

**The Research Centre of the School of Economics and Business,**  
in cooperation with **the Bank of Slovenia,**  
cordially invites you to a research seminar  
on **Thursday, 18 May 2023, at 14:00 CEST,** in room **Blue hall**  
at the **School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana**

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will present the article

### **The EU as an international actor in the field of environment and climate change**

The EU remains a unique player on the international scene: 27 sovereign states that have agreed by Treaty to work together and shifted sovereignty on a number of issues, such as trade policy, towards a common entity: the European Union. The Union is represented internationally by the EU Commission in areas of exclusive competence and wherever the Council has agreed common positions. In areas of mixed competence, such as the environment, EU and Member States share competence and are bound by the Treaty to respect the principle of sincere cooperation. In shared competence, the Union speaks with one voice, in mixed competence, the Union and its 27 Member States all can speak in international events. This distinction is obviously relevant and a complicating factor in international relations. Henry Kissinger famously called for one phone number to deal with Europe! This lecture will assess this question in the area of environment, by looking at a variety of international environmental conventions. The EU strives to define environmental policies on the basis of science and evidence. This requires close cooperation with science and research communities within the Union, but also with international scientific actors. International science platforms, such as the UN's IPCC, the International Platform on Climate Change, provide peer reviewed evidence for international negotiations. The lecture will seek to explain on the basis of real examples some of the challenges in defining evidence based environmental policies in a transparent EU context.

Please register for the free seminar at <http://raziskave.ef.uni-lj.si/a/1546>  
by Wednesday, 17 May 2023.

Access details will be sent prior to the event to signed up users.

**We look forward to seeing you!**