

PROGRAM

## DIGIDAY AUSTRIA-SLOVENIA

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND INDUSTRY  
IN AUSTRIA-SLOVENIA

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**Grand Plaza Hotel**, Ljubljana, Slovenija

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# TECHN OLOGY WIZARDS



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA  
MINISTRY OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION



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**08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION & NETWORKING**

**Location:** **Grand Plaza Hotel**, Slovenska cesta 60, 1000 Ljubljana

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**Moderation:** **Adj. Prof. Christian Rupp**, former Federal Executive Secretary E Government, Advisory Board fit4internet and aed, Austria

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**09:00 – 09:50 OFFICIAL OPENING - DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION KEYNOTES**

- **Wilhelm Nest**, Direktor ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Ljubljana
- **Dr. Aida Kamišalić Latifić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Digital Transformation of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Peter Reichstädter**, CIO of the Austrian Parliament (tbc)
- **Gregor Deleja**, Director of Municipal Administration in the Slovenian Municipality of Celje
- **Christian Inzko**, Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Carinthia Government

Digitalization is becoming increasingly important both in the public sector and in the business landscape. Austria and Slovenia share a centuries-old administrative culture that has been completely transformed by new technologies within two decades. How can digital transformation succeed and what can we learn from each other? Why Digital Sovereignty is important and what are the elements of a successful digital strategy?

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**09:50 – 11:15 PANEL 1: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND BEYOND**

- **Herbert Wagger**, Bubble Explorer, CarinthiaGPT
- **Dr. Polonca Blaznik**, Digital Society Directorate, Ministry of Digital Transformation
- **Marko Štefančič**, Slovenian National AI Competence Center
- **Oliver Bernecker**, Technical University Graz, Know Center, AI and Data Science
- **Matej Babšek**, Scientific Associate, Faculty of Public Administration, University of Ljubljana
- **Herbert Kavelar**, Risk Management, Interactive Power BI Dashboards in Austria, imendo.com

The rapid development of technologies such as artificial intelligence, big data, and cloud computing is opening entirely new opportunities for businesses, public administrations, and societies.

Q & A

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**11:15 – 11.45 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

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**11:45 – 13:00**    **PANEL 2: DIGITAL SERVICES (END TO END EGOVERNMENT – FROM FRONTEND TO BACKEND)**

- **Dr. Alenka Žužek Nemeč**, Directorate for Digital Solutions Development and Data Economy, Ministry of Digital Transformation of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Peter Haunold**, Austrian Federal DMS (ELAK) System, Fabasoft Austria GmbH
- **Wolfgang Cech**, ID Austria and EUDI Wallet, A-Trust GmbH
- **Fritz Zetik**, Austrian Lost and Found System, Rubicon IT GmbH
- **Anatol Heinrich**, ITIL and USM in Public Administration Austria, hpc Dual GmbH (tbc)

Companies that successfully implement digital transformation can gain a competitive advantage, but also digital administration. By using digital technologies, they can optimize processes, increase efficiency, reduce costs and develop better customer-oriented services. Discuss with administrative leadership and learn from eGovernment best practices Austria.

Q & A

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**13:00 – 14:00**    **NETWORKING LUNCH**

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**14:00 – 14:30**    **PANEL 3: CYBERSECURITY**

- **(tba)**, Government Information Security Office (GISO)
- **Michael Mathiaschitz**, Security Research and Technology Transfer, Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance
- **Amber Weinber**, IKARUS Security GmbH
- **Gregor Spagnolo**, Owner SSRD, Slovenia Technology Forum
- **Helmut Leopold**, Austrian Cybersecurity Academy and Capture the Flag in Government, AIT
- **Michael Pillwax**, Digital Transformation as a holistic process, PILLWAX Industrial Solutions Consulting

Cybersecurity is of central importance for public administration to ensure the protection of sensitive data, the maintenance of functionality, the trust of citizens and compliance with legal requirements. A comprehensive cybersecurity strategy is therefore essential to successfully shape the digital transformation of public administration.

Q & A

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**14:30 – 15:15**    **PANEL 4: INNOVATION AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**

**Introductory: Economic Relations between Austria and Slovenia**

- **Wilhelm Nest**, Director, ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Ljubljana
- **Nenad Šutanovac**, Director, ICT Association & Chamber for Business Services and Consulting, GZS
- **Katja Mohar Bastar**, Director, EDIH DIGI-SI, Digital Innovation Hub DIH Slovenia
- **Sašo Džeroski**, Slovenian AI Factory, SLAIF, in cooperation with the Austrian AI Factory
- **Helmut Leopold**, Austrian AI Factory, AIT

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**15:15 – 16:00**    **NETWORKING & B2B**

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