## **European Science Festival during the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU**

The European Science Festival will take place from 9 to 11 November 2021 under the leadership of the Slovenian Science Foundation (SZF) on the occasion of World Science Day for Peace and Development (10 November), as an associated event of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The European Science Festival aims to showcase Europe's diversity in science, the excellence achieved in science communication, to promote the deepening of the European Research Area (ERA), and to promote European values in establishing and maintaining a lasting mutual dialogue between the European scientific community.

It is the umbrella event of the science festivals in Europe and is unique in that it brings together top scientists, academics, Nobel Laureates and talented students, as well as high-profile, award-winning journalists in the field of science and the understanding of science in everyday society. The event will be a one-stop-shop for European science, showcasing European science as a core European value.

Top scientists will present their work at the festival, thereby contributing to the promotion of research in Europe and beyond, while influencing the development of science policies to develop and effectively use science diplomacy to address global crises. The festival will take place on the occasion of World Science for Peace and Development Day and will focus scientific values on the cohesive politics of peace, ethics and a better future.

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