian costume designer Alan Hranitelj, who has been creating for theater, opera and dance performances, films and exhibitions for more than thirty years. His oeuvre includes over 400 costumes and collaborations on various art projects.

The exhibition, which will be on view at the headquarters of the Council of the EU (Justus Lipsius and Europa buildings) and on the website of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, will be opened on Tuesday, 13 July 2021, at 3 p.m. by the Minister of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia Vasko Simoniti.

You can find more about the artist at <https://www.alanhranjitelj.com/>.



Alan Hranitelj, photo: Miro Majcen



Photo: Borut Peterlin, Darja Štravs Tisu, Iztok Umek

EuropeReadr **OPENING CEREMONY AND LITERARY EVENT**

WHEN: 14 July 2021 at 12.30

WHERE: Citizens' Garden of European Parliament

WHAT:

EuropeReadr is a digital platform established by Slovenia in cooperation with the network of European cultural institutes (EUNIC) within the framework of its presidency of the Council of the European Union. It offers free access to literary works of various genres in all the official languages of the European Union. The initiative aims to promote a reading culture, critical thinking, as well as to create public spaces for discussions on common European values, green and digital transformation of society, and our future.

Twelve members of the Brussels EUNIC cluster led by Slovenia will prepare the **grand opening of the EuropeReadr initiative on Wednesday, 14 July 2021, at 12.30 in the Citizens' Garden** in cooperation with the European Parliament and three associated partners, which will also include an art installation and a literary event. Participants will be addressed by Dr. Anže Logar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, David-Maria Sassoli (TBC), President of the European Parliament, and EUNIC representative.

The art installation that will adorn the Citizens' Garden from 14 July to the end of September 2021 consists of twelve different types of indigenous Slovenian wood to symbolize the twelve partners of the EuropeReadr project within the EUNIC Brussels network. It was designed by the artistic duo Studio DREVO. The sculpture carries the message of coexistence and acceptance of the cultural diversity of the European Union.

A **literary event titled Writers on the Future of the Living** will follow the opening of the installation. Participants of the event will be Swedish writer Axel Lindén, Austrian writer Marlen Schachinger and Spanish writer Jorge Carrión. Julio Baquero-Cruz will lead the discussion.

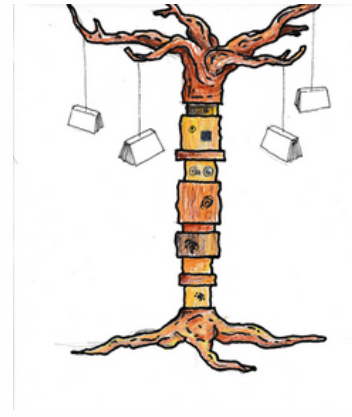


Photo: Studio DREVO



Photo: EP



Photo: Jorge Carrión



Photo: Marlen Schachinger



Photo: Caroline Andersson
Renaud



Photo: Julio
Baquero-Cruz

EuropeReadr LITERARY EVENT

WHEN: 15 July 2021 at 12.30

WHERE: Citizens' Garden of European Parliament



WHAT:

On Thursday, 15 July 2021, the second of EuropeReadr literary events will take place in the European Parliament's Citizens' Garden. Italian writer, professor, and literary comparatist Andrea de Luca and Dutch philosopher Pieter Hoexum will participate in the discussion titled **Thinkers on the Future of Living**, led by Ravel Kodrič, an Italian citizen of Slovenian descent.

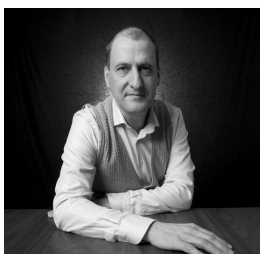


Photo: Pieter Hoexum, personal archive



Photo: Andrea de Luca, personal archive



Photo: Ravel Kodrič, personal archive

GALA CONCERT IN HONOR OF THE SLOVENIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

WHEN: 8 September 2021 at 8 p.m.

WHERE: Bozar, Henry LeBoeuf hall

WHAT:

On Friday, 8 September 2021, a gala concert in honor of the Presidency of the Republic of Slovenia to the Council of the European Union will take place at the Bozar - Centre of Fine Arts in Brussels. Mezzo-soprano Bernarda and bass-baritone Marcos Fink, born to Slovenian parents in Argentina, will perform solo songs by Slovenian, other European, and Argentine composers. They will be accompanied on the piano by Slovenian pianist of Croatian descent, Vladimir Mlinarič.

More information to follow.



Photo: Janez Kotar

SLOVENIAN BEE HOUSE IN THE ARBORETUM KALMTHOUT

WHEN: 14 September 2021

WHERE: Arboretum Kalmthout

WHAT:

On Tuesday, 14 September 2021, to mark World Bee Day and the 30th anniversary of Slovenian independence, the Arboretum Kalmthout will host the installation of a Slovenian apiary with typically painted hive panels, which are part of traditional Slovenian folk art.



EuropeReadr AND TRANSPoesie - POETRY EVENING

WHEN: 23 September 2021

WHERE: Citizens' Garden of European Parliament

WHAT:

In cooperation with the Transpoesie festival and the EuropeReadr initiative, we are preparing a poetry evening, at which Slovenian poet, essayist, composer, and recipient of the title Dame of Poetry Nina Dragičević will introduce herself in the company of international poets. The event is being prepared in cooperation with the Slovenian Book Agency. More information to follow.



Photo: Nina Dragičević

SLOVENIA IN FOCUS OF THE CINEAST FILM FESTIVAL

WHEN: from 7 to 24 October 2021

WHERE: Luxembourg, various venues

WHAT:

The 14th edition of the CinEast Film Festival will take place in Luxembourg between 7 and 24 October 2021. Slovenia will be the country in focus of the festival during its presidency. In cooperation with the Slovenian Film Centre, we are preparing a selection of Slovenian films. The festival's program will be enriched by a concert by Vasko Atanasovski with a group, and the participation of Slovenian authors in a photography exhibition.

