

RED 2026 keynote speech: *From Tradition to Innovation: How Universities Drive Regional Growth Through Change*

We are happy to announce keynote speaker of RED 2026 is [Professor Metka Tekavčič, Ph.D.](#). The topic of the keynote speech is ***From Tradition to Innovation: How Universities Drive Regional Growth Through Change.***



Prof. Metka Tekavčič was named Dean of the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana (FELU) in 2013. From 2001 to 2007 professor Tekavčič was Vice-Dean at the FELU. From 1999 to 2001 she was also the Head of the Academic Unit of Management and Organization. Her research interest lies in the fields of cost and performance management, as well as non-profit and especially education management. Prof. Tekavčič has attended many international conferences, where she has presented papers from her research areas. She has published several research articles in Slovene, other European, and US peer-reviewed journals. She is a member of editorial boards in several prominent journals from her research field. Prof. Tekavčič is president of the FELU's Senate and the Head of the Institute for Management and Organization. In 2014 she was awarded the Artemida award for Women's Excellence in Management.

From 1992 till 2013 she was a member of the City Council of Ljubljana, Slovenia. She has long been and remains a member of the supervisory boards of many important Slovenian companies and other institutions. In 2016, the Dean Tekavčič was appointed as a member of the EQUIS Accreditation Board, run by European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD), the leading international network for management development. Since 2017, prof. Tekavčič has also served as a member of the AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Initial Accreditation Committee and a member the and European Advisory Council (EAC). In addition to her work, she is a vice-dean of Challenge:Future, a global youth a global think-DO-tank.