

**PRESS RELEASES regarding activities and cooperation between  
VZMD international business-investor programs  
*investo.si* and *investo.international* and Russian business environment**

[RUSSIAN CENTRAL BUSINESS magazine published VIDEO INTERVIEW with VZMD President during eminent Gaidar Forum – Mr. Verbič talks about collaboration in field of energetics, investments, banking and companies such as Mercator/Agrokor](#) - Friday, 06.03.2020



A Russian central (web) business magazine Invest Foresight this week published an [interview with the VZMD President \(VIDEO\)](#), Mr. Kristjan Verbič, which was held, among other things, during his [recent attendance at the eminent GAIDAR FORUM](#). Mr. Verbič – also in the role of the Board Member of the European Federation of Investors and Financial Services Users ([Better Finance](#)) – reiterated his wishes for strengthening of business and investment collaboration, and for stronger integration with the

Russian association of investors, shareholders and business persons. Given that Mr. Verbič was invited to the "Russian Davos", i.e. GAIDAR FORUM personally – by the Dean of the Moscow Institute of Business Studies, Mr. Sergey Myasoedov – [also the year before](#), the interview at that time was published again in the same magazine ([VIDEO](#)).

Furthermore, Mr. Verbič also touched upon rather lively investment atmosphere in South East Europe, which is being hampered by the sanctions against Russia. The latter does not only inflict harm to the trade, but also to the investment flows between Russia and the EU, which is significantly reflected in the relationship between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Slovenia (VZMD.tv: [VIDEO Putin's visit to Slovenia](#)). In addition, he commended the signs and possibilities for further development of bilateral and regional collaboration in the field of energetics and made comments on regional presence of the Russian Sberbank and the aspects of it's investment in Agrokor.

Mr. Verbič reiterated that Mercator is one of the few business systems which operate exceptionally positively within Agrokor, and it is of great significance for the Republic of Slovenia. For this reason, he expressed his hopes that an adequate solution be found, and that any discord among owners and local decision makers and regulating authorities are resolved any time soon. Regarding these possibilities and approaches, the VZMD President has had discussions with Russian counterparts and local decision makers on many occasions, and he also conveyed fully formed viewpoints of the VZMD's associates. Namely, specifically during preparations for the visit of Prime Minister of Slovenia, Mr. Marjan Šarec, to the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. Dmitry Medvedev, and [in separate meetings in Moscow, in March 2019](#).

You can find both interviews via the following links: <https://investforesight.com/kristjan-verbic-there-are-signs-of-development-in-regional-energy-cooperation/> and

<https://investforesight.com/president-of-the-european-federation-of-investors-on-bitter-taste-regarding-south-stream/>

**MOSCOW, RUSSIA – once again, VZMD attends the eminent GAIDAR FORUM with its business-investor programs** - Thursday, 16.01.2020



Yesterday, Moscow saw the kick-off of the **11th Gaidar Forum**, this year entitled “*Russia and the World: Challenges of the New Decade*”. A two-day forum, traditionally organized by the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (**RANEP**), which enjoys the status of the “Russian Davos Forum”, gives the opportunity to share and confront views to thousands of eminent scientists, economists, businessmen, decision-makers, and most important government representatives, politicians and public figures from many countries and international institutions. Foreign guests view the forum as an important source of information about socio-economic trends, business developments, and state of the business and investment climate in Russia, whilst domestic experts seize this opportunity to build the prospects for further economic growth and Russian integration with the world economy. In view of that, this year's forum is hosting 85 panels, presentations, and other events to discuss current topics and challenges for the next decade.

At the invitation of the Director of the Moscow Institute of Business Studies, Mr. Sergey Myasoedov, **this year too, the forum is attended by** the VZMD President and Board member of the European Federation of Investors, Mr. Kristjan Verbič, who at the opening also attended a panel, led by Ms. Danica Purg., Director of the IEDC Bled School of Management. As part of the Forum, activities and opportunities brought by international business-investor programs (**investo.si** and **investo.international**) are being properly presented by Mr. Verbič. Similarly to last year, Mr. Verbič agreed to give an interview to one of the main Russian media, the Russian business TV program RBC TV. In addition, Mr. Verbič took this opportunity to schedule certain meetings, which touch on current issues regarding investments, business collaboration, energetics, banking, as well as companies Mercator, i.e. Agrokor and Fortenova Group.

