**“Thinking of the Quality of Life for the Young Generation in the Alpine and Adriatic region through the eyes of a young researcher in circular economy and human and social science”**

**PhD Conference, Maribor/Slovenia, November 14 – 15th, 2024**

**Venue**: Rectors’ Office of the University of Maribor, Slomškov trg 15, Maribor

**November 14th – 15th, 2024:**

Arrival of participants

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|  13:00 – 14:00 |  **Arrival & Registration** of participants at the venue |
|  14:00 – 17:30 |  **Opening and** **Welcome Addresses** by the AARC President University of Maribor  *Prof. Dr. Zdravko Kačič* **Presentation of EU macro-regional strategies in the context of the workshop**  **topic** *Mladen Kraljić, Deputy Secretary-General for International Relations,*  *University of Maribor*  **Presentations of PhD topics Part 1**  *(4 participants from Human Sciences present their PhD and relation to the*  *workshop topic)* 15.30 – 16.00 Break **Presentations of PhD topics Part 2** *(4 participants from Social Science present their PhD and relation to the*  *workshop topic)* |
| 19:00 |  ***Joint Dinner*** |

**November 15th, 2024:**

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| 9:00 – 9:30 |  **Presentation of Activities of AARC with potential interest for PhD Students** |
|  9:30 – 14:00 |  **Parallel Session I**  **Circular Economy for the Quality of Living and the Future Generations**  *PhD students present on circular economy (each 15 minutes)* **Parallel Session II**  **What perspectives for Young Generations does Research in Human and Social**  **as well as Technical and Natural Science open?** *PhD students from all fields present on the benefit of their studies for the society*  *(each 15 minutes)*  **Plenary Session** Reports from parallel sessions  **Discussion with Conclusions** |
| 14:00 |  ***Departure of Participants*** |

Registration is open for up to 30 applicants. Candidates with a filled application form and meeting the topic of the conference will be selected based on the time of arrival of their registration form. Registration is open till October 11th, 2024 at 12.00. Accepted candidates will be notified via e-mail on October 18th, 2024.

For questions regarding the registration and the conference, contact Mr. Mladen Kraljić, University of Maribor, by e-mail to mladen.kraljic@um.si.

**Useful Information for Travel and Stay**

**Travel**

University of Maribor offers co-financing of travel costs up to 100 €. Selected candidates can apply for the co-financing immediately after receipt of the notification on acceptance. They will receive an application form (1 page) to be filled and sent electronically within one week.

Air

The closest airport to Maribor is airport Graz. From there, we advise you to take a shuttle (GoOpti: <https://www.goopti.com/en/>) or taxi (taxis are at the airport).

Railway

Maribor railway station is in walking distance of most of the hotels in town (5-10 minutes maximum). There is also the possibility of taking a taxi, but it usually does not save so much time.

Road

We expect most participants to come by car. Maribor is at the crossroads of the 5th and 10th EU corridor and best reachable by exiting the highway E59 at the exit Maribor-sever (north) and then continue on H 2 till the exit Dravograd/Maribor-Centre on Meljska cesta. Then you follow directions to the hotel of your choice.

**Accommodation**

University of Maribor will provide accommodation for maximum 2 nights. Selected applicants will send their travel itinerary or time of arrival and departure, respectively, within one week after receipt of the acceptance and receive the accommodation data via e-mail.