More information to follow.



Photo: Matjaž Vrecko

CONFERENCE THE FUTURE OF LIVING

WHEN: 19 and 20 October 2021

WHERE: Bozar Center for Fine Arts

WHAT:

Fourteen members of the Brussels EUNIC cluster, led by Slovenia, in cooperation with BozarLab, are preparing a two-day multidisciplinary conference on the impact of artificial intelligence and art on life. The conference aims to raise the profile of the contribution of art and science, research and innovation, and their actors to the quality of life in the present and the new European Bauhaus.

The conference is curated by Jurij Krpan (Kapelica Gallery, SI) and Pau Waelder (PT).

You can find more information at www.thefutureofliving.eu.



Photo: Jurij Krpan

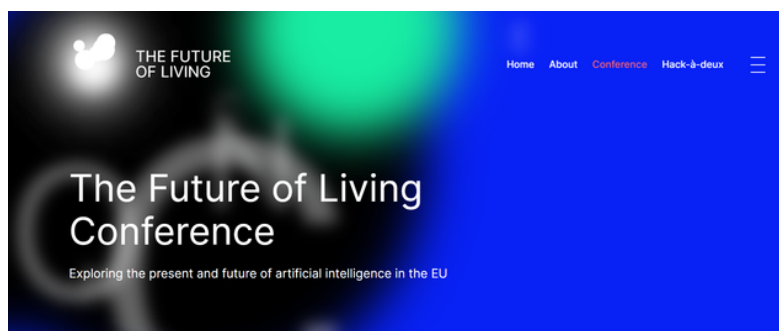


Photo: Pau Waelder

AWARD CEREMONY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION PRIZE FOR LITERATURE

WHEN: 9 November 2021

WHERE: Flagey

WHAT:

The Consortium for the European Literary Prize (EUPL) awards outstanding literary achievements by authors from 41 countries participating in the Creative Europe program. The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday, 9 November 2021, at the cultural centre Flagey, and will be attended by Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, Chairwoman of the European Parliament's Culture Committee Sabine Verheyen, and Minister of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia Vasko Simoniti.

This year, Slovenian author Anja Mugerli will also receive the prize for her novel Bee Family.

You can find more information at

<https://www.euprizeliterature.eu/>.



Photo: Anja Mugerli

MEMORIAL CEREMONY IN MUSEUM IN YPRES

WHEN: November 2021

WHERE: Museum in Ypres

WHAT:

In cooperation with The Kobarid Museum, we will hand over a memorial chair to the Historical Museum in Ypres to honor the victims of the First World War.

More information to follow.



Photo: The Kobarid Museum

HONEY BREAKFAST

WHEN: 18 November 2021

WHERE: European School in Uccle

WHAT:

In honor of Bee Day and promote Slovenian beekeeping culture, we will organize a traditional Slovenian breakfast in cooperation with the European School in Uccle and its Slovenian sections.

More information to follow.



Photo: Tomo Jeseničnik

DRAGO JANČAR AND STEFAN HERTMANS

WHEN: 1 December 2021

WHERE: Bozar

WHAT:

At the beginning of December, we will host writer Drago Jančar in the regular literary program of the Bozar - Centre of Fine Arts on the occasion of the publication of the French translation of the novel The Galley Slave. He will present his work in a conversation with one of the most prominent Flemish authors, Stefan Hertmans.

More information to follow.



Photo: Jože Suhadolnik

SLOVENIA IN FOCUS OF THE STARTS EXHIBITION HYBRID BEINGS

WHEN: from 2 December 2021 to 9 January 2022

WHERE: Bozar

WHAT:

At the invitation of the BozarLab Gallery, curator Jurij Krpan and the Kapelica Gallery are preparing an exhibition of Slovenian artists working in the field of artificial intelligence. The exhibition titled Hybrid Beings will present the multi-year artistic project BioBot by sculptor Zoran Putla Srdič, the project of Marko Peljhan and Matthew Biederman Star Valley (Sirius), and the project of interspecific communication with plants by Špela Petrič.

The traditional STARTS exhibition, which will highlight the surplus of creative artistic use of artificial intelligence, is an emblematic project of the European Commission to promote top projects that connect art, industry, and science.

More information to follow.



Photo: STARTS

INTERNATIONAL POETRY SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEN: 9 and 10 December 2021

WHERE: Brussels

WHAT:

The Slovenian representative Eva Kokalj, who won an excellent 3rd place at the European Championships in 2020, will compete in a demanding competition at the poetry tournament.

The European Poetry Slam Championship advocates respect for the cultural, religious, sexual, and linguistic diversity that represent the fundamental values of the event. The winner of the tournament, which is being organized in cooperation with the Brussels cluster of the EUNIC network and the Slovenian Book Agency, will take part in the 2022 World Cup.

More information to follow.



Photo: YM

RETROSPECTIVE OF SLOVENIAN FILM

WHEN: December 2021

WHERE: Royal Cinematheque in Brussels

WHAT:

In cooperation with the Slovenian Film Centre and the Royal Cinematheque in Brussels, we are preparing a retrospective of Slovenian film.

More information to follow.



SLOVENIAN FESTIVAL AT THE END OF THE SLOVENIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

WHEN: December 2021

WHERE: Brussels

WHAT:

In one of the main squares in Brussels, in cooperation with Slovenian Government Communication Office, we are preparing a festival with musical performances and culinary experiences.

The event will conclude the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in a pleasant and adventurous way.

More information to follow.

