

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to welcome you to the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

First, we would like to thank our Portuguese colleagues, for steering a successful presidency during these unpredictable times. We congratulate them for all of the work done and for valuable contributions that have further enriched our network.

During our Presidency, we will be addressing the impacts and consequences of demographic changes. The underlying topic of our EUPAN activities in the area of public administration human resources will be the ageing workforce and talent management.

We will address approaches for a gradual transition of older workers from employment to retirement while ensuring a successful transfer of knowledge to younger generations. Our focus will also be on introducing solutions on how to attract potential employees and ways to identify, retain and manage talents. For this purpose, we are conducting a study that will present trends, promising practices and recommendations for effective ageing and talent management in the public administrations across EUPAN member states.

Due to the uncertainty with the pandemic situation and the recommendations set by our government, we plan to organise all of our meetings virtually for now, with the exception of the EUPAN directors-general meeting, which is scheduled from 13 to 14 December in Ljubljana. Please find enclosed a schedule for all our EUPAN related events and meetings.

We have set up an e-mail address eupan2021@gov.si so please do not hesitate to contact us for any additional information. General information about the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union is available on the official website https://slovenian-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/.

We look forward to an excellent continuation of our cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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