The VZMD thus continues to maintain strong relations and build successful cooperation with business representatives from the Russian Federation. In the past, the VZMD was actively involved in the organization of the resounding **Slovene-Russian Investors' Conference in Moscow**, on the occasion of the visit from the Slovenian Prime Minister to the President of the Russian Federation in 2013, in **the business delegation accompanying the Minister of Foreign Affairs** of the Republic of Slovenia on his visit to the Russian Federation in October 2013, in **the business delegation to Yaroslavl** (**VIDEO**) in September 2014, and **the Gaidar Forum** in January 2019.

[MOSCOW – in addition to addressing Abanka, Geoplin/Petrol, Mercator/Agrokor, Sberbank, and Gazprom, international VZMD tour ventured into strengthening business & investment collaboration also in perspective of planned visit of Slovenian Prime Minister Šarec to his Russian colleague Medvedjev](#)

- Thursday, 07.03.2019



This year's 3rd tour of the international business-investor programs [investo.si](#) and [investo.international](#) kick-started last week with a visit to Moscow. As part of the tour, Mr. Kristijan Verbič, VZMD President also visited [Istanbul](#), Luxembourg and Brussels. In Moscow, Mr. Verbič participated in several meetings scheduled at the [eminent Gaidar Forum](#), at which he actively participated in January. The meetings were characterized by efforts towards strengthening business and investment cooperation between Slovenia and Russia, also in light of the planned visit from the Prime Minister Šarec to the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Medvedjev.

In the view of the above, Mr. Verbič also discussed numerous possibilities to deepen and give concrete expression to the collaboration between the two countries, including the investment possibilities for Russian businesses in Slovenia. In fact, the VZMD conducted expert analyses and identified important cooperation areas and opportunities lacking proper attention.

In addition to the energy sector (including the possibilities to upgrade the current collaboration between the Russian company Gazprom and the Slovenian company Geoplin/Petrol) particular emphasis was placed on the banking and trade sectors. In view of the consolidation of the Slovenian banking system and the planned sale of the third largest bank (Abanka), the Russian Sberbank, which is already present in the region, was brought up as having potential interest in it. In the context of various possible alternatives and potential strategic orientations, the VZMD President brought attention to the fact that Sberbank was indirectly the biggest economic owner of Mercator (now part of Agrokor).

Mr. Verbič also attended a meeting with the representatives of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ICIE), where he, as a member of the Executive Board of the European Federation of Investors and Financial Services Users ([Better Finance](#)), addressed the signaled desire to establish a potential cooperation between the two organizations, and invited the ICIE representatives to the forthcoming meeting of Better Finance, [which will take place in Bucharest in April](#). It will be in Bucharest, that Better Finance, an organization established by the [Ljubljana Declaration \(VIDEO\)](#), which merged Euroshareholders and EuroInvestors, will celebrate its 10th anniversary. In addition to that, the event will feature elections to the Executive Board, at which [Mr. Verbič will run for his 4th term](#).

At present, the VZMD strives to deepen the relations and cooperation with business representatives from the Russian Federation. In the past, the VZMD was actively involved in the organization of the resounding [Slovene-Russian Investors' Conference](#) in Moscow ([VIDEO](#)), on the occasion of the visit from the Slovenian Prime Minister to the President of the Russian Federation in 2013, in [the business delegation accompanying the Minister of Foreign Affairs](#) of the Republic of Slovenia on his visit to the Russian Federation in October 2013, in [the business delegation to Yaroslavl \(VIDEO\)](#) in September 2014, and participated at the events accompanying a [visit of the President of the Russian Federation](#) in Slovenia in 2016 ([VIDEO](#)).

Immediately after his meetings in Moscow, Mr. Verbič [traveled to Istanbul](#), where he participated at the Annual Meeting and celebration marking the 10th anniversary of the Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development ([IFSPD](#)), and continued his tour in Luxembourg. There he attended the annual event of the Luxembourg business angels network, and concluded this year's 3rd international tour in Brussels, as an invitee to the celebration marking the 20th anniversary of the European Business Angel Network ([EBAN](#)), with which the VZMD has successfully cooperated since its [annual congress in 2013](#) in Vienna ([VIDEO](#)).



