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# Croatia on the Eve of EU Accession: The Path of Reform

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Kneza Borne 2, 10000 Zagreb

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Working Languages: English, French, German and Croatian with Simultaneous Interpretation

**09:00 Opening**

**Peter JANKOWITSCH**, Secretary General, Austro-French Centre, Vienna

**Dominique DAVID**, Executive Director, French Institute for International Relations, Paris

**Sanja TIŠMA**, Director of IMO, Zagreb

**H.E. Manuel SALAZAR PALMA**, Ambassador of Spain to Croatia, Zagreb

**Hannes SWOBODA**, MEP, Parliament's Rapporteur on Croatia, Vienna (Video Message)

**Ursula PLASSNIK**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament, Vienna

**Pierre LELLOUCHE**, Minister of State for European Affairs, Paris (Video Message)

**Željko ČUKIĆ**, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb

**H.E. Jadranka KOSOR**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb (t.b.c.)

**Stjepan Mesić**, President of the Republic of Croatia (t.b.c.)

10:25-10:30 Break

**1st Session: On the Way towards Democracy****10:30 1st Panel: The Working of Democracy**

**Chair: Stephen BARTULICA**, President, Croatian Center for the Renewal of Culture (COK), Zagreb

**Željko ČUKIĆ**, Chairman of the National Committee for Monitoring the Accession Negotiations of the Republic of Croatia to the EU, Parliament of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb

"Accession Negotiations between Croatia and the EU and Parliamentary Supervision"

**Ursula PLASSNIK**, Political Scientist, University of Vienna; Director of CEIS (Centre for European Integration Studies), Vienna

"Crisis of the Representative Democracy in Croatia? Relations between Elites and the Population"

**Ivan VEJVODA**, Executive Director, Balkan Trust for Democracy, Belgrade

"Democracy and Civil Society in a Transition Environment"

**Guy LEGRAS**, former EU Director General of External Relations; Advisor to the Prime Minister of Croatia on EU Accession Negotiations

"The Working of Democracy in Croatia"

11:30-11:45 Discussion

11:45-12:00 Coffee Break

**12:00 2nd Panel: Reforming Police and Justice**

**Chair: Dominique DAVID**, Executive Director, IFRI, Paris

**Kristian TURKALJ**, Director, Directorate for European Union and International Cooperation, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb

"Negotiations for the Accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union in the Area of Justice ('State of Play for Chapters 23 and 24')"

**Filip TESAR**, Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations, Prague

"Corruption in Croatia—Citizens, Officials, Politicians ... Who is the State here?"

**Andrej ŠTER**, former Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana

"Regional Challenges of Migration Management"

12:45-13:00 Discussion

**13:00-14:30 Lunch-Bufferet (Fontana Restaurant)**

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## 2nd Session: Towards better Governance of the State and the Economy

### 14:30 3rd Panel: Progress Necessary for better State Governance

**Chair: Damir GRUBIŠA**, Director of the Center for European Studies, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb

“The European Isolation of Croatian Politics: Meeting the Conditionality of the EU”

**Bertrand RIOUST DE LARGENTAYE**, Counsellor at the European Commission’s Delegation to the OECD and UNESCO, Paris

“Lessons learned from the Application of the SIGMA Programme in Croatia”

**Božo Vukobratović**, Advisor for Foreign Policy, Cabinet of the Croat Member of the Presidency, Sarajevo

“Competition and State Aid Policy as one of the Requirements in the Stabilization and Accession Agreement for BiH”

**Božo Vukobratović**, State Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Zagreb

“Achieving the Vision of a Modern Public Administration”

16:00-16:15 Discussion

16:15-16:30 Coffee Break

### 16:30 4th Panel: Handling the Economic Crisis and Guaranteeing more sustainable Growth?

**Chair: Tomasz TARABA**, Chairman of the Board, Volksbank hrvatska, Zagreb

**Eliane MOSSE**, Counsellor of the Austro-French Centre at IFRI, Paris

“Strategies for Handling the Crisis in Europe and its Consequences for the Croatian Economy”

**Nenad Vukobratović**, Chief Economist, Splitska Banka / Société Générale Group, Split

“Sins of the Past, Challenges for the Future”

**Andrea MERVAR**, Senior Research Associate, Deputy Director of the Institute of Economics, Zagreb

“Discussion on Recent Trends and Short-Term Forecasts”

**Vladimir GLIGOROV**, Economist, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

“Challenges for Growth in Croatia”

17:45-18:00 Discussion

### 19:00 Cocktail Reception

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### 3rd Session: Croatia and its International Environment

#### 09:00 5th Panel: Croatia's Contribution to the Europe of Tomorrow

**Chair: Višnja SAMARDŽIJA**, Head of European Integration Department, Institute for International Relations—IMO, Zagreb

**H.E. Vladimir DROBNJAK**, Chief Negotiator for Accession Negotiations with the European Union, Zagreb

“Keynote Speech”

**Henriette RIEGLER**, Senior Researcher, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna/Zagreb  
“The Geostrategic / Geopolitical Role of Croatia”

**Arnaud DANJEAN**, MEP, Chairman of the Security and Defence Sub-Committee of the EP, Strasbourg

“Croatia's Future Role in the CSDP and the EU Enlargement Policy”

**Jean-Claude PASTY**, President, External Relations Section, French Economic and Social Council, Paris

“Croatia in the EU as a ‘Springboard’ to reinforce the Union for the Mediterranean”

10:15-10:30 Discussion

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

#### 10:45 6th Panel: Croatia's Position to the Balkan Region ... and Beyond

**Chair: Anđelko GHEBEC**, Head, Department for International Economic and Political Relations, Institute for International Relations—IMO, Zagreb

**Dunja JEVAK**, Head of Department for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb

“Croatia's Contribution to the Stability of the Region”

**H.E. Karel KÜHNEL**, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Croatia, Zagreb

“Croatia — between Leading and Leaving the Region”

**H.E. Benoît D'ABOVILLE**, Senior Auditor at the French Court of Audit, Paris

“NATO-EU Relations and the New Strategic Concept”

**Željko ŽIGON**, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo

“Two Years of Regional Cooperation Council — Role of Different Players”

**Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI**, Deputy, Head of the Macedonian Delegation in the PA of the Council of Europe, Skopje

“Bilateral Disputes and the Euro-Atlantic Perspective of the Region: The Cases of Croatia and Macedonia”

**H.E. Johannes EIGNER**, Head of Department (EU Enlargement, ENP), Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs, Vienna

“Croatia's EU Membership: a Pull Factor for the Region?”

12:45-13:00 Discussion

#### 13:00 Conclusion

**Stjepan PAVIČIĆ**, State Secretary for European Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb

13:30 Vin d'honneur / Cocktail