Interfaith Breakfast of the Islamic Community in Slovenia Ljubljana, 4 February 2026

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PROJECT REPORT

Event within the framework of World Interfaith Harmony Week

The Islamic Community in the Republic of Slovenia organized an Interfaith Breakfast on 4 February 2026 at the Muslim Cultural Center Ljubljana. The event became an important part of this year's World Interfaith Harmony Week — a global initiative proposed by Abdullah II of Jordan and endorsed by the United Nations as a week dedicated to promoting dialogue, respect, and peaceful coexistence among people of different religious affiliations.

The event in Slovenia thus joined hundreds of similar initiatives taking place worldwide during this week.

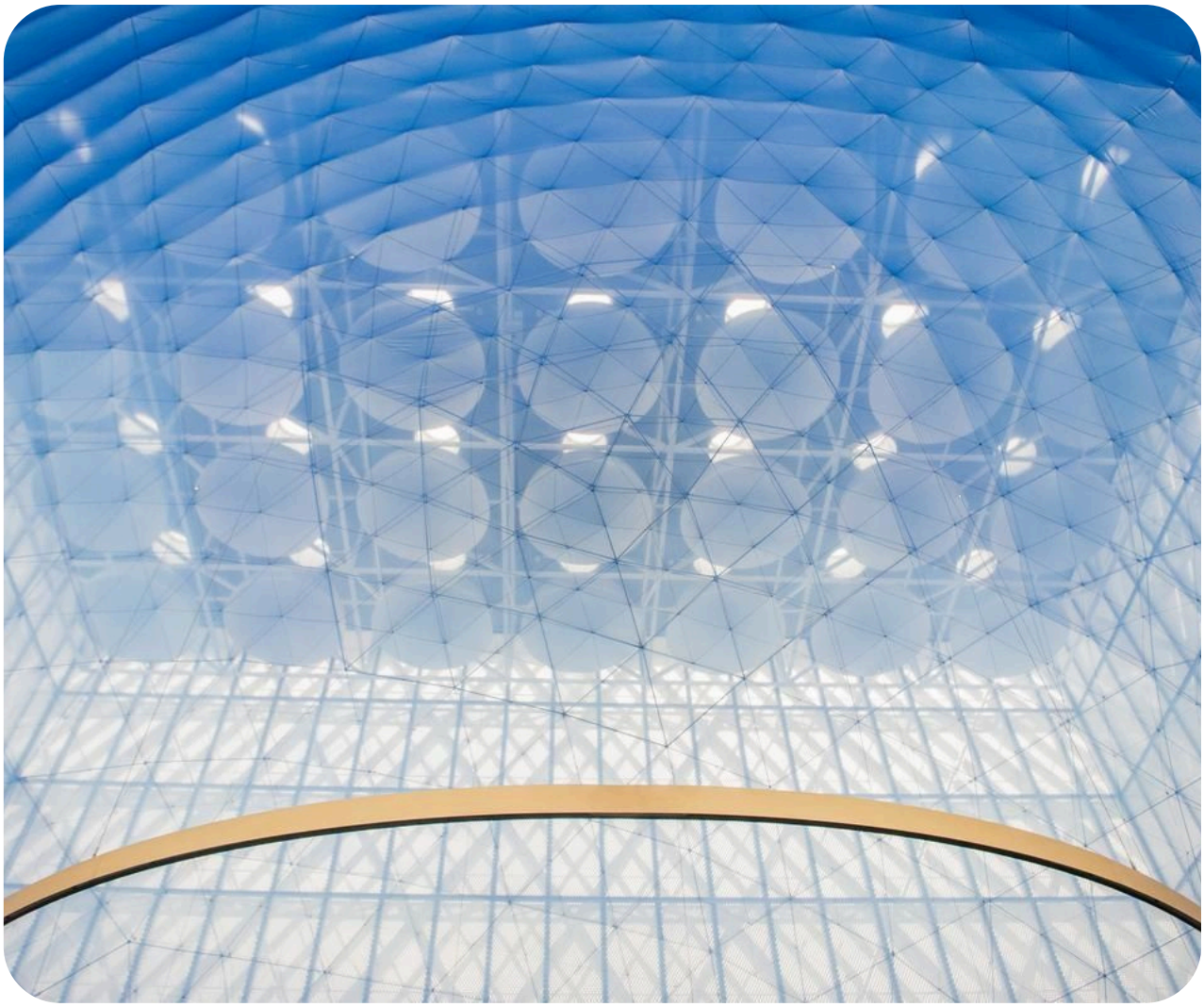
Objective and Significance of the Event

The Interfaith Breakfast was conceived as an opportunity for direct dialogue and exchange of views among leaders and representatives of religious communities in Slovenia. Slovenia is a secular state where dialogue between religious communities and state representatives is conducted at an exemplary level. However, a tendency to reduce the importance of such dialogue in the public sphere has become noticeable, which is also reflected in the increasing difficulty of raising relevant value-based issues in public media.

