

President Ilves will take part, at the invitation of the President of Slovakia, at the summit of Central European countries that takes place in Bratislava on 12-13 June, which brings together the leaders of more than 20 countries. From Bratislava, President Ilves will proceed to Ljubljana for a three-day working visit to the Republic of Slovenia.

The political, economic, social and security-related aspects of post-crisis Europe will be discussed at the meeting of the Central European heads of state. Presidents will share their positions regarding regional co-operation and the European Union projects that would help to speed up the economic growth of countries and contribute to avoiding future financial crises. At the proposal of President Ilves and invitation of the President of Slovakia, Ivan Gašparovič, the second day of the summit will start with a joint breakfast of the presidents of the European Union Member States and the Head of State of Croatia to discuss the role of the so-called new Member States in the European Union.

The presidents of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Montenegro, Slovakia, Austria, Estonia, Albania, Latvia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Lithuania, Poland, Croatia, Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova and Kosovo will take part in the meeting of the Central European heads of state.

There is a separate programme for the spouses of the presidents during the summit. Evelin Ilves will also participate in the programme.

From Bratislava, President Ilves and Evelin Ilves will proceed to Ljubljana for a working visit to the Republic of Slovenia. During the visit, which is taking place at the invitation of the Slovenian Head of State, Borut Pahor, President Ilves will also meet with Janko Veber, President of the Public Assembly of Slovenia, the Prime Minister of Slovenia, Alenka Bratušek, and the President of the Constitutional Court, Ernest Petrič. Presidents Ilves and Pahor will also give a joint lecture, the Future of Europe, at Bežigrad Gymnasium.

Evelin Ilves will visit the Regional Hospital of Ljubljana University, which is a leading medical institution in Slovenia and also one of the largest hospitals in Central Europe.

## **President Ilves to depart for a working visit to Slovakia and Slovenia**

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The presidential couple will return to Estonia on Sunday, 16 June.

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