[ISTANBUL - 10th anniversary of Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development with active participation from VZMD and its international business-investor programs](#) - Tuesday, 05.03.2019



Yesterday, the annual meeting and celebration to mark the 10th anniversary of the Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development (IFSPD), an influential international organization, bringing together 36 member countries mostly from the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, and South-East Europe region, has concluded in Istanbul. Mr. Kristjan Verbič, President of the VZMD, joined the important event as part of this year's 3rd tour of the international business-investor programs investo.si and investo.international, immediately after concluding his business meetings in Moscow.

The topics discussed at the meetings in Istanbul were substantially similar to those covered by Mr. Verbič in Moscow, namely exploring new avenues for collaboration in the field of energy and banking, and the current developments in Slovenia (Abanka, Mercator/Agrokor, Geoplin/Petrol, Perutnina Ptuj etc.). The VZMD President had the chance to engage in conversation with a number of influential attendees, among them the Principal Advisor of the President of Turkey, Mr. Ibrahim Kalin (photo below).

At the annual meeting the members extended the mandate of the Executive Director and endorsed the foundation of the UN University for Peace and Sustainable Development, and confirmed 20 new members from Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, India, Italy, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, and the USA. In addition, the program featured numerous presentations from well-established international experts, who addressed the issues of information technology and its effect on sustainable development, the new Silk Road, and the dialog between civilizations.

As a member of the European Federation of Investors and Financial Services Users (Better Finance), and specifically in view of the forthcoming annual meeting of Better Finance in Bucharest, the VZMD President also spoke about the possibilities of cooperation between the two organizations. Apart from that, the IFSPD and the VZMD have cooperated successfully since 2015, when Mr. Verbič became a member of the said organization.



The annual meeting of the IFSPD concluded yesterday evening with a gala dinner and a celebration marking the organization's 10th anniversary. Immediately thereafter, the VZMD President left to Luxembourg where he will continue his tour by attending today's event organized by the Luxembourg business angels network, with which he had already established cooperation within the European Business Angel Network (EBAN) (VIDEO) and especially as part of the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry (ALFI), and by joining their tour to [San Francisco](#), [Chicago](#), and [New York](#).

[THESSALONIKI – Meeting of the Council of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs with representatives of institutions from 21 countries of Europe, Asia and the USA, along with active participation of the VZMD international business...-](#) Tuesday, 15.05.2018



The meeting of the Council of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ICIE) opened on Saturday in Thessaloniki, Greece with introductory business and social events. Mr. Kristijan Verbič, the PanSlovenian Investors' & Shareholders' Association (VZMD) President, participated at the meeting after receiving a personal invitation from the organizers of the event. This time too, Mr. Verbič successfully presented the activities and opportunities offered by the VZMD international business-investor programs: *Invest to Slovenia (investo.si)* and *International Investors' Network (investo.international)*.

ICIE is an international non-government organization bringing together **national associations in the field of industry and entrepreneurship from 28 European and Asian countries, and collaborating with over 100 common-interest associations, companies and other organizations.** The meeting focused on the possibilities of **cooperation between ICIE and the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)**, in particular in the field of transportation in logistics. In addition to that, special attention was paid to the **presentation of projects and suggestions from the members of the Industrial Development Fund (IDF).**

In the Monday's formal part of the meeting of the ICIE Council, the attendees were addressed by presidents and other prominent representatives of the aforementioned organizations, who spoke about specific topics. The 88 participants from 21 countries of Europe, Asia, and the USA included mostly heads of entrepreneurial and economic associations/chambers, employers' associations, and global enterprises operating in the field of transportation and logistics. Among others, the VZMD President had constructive talks with the Director of the Apollonteam, Mr. Apollon Tompoulidis, Director of sustainable development at the Russian Federation and Eurasian Office of the European Institute for Export Compliance, Ms. Olga Asulova, ICIE Conselor, Mr. Igor Ferkh, Vice-President of Woolim Holdings Co., Ltd., Mr. Soo-Keun Park, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Nurbakh Rustemov, Representative of the interests of the ICIE in Primorsky region, Mr. Evgeny A. Rusetskiy, and the ICIE representative for the Asia-Pacific region, Mr. Kim Taekun.

A special mention goes to the reunion of Mr. Verbič with Mr. Dragomir J. Karić, member of the Serbian Parliament and academician, and Mr. Sasko Staninov. Mr. Staninov and Mr. Verbič had already met a litter over than a month ago in [Skopje](#) at the "Business Forum" and the reception accompanying the visit of the Slovene Prime Minister in Macedonia, while the meeting with Mr. Karić took place already in May 2015 in [Baku](#), when at the meeting of the Board of Directors and the General Meeting of the International Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development (IFSPD) Mr. Verbič was elected a member of this international organization, bringing together 36 member countries, mostly from the Black Sea and Caspian Sea region.

