

**Thursday, 16.10. 2025**

**09:00 – 09:30 ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION**

**Location:** Grand Hotel Union

**09:30 – 09:40 CONFERENCE OPENING & WELCOME ADDRESS**

- **Mr. Wilhelm NEST**, Director, **Austrian Economic Chamber in Slovenia**

**09:40 – 10:00 THE FUTURE OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Introduction of new products, clinical trials with the help of artificial intelligence.

- **TBA**

**10:00 – 10:15 SLOVENIA AS THE CROSSROAD OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND PHARMACEUTICALS**

Presentation of the Biotech Hills initiative; a dynamic business accelerator in the field of biotechnology that puts Slovenia on the global map of biotechnology innovations.

- **Mr. Boštjan ČEH**, President of the Institute Council, **BIOTECH HILLS**

**10:15 – 11:00 ROUND TABLE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF COOPERATION IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

- **Mr. Rok ŠTRAVS**, Director, BIA
- **Ms. Maja RAVNIKAR**, Director, NIB
- **Ms. Martina PERHARIČ**, Director, Medis
- **Ms. Urška LAKNER**, Director, Pfizer

**Moderated by:** Nik PREBIL, **BIOTECH HILLS**

**11:00 – 11:25 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:25 – 12:00 PRESENTATIONS OF AUSTRIAN COMPANIES**

Short PowerPoint presentations by Austrian companies to a Slovenian expert audience (max. 3 minutes each)

**13:55 – 14:25 NETWORKING + B2B MEETINGS**

**14:25 – 14:30 NETWORKING LUNCH**

**14:30 – 15:30 VISIT TO PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY KRKA D.O.O., NOVO MESTO**

Transfer from and to the hotel is organized and is carried out by minibus!