







EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF EMPLOYEE SHAREOWNERSHIP

INVITATION

to the

CONFERENCE

STRENGTHENING THE CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP NETWORK TO PROMOTE FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF WORKERS

MARCH 28 - MARCH 29, 2003

HOTEL KOKRA, BRDO, SLOVENIA







The conference in Brdo, near Ljubljana in Slovenia on March 28-29, 2003 is an important part of the project initiated by the European Federation for Employee Shareownership to develop **a network** of individuals and organisations interested and active **in promoting employee ownership and participation** in the ten applicant Central and Eastern European Countries.

This active, and sustainable network intends to connect all individuals, organisations and institutions committed to and interested in promoting employee ownership (EO) and participation. It should contribute to the dissemination of information about policy, research, and best practices systematically, regularly, and as widely as possible in the ten applicant Central and Eastern European Countries, and in the EU Member States.

We strongly hope that this event will be attended by a wide circle of participants from all around Europe and it will stimulate bilateral, and/or multinational collaboration. We strongly believe these activities will include legislative initiatives, exchange of company experiences, and other projects such as development of new curricula, and training modules for the social partners intending to promote Employee Financial Participation in general and involvement, and empowerment of employees in particular.

> Marc Mathieu Secretary General EFES Brussels

Zvone Zupan President DEZAP Slovenia

János Lukács Managing Director Share-Participation Foundation Hungary

PROGRAM

Welcoming reception/dinner: March 27, 2003 – 19:30

Day 1 – March 28, 2003 Creating and Sustaining Employee Financial Participation and Ownership in Central and Eastern Europe

09:00 - 09:30	Registration (Coffee/tea served)
09:30 - 09:40	Opening address Mr. Borut Pahor , President of the Parliament, Slovenia *
09:40 - 10:10	New legislative initiatives to promote Employee Financial Participation (EFP) in Slovenia Mr. Matjaž Logar , State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Slovenia *
10:10 - 10:40	Concept, Strategy and Policy of the Belgian Government for promoting EFP – a major breakthrough in the EU Mrs. Véronique Tai, Counsellor of the Minister of Finance, Mr. Didier Reynders – Ministry of Finance, Belgium
10:40 - 11:10	Mission of EFES in developing EFP and Ownership in Europe in the light of the Communication of the European Commission. Mr. Marc Mathieu – Secretary General, EFES
11:10 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:00	About the present status of EFP and participation in general in the European Union – A summary of research findings. Mr. János Lukács – Member of the Executive Office, EFES
12:00 - 12:30	Success Story 1: Mr. Nikolaj Bevk – General Manager, Iskraemeco, Slovenia
12:30 - 13:00	Success Story 2: Mr. Pavel Demšar – General Manager, Domel, Slovenia
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:00	Success Story 3: Creating and sustaining employee ownership in the process of privatisation Mr. László Szesztay –Director, Herend Porcelain Manufactory, Hungary
15:00 - 15:30	Success Story 4: Creating and sustaining employee ownership in an international company Mr. István Fekete – Managing Director, Henkel Magyarország, Hungary
15:30 - 15:50	Coffee break
15:50 - 16:50	Creating employee financial participation and ownership Round-table discussion about challenges and solutions
16:50 - 17:50	Sustaining employee financial participation and ownership Round-table discussion about challenges and solutions
19:00 -	Reception and dinner

^{*--} To be confirmed

Day 2– March 29, 2003

Issues of Employee Financial Participation and Ownership in Central and East European Countries

09:00 - 09:20	Slovenia – An overview
09:20 - 09:40	Hungary – An overview
09:40 - 10:00	Poland – An overview
10:00 - 10:20	Bulgaria – An overview
10:20 - 10:40	The Czech Republic – An overview
11:20 - 11:50	Coffee break
11:50 - 12:10	Estonia – An overview
12:10 - 12:30	Romania – An overview
12:30 - 12:45	Slovakia – An overview
12:45 - 13:00	Lithuania – An overview
13:00 - 13:15	Latvia – An overview
13:15 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Questions, Remarks, Opinions and Lessons learned
15:30 - 16:30	Opportunities for the development of Employee Financial Participation in Central and East Europe and Future Possibilities for the CEE Employee Ownership Network – Closing of the conference
17:00 -	City tour to Ljubljana

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Hotel Kokra, Brdo/Kranj, State Protocol Service, Slovenia Tel: +386(4)260-1000 Fax: +386(4)202-1551 E-mail: <u>brdo@gov.si</u> WEB: http://www.gov.si/brdo/eng/brdoe.html