## ISTANBUL - important annual meeting and transformation of the Black Sea and Caspian Sea International Fund as the closure of the 49th tour of the international business-investor programs of the VZMD -

Tuesday, 13.06.2017



Last weekend, the Annual meeting of the he Black Sea and Caspian Sea International Fund (**BSCSIF**) took place in Istanbul. Among other things, at this important meeting a decision was made to rename this reputable international organization, which comprises 36 member states as its activities stretch further beyond the Black Sea and Caspian Sea region. Now the International

Fund bears the name “International Fund for Sustainable Peace and Development”, and at the same time 9 countries have become members. In accordance with the rotation approach, Mr. Dimitar Kostov from Bulgaria replaced the current President Mr. Chingiz Abdullayev from Azerbaijan at the General meeting.

The General meeting addressed and became familiar with other numerous activities of the fund, among others the report “Modern challenges and risks to peace and security”, activity report of the BSCSIF branch in the Republic of South Africa, “Community of the youth leaders of the world” project, etc. As a member of BSCSIF, the VZMD President, Mr. Kristjan Verbič, also actively participated in the general meeting, and thus seized the opportunity to talk to many prominent national representatives of the Fund.

However, Mr. Verbič arrived in Istanbul as part of the 49th tour of the business-investor programs of VZMD - Invest to Slovenia ([investo.si](http://investo.si)) and International Investors` Network ([investo.international](http://investo.international)), and beforehand in the Spanish city of Malaga he had attended events around the Malaga Innovation Festival and the [Annual congress](#) of the European Business Angel Network (**EBAN**), and in Paris the annual [OECD Forum 2017](#).

Also during this international tour of the VZMD, it has been taken care of efficient presentation of companies, institutions and investment projects, included in the VZMD's international business-investor programs. If you would like to participate in our events and activities, please contact the **investo.si** program coordinator at the VZMD by telephone at +386 31 770 771 or e-mail [info@investo.si](mailto:info@investo.si).





**[VIDEO REPORT - Traditional meeting of the economy, culture and politics on centenary of the Russian chapel and during the visit of the President of the Russian Federation](#)** - Thursday, 04.08.2016



After the important ceremony marking the centenary of the Russian chapel at Vršič, this year as well Kranjska gora was the venue of the informal **gathering of Russian and Slovenian high representatives of the economy, culture, politics and science. (VIDEO)**

As part of the efforts of international business-investor programs of PanSlovenian Investors' & Shareholders' Association ([VZMD](#)) - Invest to Slovenia ([investo.si](#)) and International Investors' Network ([investo.international](#)) -

the ceremony and gathering was **this time as well** attended by the VZMD President, Mr. Kristjan Verbič. The event was attended together with some guests and partners from abroad - who were visiting Slovenia at the invitation by Mr. Verbič - one of whose was the Managing director of the European Federation of Investors and Financial Services Users, Mr. Guillaume Prache. They also used this informal gathering to establish and reinforce business and amicable relationships.

However, the traditional commemoration was this time primarily **marked by the visit of the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir Putin, and calls for dialog and constructive and decisive resolution of burning international problems and trends, which pose a serious threat to these and all future generations, but above all to the future of Europe and Russia** - while at the same time they curtail as well - though good - economic ties and projects between Russia and Slovenia.

**[Visit of the Russian Prime minister in Slovenia reinforced bonds of friendship, culture and the economy](#)** - Tuesday, 28.07.2015



The central **commemoration at the Russian Chapel, which was attended also by the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev along with two another ministers of the Russian government and more than 100 member delegation** during this year's 99th anniversary of the construction of the Chapel took place at Vršič yesterday.

The commemorated event which every year brings together numerous **high representatives of the Slovenian and Russian politics, diplomacy, economy, culture and veteran organizations - in commemoration of the Russian prisoners**

**who died tragically following an avalanche when building the Vršič Pass during the first world war in 1916 - was attended by more than a thousand visitors.** The attendees were, besides Prime Minister Medvedev and in the presence of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Chairman of the National Assembly of the RS, the President of the National Council of the RS and numerous ministers in the Slovenian government, also addressed by the honorary sponsor of the event, the Prime Minister of the RS, Mr. Miro Cerar, and the former President of the RS, Mr. Milan Kučan, as the honorary member of the Slovenia - Russia Association.

