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ESG (environmental, social, governance) aspects of business in theory and practice

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(Slovenia, online) The 19th IRDO international conference "INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABLE AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY 2024: ESG (environmental, social, governance) aspects in theory and practice & Learning and action for sustainability and green transition, & 4th IRDO & Citizens' Initiative for an Integral Green Slovenia Conference, was held from 12 to 13 June 2024 in Slovenia, online. More than 60 authors with 39 papers from more than 10 countries from Europe, Africa, Canada, South America, Asia and the Middle East have co-created the conference, and almost 100 participants listened to them. The organizers of the conference were IRDO – Institute for the Development of Social Responsibility, the University of Maribor, Slovenia, the Slovenian Society for Systems Research (SdSr), the Citizens' Initiative for an Integral Green Slovenia and Scientific & Research Centre Koper with several supporting partners. The conference was co-financed by the Youth Office of the Republic of Slovenia, and sponsored by Nova KBM, Medis-M and Press Clipping.

At the opening of the 19th International IRDO Conference **Prof. Dr. Igor Vrečko, Vice-dean for Development projects and Practice Engagement at University of Maribor, Faculty of Economics and Business**, yesterday said: *"We are delighted to be participating in this significant event, which will focus on ESG aspects in theory and practice, learning and acting for sustainability and the green transition. The timing of this conference could not be more appropriate, given the urgent challenges of environmental sustainability and social responsibility. The University of Maribor and the Faculty of Economics and Business are dedicated to fostering an innovative and sustainable society. Our commitment to environmental, social and governance principles is reflected in our research, educational programmes, and community engagement. We believe that collaboration and knowledge sharing, such as that facilitated by this conference, are essential to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals and creating effective change in our communities and beyond."*

In two days, participants and authors, among them more than 20 students, discussed about ESGG Topics. Among authors were also researchers and leading experts, who engaged in thought-provoking discussions, and explored innovative solutions that address some of the most critical issues of our time. As Prof. Dr. Igor Vrečko mentioned in his speech, ***"this conference serves as a platform for sharing knowledge, inspiring action, and fostering partnerships that can lead to meaningful and lasting change."***

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