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(Ljubljana, 18-20 September 2017)
- Information from the Slovenian delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Slovenian delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any other business' for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 22-23 May 2017.

**UNESCO 2nd World Open Educational Resources (OER) Congress
(Ljubljana, 18 – 20 September 2017)**

The Republic of Slovenia would like to use the opportunity of the EYCS Council meeting to inform ministers of the *UNESCO 2nd World Open Educational Resources (OER) Congress*, which will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 18–20 September 2017.

The Congress, which is co-organised by UNESCO and the Slovenian Government, is **one of the largest global events in the field of education that is hosted by one of the Member States in 2017**.

A strong representation of the Member States' Ministers at the event is crucial for the EU and its global role in the field of education. The first day of the **programme thus foresees two ministerial sessions**: one ministerial **session on the future governmental cooperation in the field of OER** and a plenary ministerial **panel on sharing the best national practices in OER**.

The theme of the 2nd World OER Congress is “OER for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education: from Commitment to Action”, reflecting the role that OER can play in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in particular Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education).

The Congress will address three central objectives in support of achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

- Examine solutions to meeting the challenges of **mainstreaming OER practices** in education systems worldwide;
- **Showcase the world's best practices** in OER policies, initiatives and experts;
- Provide **recommendations for the mainstreaming of OER** with links to best practices.

The Congress will bring together ministers, responsible for education, and decision-makers, responsible for human resource development, senior policy-makers, expert practitioners, researchers and relevant stakeholders. The Congress will build on the outcomes of six OER regional consultations hosted in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Valletta (Malta), Doha (Qatar), Port Louis (Mauritius), Brasilia (Brazil) and Auckland (New Zealand) organized by the Commonwealth of Learning (<http://rcoer.col.org/>).