At the invitation of the organizers, Russian Federation Embassy, Kranjska Gora municipality, »*Russkiy mir*« foundation, and Slovenia-Russia Association, the commemoration **was attended by** the VZMD President, Mr. Kristjan Verbič, who dedicated the social event traditionally following the commemoration at the Russian Chapel also to **establishment and reinforcement of the bonds of friendship, culture and business, as well as endeavors regarding the international business-investor programs of VZMD: Invest to Slovenia ([investo.si](#)) and International Investors' Network ([investo.international](#))**, under which the forth year of **collaboration** is marked also with the sister Russian Investors Association, through active participation at as many as four visits of the members of the Government of the RS and economic delegations to **Moscow** and **Yaroslavl**.

[MINSK, VITEBSK, MOSCOW – fruitful completion of the this year's second VZMD business-investor programs tour – reception at the Belarus Ministry of the Economy, active participation in the International Forum "Innovations. Investments. Prospects", with the...](#) - Friday, 27.03.2015



March 22 marked the completion of this year's second tour of international business-investor programs of PanSlovenian Shareholders' Association (VZMD): Invest to Slovenia ([investo.si](#)) in International Investors' Network ([investo.international](#)), upon return from Moscow, on which Mr. Kristjan Verbič visited Belarus and Russia. **Following the business and social visit to Minsk with the reception at their Ministry of the Economy, the VZMD President at the invitation of the organizers actively participated in the International Forum "Innovations. Investments. Prospects", which took place in Vitebsk on Thursday and Friday.**

In addition to the opening and myriad of forum events, Mr. Verbič took part in **the festive reception organized by the Governor of the Vitebsk region** on Thursday, which was also attended by numerous local and state representatives, as well as international representatives of companies, institutions and diplomacy. On Friday, Mr. Verbič paid a visit to some important companies in the region and attended **numerous meetings and gatherings. Furthermore, he took part in the award ceremony and the concluding lunch given by organizers for the most prominent guests and delegations from other countries.**

By the time his engagements in Belarus had ended, the VZMD President **set off for Russia to attend previously arranged business meetings**, from which he returned to Slovenia. The visit to Belarus and Russia went on as part of efforts and activities under the international business-investor programs [investo.si](#) and [investo.international](#). The underlying theme was already the third visit of the VZMD representatives in Belarus - **after the visit to the business and economic area of Grodno in 2014 and participation in the Belarus-Slovenian business conference in Minsk, held in 2013.** As always, the efficient presentation of companies, institutions and investment projects, included in [investo.si](#) and [investo.international](#) programs were properly arranged.



Upon successful presentations during the past two years in [Astana](#), [Almaty](#), [Baku](#), [Belgrade](#), [Bled](#), [Bratislava](#), [Brussels](#), [Buenos Aires](#), [Buffalo](#), [Bucharest](#), [Cape Town](#), [Celje](#), [Dubai](#), [Vienna](#), [Grodno](#), [Helsinki](#), [Istanbul](#), [Yaroslavl](#), [Kiev](#), [Copenhagen](#), [Ljubljana](#), [Madrid](#), [Minsk](#), [Montevideo](#), [Moscow](#), [New Delhi](#), [New York](#), [Ouagadougou](#), [Paris](#), [Piran](#), [Praja](#), [Reykjavik](#), [Tehran](#), [Tokio](#), [Toronto](#), [Warsaw](#), [Wiesbaden](#) and [Zagreb](#), the international business-investor programs of the PanSlovenian Shareholders' Association **will also this year continue providing efficient attendance and presentation to its partners on five continents.**

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[MOSCOW – Slovene-Russian Investors' Conference along the visit of the Slovenian Prime Minister who met the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation yesterday – presentations of companies and investment opportunities and VZMD international business-investm -](#) Wednesday, 11.12.2013

Slovenian Prime Minister Mrs Alenka Bratušek – after three successive visits at the investment conferences in Düsseldorf, Paris in Milan – yesterday opened Slovene-Russian Investment Conference in the eminent Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Moscow. The conference took place along her meeting with the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Mr Dimitrij Medvedjev. VZMD President Mr Kristjan Verbič, M.Sc., also actively participated at the conference, and within the conference programme Mr Verbič presented to the assembled audience **endeavours and opportunities within the framework of VZMD business-investment programmes: Invest to Slovenia (investo.si) and International Investors` Network (investo.international)**, and he concluded his presentation by **PREMIERING THE VIDEO** prepared for this occasion by [investo.tv](#).



