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U.S. SUPPORTS SLOVENIAN CIVIL SOCIETY WITH \$100,000 PROJECT ON REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

The U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana and SLOGA, a national platform of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the fields of international development cooperation, global education, and humanitarian aid, signed a grant agreement today to support an alliance of Slovenian civil society organizations responding to and assisting refugees and migrants traversing and seeking refuge in Slovenia. SLOGA is supporting Slovenian NGOs and humanitarian organizations with a secretariat, networking and mediation services. The grant funds will help non-governmental and humanitarian organizations strengthen and improve communications and coordination on refugee and migrant issues among them and between the alliance and other stakeholders.

Slovenian civil society organizations are playing a strong, positive role in efforts to support and assist the tens of thousands of refugees and migrants passing through Slovenia. This project is focused on expanding the capacity of civil society organizations as they respond to the immediate challenge and as they work on long-term efforts to integrate minority communities.

Ambassador Brent Hartley said: *"We are pleased to work together with SLOGA and many of the Slovenian citizens and civil society organizations who have been the most active in responding to the humanitarian challenges of the refugee and migrant crisis. We hope this project will support civil society organizations as they continue to extend their hands to help those most in need."*

SLOGA welcomes the U.S. Embassy's support for coordination between NGOs which are actively participating in humanitarian and monitoring activities at acceptance and accommodation centers. *"Although the majority of refugees are still only passing through Slovenia, we all know that coordinated civil society humanitarian support and monitoring are of crucial importance. It is about the people and we should do our best to support and advocate for the respect of human dignity. At some point a number of refugees will decide to stay as well in our country for a longer period of time and the humanitarian and non-governmental community can support them and volunteers working on these issues with the provision of various relief services,"* said Marjan Huč, director of SLOGA.

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