The purpose of the event was to highlight shared humanitarian values and emphasize the importance of understanding and building bridges between religious and cultural communities in a pluralistic society. The meeting took place in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, allowing participants to openly share experiences, challenges, and approaches that contribute to interfaith coexistence.
The host of the event, attended by 25 relevant and publicly recognized representatives of various religious communities in Slovenia, was Mufti Nevzet Porić of the Islamic Community in Slovenia. He emphasized that interfaith dialogue in Slovenia is at a very high level and that religious communities are capable of actively contributing to public discussions on issues of values, coexistence, and shared social life. He also highlighted interfaith dialogue as a model from which societies where such dialogue is not self-evident may learn.

Participants in the Event and Their Key Messages

The Interfaith Breakfast was attended by the highest representatives of the four largest religious communities in Slovenia, which to
gether represent more than 90 percent of the country's total population. Their presence gave the event particular significance and conveyed a clear message of unity in diversity.



Mr. Sci. Nevzet Porić, Mufti and President of the Meshihat Islamic Community in the Republic of Slovenia

The host emphasized that interfaith dialogue in Slovenia is conducted at a very high level and that regular meetings among religious leaders are not merely formalities but expressions of sincere relationships and mutual trust.

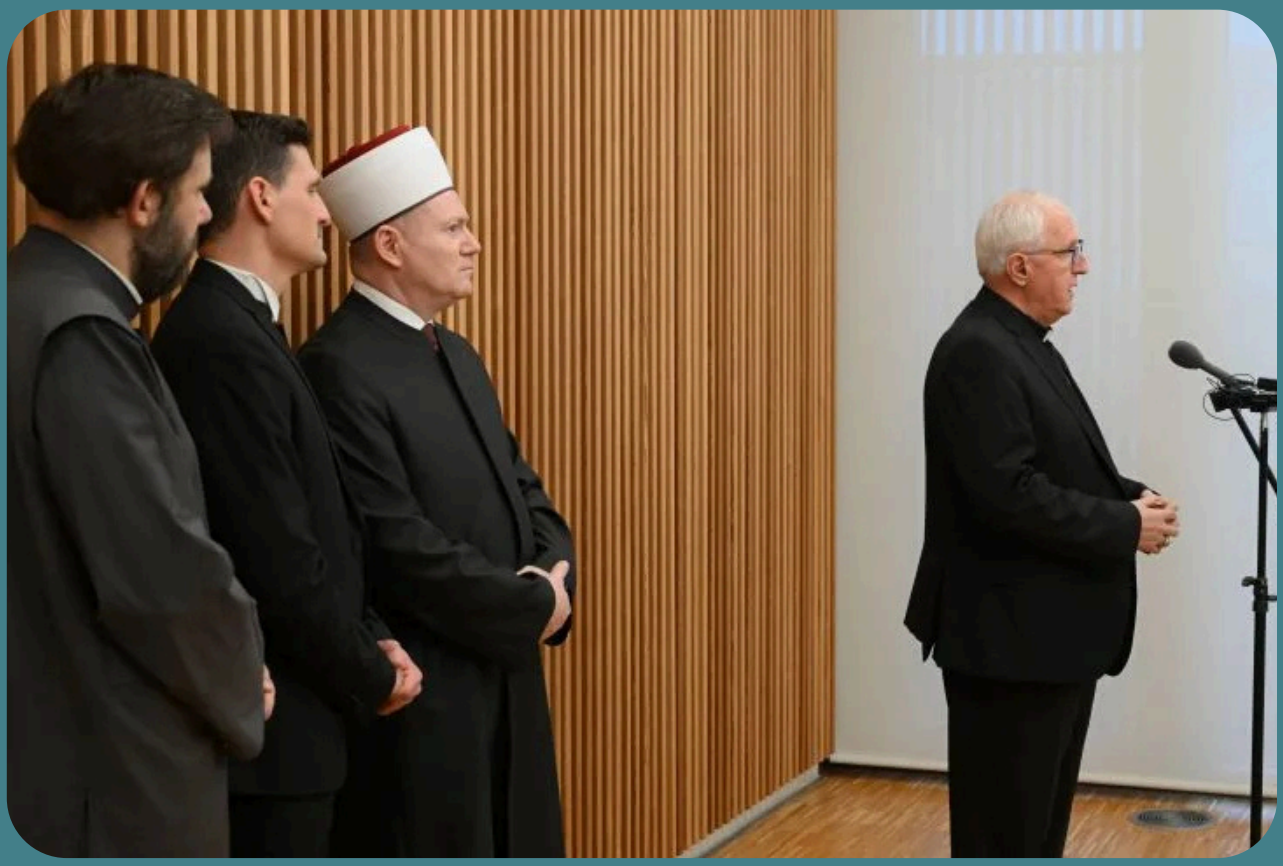
In his address, he stressed that religious communities bear a special responsibility to preserve values that unite people and that through joint action they can make an important contribution to social stability. He warned that the world often drifts toward polarization and misunderstanding, which is why such meetings are necessary as “a space for dialogue, where we listen to each other and not merely speak.”

