



INFLATION IN LIGHT OF THE EPIDEMIC: WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

Invitation to expert panel

held at 10 am on 18 October 2021

(in the lobby of the Banka Slovenije building, and streamed via YouTube)

A strong recovery in economic activity is underway in the euro area, particularly in Slovenia, as the containment measures are relaxed. However, the question of rising consumer price inflation is increasingly coming to the fore.

In Slovenia and in the euro area overall it is currently above the ECB's target of 2%, although the prevailing expert judgment is that after gradually rising up to the end of this year, inflation will start easing off next year. This year's price rises are to a considerable extent being driven by temporary factors, but the risk of future rises nevertheless remains pronounced.

Banka Slovenije has therefore decided to organise a short panel discussion entitled **Inflation in light of the epidemic: what can we expect?**

It will be held on **Monday, 18 October, between 10 am and 12 pm**, at the Banka Slovenije building (a stream will also be available online via YouTube).

In their introductions, **Boštjan Vasle**, Governor of Banka Slovenije, and **Tina Žumer**, a vice-governor of Banka Slovenije, will present key basic facts about the current factors affecting inflation, the risks accompanying the current forecasts of price developments over the medium term, and the elements of the ECB's new monetary policy strategy.

The heart of the event will be a roundtable involving **Maja Bednaš**, director of the Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development, **Andrej Božič**, deputy-president of the Managers' Association of Slovenia, **Arjana Brezigar Masten**, director of Banka Slovenije's Analysis and Research Department, who will also moderate the panel, **Marko Pahor**, a professor at the University of Ljubljana's School of Economics and Business, and **Tomaž Smrekar**, director of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia.

The entire event will take place in Slovene, with the option of an English translation (only for those attending in person in the lobby of the Banka Slovenije building), and is free of charge.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing pr@bsi.si by **Friday, 15 October 2021**, letting us know if you plan to attend in person or online (in which case we will send you a link).

You are most kindly invited to join us.

Boštjan Vasle
Governor