PARTICIPATION FEE

Includes: coffee breaks, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

For EFES members (individuals):

110 € if registered between February 15 – March 15

125 € if registered after March 15 or on site

For **non**-EFES members (individuals):

145 € if registered between February 15 – March 15

160 € if registered after March 15 or on site

For EFES members (organisations)

275 € if registered between February 15 – March 15

290 € if registered after March 15 or on site

For **non**-EFES members (organisations)

375 € if registered between February 15 – March 15

390 € if registered after March 15 or on site

PAYMENT possibilities

by bank transfer in due time to the account of EFES Budapest Office at the Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank Ltd. H-1051 Budapest, Szent Istvan ter 11., Hungary Swift Code: MKKB HU HB Account number 10300002-50120125-41004883 Mention: "EFES-CEEO.NET Conference + your name/organisation"

in cash at on site registration

You will get your invoice during the conference.

REGISTRATION / INFORMATION

András Lukács – Project Co-ordinator European Federation for Employee Shareownership EFES- CEEO.Net Project Office in Budapest E-mail: ceeo@efes-ceeo.net and/or janos.lukacs@axelero.hu H-1089 Budapest, Vajda Péter u. 43/b 2nd fl. 25., Hungary Telephone: +36 1 210 2860 Fax: +36 1 210 28 54 Web site: www.efes-ceeo.net or http://home.pi.be/~pin13904/LJUBLJANA2003/EFES%20-%20Ljubljana2003.htm

ACCOMMODATION

Please make your reservation directly with:

Hotel Kokra, Brdo/Kranj, State Protocol Service, Slovenia E-mail: brdo.recepcija@gov.si Tel: +386(4)260-1000 Fax: +386(4)202-1551 mention your attendance to the "EFES CEEOnet Conference" WEB: http://www.gov.si/brdo/eng/brdoe.html

Room prices: /breakfast and taxes included/Single room :59 € per person per nightDouble occupancy :44 € per person per night

LOGISTICS

Please use taxi from the airport Ljubljana/Brnik to Hotel Kokra in Brdo (cca. 10km). It costs cca. 3.000 SIT (Slovenian Tolar) cca. 13 €.

If driving your own car to Hotel Kokra in Brdo you may follow the route we marked on the map and/or the guidelines which will be sent to all participants.

Participants arriving by train to Ljubljana should take a taxi to Hotel Kokra in Brdo. The cost of one way should be between 5.500 SIT (24 \in) and 6.500 SIT (28 \in) approximately.

REGISTRATION FORM Central and East European Employee Ownership Network CONFERENCE in LJUBLJANA– 28-29 MARCH, 2003

Please return (one form per participant) to:

EFES – CEEOnet Project Office: Vajda Peter u. 43/B, H-1089 Budapest, Hungary E-mail: janos.lukacs@axelero.hu or ceeo@efes-ceeo.net Fax: +36 (1) 210 28 54

1. Participant (fill in with block capital letters)

Mr/Mrs/Ms				
First name:				
Last name:				
Position:				
Company / Organisation:				
Address:				
Zip Code:	City:			
Country:				
Phone:		Fax:		
E-mail:				

Cellular:

2. Participation dates (tick your choices)

I shall attend on:

- **O** Thursday March 27: Welcoming reception/dinner
- O Friday March 28: Conference Day 1
- O Saturday March 29: Conference Day 2
- O Saturday March 29: City tour to Ljubljana

3. Contribution towards costs (tick your choice)

I pay my contribution of:

	Member of EFES	Non-member of EFES
Individual	O 110 € if registering between Feb 15 - March 15	O 145 € if registering between Feb 15 - March 15
	O 125 € if registering after March 15 or on site	O 160 € if registering after March 15 or on site
Company/ Organisation	O 275 € if registering between Feb 15 - March 15	O 375 € if registering between Feb 15 - March 15
	O 290 € if registering after March 15 or on site	O 390 € if registering after March 15 or on site

4. EFES membership (tick your choices)

O I am an individual member of EFES

O my organisation is a member of EFES

O neither me nor my organisation is a member of EFES

I wish to become a member of EFES and to pay my membership fee, covering the year 2003:

O as an individual, 50 Euro

O as a company or organisation, 500 Euro

5. Payment (tick your choices)

O by bank transfer in due time to the account of EFES Budapest Office at the Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank Ltd., H-1051 Budapest, Szent Istvan ter 11., Hungary, Swift Code: MKKB HU HB, Account number 10300002-50120125-41004883 Mention: "EFES-CEEO.NET Conference + your name/organisation"

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O please, send me a justifying invoice

Date and signature:

..... (date)

.....(signature)