He also emphasized that dialogue is not intended to erase differences, but to promote respectful understanding of them, and that diversity can serve as the foundation of shared social strength.

Stanislav Zore
Catholic Church

The Archbishop of Ljubljana emphasized the importance of listening as a fundamental attitude of dialogue. He pointed out that relations between religious communities in Slovenia are an example of constructive cooperation and that joint meetings contribute to understanding beyond institutional frameworks.

Among the key messages of his address was the idea that religious communities in contemporary society must preserve sensitivity toward human dignity, regardless of religious or cultural affiliation. He stressed that it is the shared responsibility of all religious leaders to promote messages of peace, responsibility, and solidarity in the public sphere.



PhD Aleksander Erniša Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovenia

The Evangelical Bishop described interfaith dialogue metaphorically as “assembling a mosaic.” Each piece retains its color and shape, yet only together do they create a complete image.
His central message was that dialogue requires humility and a willingness to learn from one another, without anyone losing their identity. He noted that respectful relations among religious communities send an important message to broader society, where differences are often portrayed as a threat rather than as a source of enrichment.

Petar Kozakijević, Deacon Serbian Orthodox Church

The representative of the Orthodox community emphasized that the essence of interfaith encounters lies in opening one's heart to others. He pointed out that different traditions do not stand in opposition to one another but can complement each other.

In his address, he warned that today's world needs more personal encounters and fewer generalizations, as trust is built primarily through direct contact and respectful conversation.

Joint Statement of the Religious Leaders

Although each speaker spoke from his own theological and traditional background, all emphasized three shared points:

Interfaith dialogue in Slovenia is a vibrant, regular, and sincere process.
Religious communities bear a moral responsibility to promote peace and respect.
Diversity is not an obstacle, but an opportunity for shared growth and social stability.

The meeting thus transcended the symbolic level and demonstrated that the highest representatives of religious communities are prepared to act publicly and responsibly together — as advocates of respect, cooperation, and interfaith harmony.

Media Coverage and Outreach of the Event

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Media	Type of Media	Title / Content Focus	Date of Publication	Reach and Significance
Slovenian Press Agency (STA)	National press agency	Interfaith Breakfast of the	Feb 4, 2026	Central national news source;
RTV Slovenija	National public media (radio,	Interfaith dialogue in Slovenia is at a	4–5 Feb 2026	Largest national public
N1 Slovenia	National online media	Mufti Porić: Interfaith dialogue	Feb 4, 2026	One of the most widely read digital
Radio Ognjišče	National specialized radio	Breakfast with the Mufti – They want	Feb 5, 2026	Influential religious media
RTV Slovenija – MMC portal	National web portal	Interfaith dialogue in Slovenia at a	Feb 5, 2026	High-readership public web portal;
Megafon	Regional online media	Interfaith Breakfast as part	Feb 4, 2026	Regional reach; emphasis on
Islamic Community in the	Institutional media	Values, people, and relationships	Feb 4, 2026	Most comprehensive
Muslim Cultural Center Ljubljana (Facebook)	Social networks	Photo report and highlights of the event	Feb 4, 2026	Visual reach and content sharing within the broader community.
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovenia (Facebook)	Social networks	Highlights of dialogue and cooperation	4–5 Feb 2026	Reach within the Protestant and local communities.

Overall Media Reach and Importance of Reporting

The event was covered by the principal national news channels — STA and N1 — ensuring presence on the most prominent information platforms in Slovenia.
National public broadcaster RTV Slovenija addressed the topic through radio and online content, contributing to wide national outreach.
Local and church-affiliated social networks further disseminated the message to specific target audiences, enhancing visibility and relevance.
This diverse media response ensured that the event reached a broad audience in Slovenia — from national media to local communities and digital platforms — thereby strengthening the visibility of the core messages of interfaith harmony in the domestic media space.

Messages for the Future

The event clearly demonstrated that interfaith dialogue is not merely a symbolic gesture, but an active process contributing to understanding, respect, and peaceful coexistence, even in societies facing various social and cultural challenges.
Participants exchanged experiences and emphasized that every dialogue initiative represents an opportunity to strengthen shared values and encourage responsible engagement in wider society.

Conclusion

The Interfaith Breakfast of the Islamic Community in Slovenia was a successful example of interfaith dialogue in practice. It brought together different religious communities, emphasized fundamental values of peace and mutual respect, and contributed to broader understanding of the importance of interfaith coexistence in contemporary European society.

Through extensive media coverage and the active participation of leading representatives of religious communities, the event reached a significant part of the Slovenian public and became a recognized contribution to World Interfaith Harmony Week 2026.