Apart from the Prime Minister Mrs Bratušek, the assembled audience at the Investment Conference was also addressed by the **Minister of Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation Mr Nikolaj Nikiforov and Deputy Chairman of the Sberbank Board Mr Sergej Gorkov**, and the latter has also participated at the **round table discussion entitled "Investment Opportunities in the Republic of Slovenia"** along with some other guest speakers: Deputy Chairman of the Russian metallurgical giant Koks Mr Sergey Frolov, the Slovene Ambassador to the Russian Federation, his excellency Mr Primož Šeligo, NLB representative in Moscow Mr

Metod Dragonja and Director of RIKO company Mr Janez Škrabec. Director of [SPIRIT Slovenia](#) Mr Boštjan Skalar, [SOD](#) (Central Ownership Entity of Slovenia) board member Mr Matej Runjak, NLB representative in Moscow Mr Metod Dragonja and VZMD President **presented to the participants of the conference business climate in Slovenia and the institutional support for foreign investors, and some Slovene companies and investment projects which are in the process of privatisation or selling of shares of the Republic of Slovenia, planned by the Slovenian Government.**

While visiting Moscow VZMD President has had numerous **bilateral discussions and meetings with some highly esteemed businessmen and investors** (some of them have been invited to the conference due to their **extremely successful cooperation with the colleagues from the [Russian Association of Investors](#)**), and yesterday in the evening VZMD President attended the **reception at the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Moscow, at the conclusion of the visits by the Prime Minister Mrs Bratušek and Defence Minister Mr Roman Jakič to Russia.**



This has been Mr Verbič's third visit to Moscow this year – after participating in [October's business delegation](#) along the meeting of the Slovenian Foreign Minister with his Russian counterpart, and after a short [visit in June](#) after [visiting Kazakhstan](#) as a member of a business delegation. **VZMD President is departing today for the Belorussian capital Minsk where he is going to be involved in the Slovene business delegation, and he is going to participate at the business conference there with B2B meetings.** Suitable provisions have also been made this time to ensure successful presentations of companies, institutions and

investment projects included in the two VZMD international business-investment programmes.

Quite a few successful presentations have been carried out this year in Astana, Almaty, Baku, Brussels, Bucharest, Cape Town, Vienna, Kiev, Ljubljana, Madrid, Moscow, New Delhi, Tokyo, Toronto and Zagreb, and

at least two more visits have been planned for this year in Minsk and Moscow, therefore VZMD is pleased to invite **all who would like to take part in the activities to contact VZMD investo.si programme coordinator** by phone 031 770 771, or e-mail [tratar@investo.si](mailto:tratar@investo.si).

**MOSCOW – At the Slovenian Embassy about a joint investors’ conference in the fall – an arrangement between the Russian Federation of Investors, VZMD and the Slovenian Embassy** - Monday, 24.06.2013



On Monday June 17, 2013, the **President of the PanSlovenian Shareholders' Association (VZMD) Mr. Kristjan Verbič** met with **economic adviser Mr. Denis Mancevič** in the presence of the **President of the Russian Federation of Investors Mr. Aleksey Smirnov** and the **Presidium member Mr. Andrew Lesovoy** at the **Slovenian Embassy in Moscow** (in the photo).

The conversations revolved around possible cooperation and efforts to intensify business relations, and among other things, the joint organization of the **Slovenian Investors Day** was decided upon. It will be carried out with the Russian Federation of Investors and the international investors' programs at VZMD: invest to Slovenia ([investo.si](http://investo.si)) and International Investors' Network ([investo.international](http://investo.international)) and will take place at the Slovenian Embassy in Moscow in the fall with the support of the Slovenian economic diplomacy.

Joint meeting was agreed upon after the return of the Ambassador of Slovenia to Russia H.E. Ms. Ada Filip-Slivnik, Mr. Mancevič and Mr. Verbič from the visit of the Slovenian economic delegation in the Kazakh capital Astana and business center Almaty.

VZMD invites you to share your esteemed interest in participating in the aforementioned and other events in 2013 with the coordinator of the investo.si program at VZMD, by telephone: +386 31 770 771 or by e-mail: [tratar@investo.si](mailto:tratar@investo.si).