

**Title: Current research on Easy-to-Read from Slovenia and developments in Eastern Europe**

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Abstract

This keynote presents current growing research and practice in the field of Easy-to-read (EtR) in Slovenia, with emphasis on end-user involvement and language comprehension research that led to four EtR levels in Slovenian language.

I will also present how Easy-to-read is done in chosen Eastern European countries. Slovenia is geographically and culturally a Central European country. But, since it used to be a socialist country, it can also be seen as a part of Eastern Europe. Thus, six post-socialist countries, which have been undergoing similar transition since the late 1980's, are studied exploring basic similarities and differences in pace and scope of the EtR development: Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland. What do these countries have in common when it comes to Easy-to-read? What is done differently? How did the Easy-to-read develop in each country? Where are we now? And what challenges do we face?

In the end, attention will also be paid to possible mutual gains from language specific EtR research findings in West (Czech, Slovak, Polish) and South Slavic (Slovenian, Croatian) languages.

**Keywords**

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