

Down to Earth

**Interregional cooperation
for sustainable, resilient
and attractive rural areas**

2nd Thematic Conference

**On the interdependency between
climate change, agriculture, and
rural development, with a focus
on the youth**



**Naklo Biotechnical Centre
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**Down to Earth project partner
BSC Kranj, Regional Development
Agency of Gorenjska
cordially invites you to:**

Down to Earth's 2nd Thematic Conference

**on the Interdependency between Climate
Change, Agriculture, and Rural Development,
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which will take place in

**Naklo Biotechnical Centre
on the 4th of February 2025**

**as part of the work programme of the
Interreg Europe project Down to Earth.**





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Poslovno podporni center Kranj
Regionalna razvojna agencija Gorenjske

08:30 Registration

09:00 Welcome Speech

By Ms. Helena Cvenkel, Director of Research and Development at BSC Kranj - Gorenjska Regional Development Agency, and by Project Manager from Down to Earth's lead partner Axencia Galega de Desenvolvimento Rural (AGADER)

09:15 The Future of Agriculture Policy

M.Sc. Simona Vrevc, National Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

09:30 Challenges of Young Farmers

Jože Očko, National Chamber for Agriculture and Forestry

09:45 Main lessons learnt and improvements identified / made to policy instruments during the second year of the Down to Earth project.

Thematic Focus: Access barriers to young farmers in depopulated areas

Mrs. Tania Gesto Casás, Fundación Juana de Vega, and Prof. Vagelis G. Papadakis, University of Patras, Regional Scientific Manager of the Project

10:00 Q&A and Panel Discussion

10:15 Coffee Break

10:30 Presentation of Identified Good Practice Examples

On the topic of Access barriers to young farmers in depopulated areas.

Presentations by Down to Earth's regional partners Fundación Juana de Vega (Spain), Municipality of Campobasso (Italy), and MeteoRomania (Romania)



- 11:00** **Climate Change: The View of Farmers**
Prof. PhD. Irma Potočnik and M.Sc. Sara Mikolič, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana
- 11:15** **Future Challenges and Farm Adaptation Strategies – Insights from an EU Foresight Study**
PhD. Luka Juvančič, Associate Professor at Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana
- 11:30** **Young Farmers and their Challenges**
Doris Letina, Slovenian Association of the Rural Youth
- 11:45** **Presentation of Identified Good Practice Examples**
On the topic of Access barriers to young farmers in depopulated areas.
Presentations by Down to Earth's regional partners Regionalverband Neckar-Alb (Germany), and University of Patras (Greece)
- 12:10** **Q&A, Discussion and Closing Remarks**
- 12:25** **Tasting: Products from Naklo Biotechnical Centre**
- 13:00** **Guided visit of the Naklo Biotechnical Centre**
- 13:45** **Closure of the Event**