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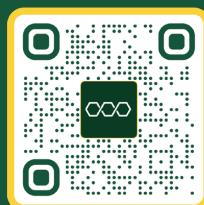
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# Topic of the Year: AI Impact on Supply Chains — Shaping the Future of Competitive and Innovative Logistics

The **Slovenian Logistics Association (SLA)** and **European Logistics Association (ELA)** cordially invites researchers, scholars, and industry experts to present their scientific research results at the **International Logistics Congress in Portorož, Slovenia**.

This year's theme reflects one of the most dynamic shifts in the logistics and supply chain domain: the **growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI)** on competitiveness, innovation, and resilience.

## Background and Relevance

AI technologies are redefining the global supply chain landscape by enabling predictive analytics, autonomous operations, and real-time decision-making. As organizations face unprecedented challenges, from volatile markets and geopolitical disruptions to sustainability pressures, the capacity to integrate intelligent systems into logistics processes has become a defining factor of competitiveness.

The **SLA Logistics Congress 2026** aims to provide a high-level academic and professional platform for discussing the transformative impact of AI on supply chains. The event encourages a multidisciplinary dialogue among researchers, industry practitioners, and policymakers, connecting theoretical insights with practical applications.

This year's topic not only highlights AI's disruptive potential but also underlines its role as a driver for sustainable and human-centered logistics innovation. Participants are invited to explore how AI can enhance efficiency, transparency, and adaptability, and how such advancements can be leveraged to strengthen Europe's and Slovenia's positions in the global logistics network.

## Themes and Suggested Topics

We welcome original contributions addressing, but not limited to, the following areas:

- **AI in Supply Chain Optimization**  
Predictive analytics, demand forecasting, real-time tracking, and autonomous decision support.
- **Future of Competitive Supply Chains**  
Strategic agility, digital transformation, and new value creation models.
- **Overcoming Logistics Obstacles with Innovation**  
Robotics, IoT integration, and next-generation warehouse and transport technologies.
- **Risk Management and Resilience**  
Using data-driven insights to anticipate disruptions and maintain continuity.



## Why Attend?

The **SLA Logistics Congress 2026** provides a unique opportunity for academic and professional exchange. Selected authors will have the chance to:

- Present their research results to an audience of logistics leaders, scholars, and policymakers.
- Engage in discussions on cutting-edge AI applications in supply chains.
- Gain feedback and build collaborations with experts from academia and industry.
- Contribute to shaping the **future competitiveness and innovation capacity** of European logistics.
- Publish their work in the inaugural issue of the ELA scientific journal (expected in 2026).

The SLA and ELA aim to promote knowledge that not only advances theory but also drives measurable impact in logistics operations and policy frameworks.

## Submission Guidelines

- **Abstract length:** 500–700 words (approximately two to three pages)
- **Submission deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2026
- **Symposium date:** 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026, Portorož, Slovenia
- **Submission format:** PDF or Word document, Times New Roman 11 pt, single-spaced
- **Submit to:** [research@slz.si](mailto:research@slz.si)

Each submission should clearly indicate:

- Title of the paper
- Author(s) and institutional affiliation(s)
- Contact details (email, phone, address)
- Abstract and keywords (up to 5)

Abstracts should succinctly:

- Define (describe) the problem and objectives
- Summarize the current state of research and practice
- Describe the methodology and proposed solution
- Present the main results and discuss their implications for logistics theory and practice

## Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be **double blind reviewed** by the SLA/ELA Scientific Committees **International board of reviewers** based on:

- Originality and academic contribution
- Relevance to the conference theme
- Methodological rigor



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- Practical applicability and impact potential

## Process

Researchers whose abstracts are accepted will be invited to prepare an extended contribution after the congress presentation, for possible inclusion in the new ELA scientific journal. An additional review by the board of reviewers will then follow.

The presenting author of each accepted contribution will receive free access to the full congress (including meals and side events).

## Join Us in Portorož, Slovenia!

The **SLA Logistics Congress 2026** offers a vibrant academic environment, fostering dialogue between theory and practice. We invite all contributors who are passionate about logistics innovation and the intelligent transformation of supply chains to share their insights and shape the next chapter of logistics excellence

**Be part of the conversation — contribute to the future of competitive, resilient, and sustainable supply chains.**

## Video highlights of Logistics Congress 2025



## Slovenian Logistic Association

The Slovenian Logistic Association (SLA) is a dynamic, voluntary organisation with 300 active members, all of whom are logistics professionals and managers.

Its mission is to connect all stakeholders involved in creating supply chain networks—from service and solution providers to end users, from educational institutions to government bodies. The association advocates for innovation, promotes the dissemination of best practices, and fosters collaboration among its members as well as with the broader interested public.

SLA aims to raise awareness about the significance of the logistics sector while highlighting Slovenia's strategic advantages and potential. Each year, the association organises more than 15 events, including:

- **Keep IT Simple Conference** – focusing on IT in logistics and production.
- **Logistics Congress** – the leading logistics event in the region, bringing together 800+ participants from more than 25 countries.

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## European Logistics Association

The European Logistics Association (ELA) unites national logistics associations from nearly every European country, as well as several nations outside Europe.

The members of these associations are professionals working primarily in industrial logistics roles and across various service sectors. Through this extensive network, ELA reaches 55,000 logistics professionals. ELA advocates for the logistics and supply chain profession by strengthening professional competencies, sharing knowledge, disseminating information across its network, and fostering innovation and best practices within the European logistics and supply chain sectors. As a result, it offers an international platform that creates valuable networking opportunities.

A crucial element of ELA is the ELA Certification Program, which defines and regulates the Standards of Competence in Logistics and Supply Chain Management. Its purpose is to establish a uniform level of qualification across the industry and ensure consistent professional excellence.

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