



Republic of Croatia
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Programme of the Conference

Knowledge sharing for building stronger partnerships in the process of European integration

The Modern Gallery, Zagreb, Croatia
25-26 April 2018

Moderator: *prof Igor Vidačak, Ph D, associate professor, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb*

Wednesday, 25 April

09,30 Registration of participants

10,00 – 10,15 Welcome speech by **Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia

10,15 – 12,30 1st Session – ***Importance of Knowledge Sharing Instruments as a Support for the European Integration Process***

- **Mr. Antal Nikoletti**, Deputy Secretary General of the Central European Initiative (CEI)
- **Mr. Branko Baričević**, Head of Representation in Croatia, European Commission
- **Mr. Boris Grigić**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia

11:15 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

- **Ms Daniela Morari**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova
- **Mr. Miodrag Radović**, Secretary General, Ministry of European Integration, Montenegro (*tbc*)
- **Ms Alexandra Hilbig**, Project leader, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
“Creating platforms of knowledge exchange: contribution to fostering a culture of cooperation in the Western Balkans”

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch (standing finger food)





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13:30 - 16:30 2nd Session – ***Experiences in Implementation of Different EU Instruments for Knowledge Sharing***

- **Ms Heidrun Zanetta**, General Manager, The Agency for European Integration and Economic Development, Austria
“15 years of experience and knowledge sharing in the EU funded projects”
- **Ms Tanja Tamminen**, Head of Planning, Coordination & Cooperation Department, EUAM Ukraine
“EU integrated approach to civilian security sector reform: Ukraine as an example”
- **Mr. Andreas List**, EEAS official seconded in the MFEA Croatia
“Strengthening EU Diplomacy - Impressions and Lessons”
- **Ms Maja Rimac Bjelobrk**, Assistant Director, European Integration Promotion Unit, Directorate for European Integration, Bosnia and Herzegovina
“Experiences of the BiH in implementation of different EU instruments for knowledge sharing”

15:00 – 15:15 *Coffee break*

- **Ms Maja Dimkovski Engelman**, National Contact Point for Twinning, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
“Twinning - experience of Slovenia”
- **Mr. Stefano Cocchi**, Resident Twinning Advisor in Croatia
“Building together policy implementation tools: an overview after 18 years of twinning experience”
- **Ms Gordana Vidović Mesarek**, Head of Sector for European Law, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia
“TAIEX - Instrument of successful support of Croatian way to EU membership”

Thursday, 26 April

10,00 – 13,00 3rd Session – ***Future of EU Assistance in the Framework of the Institutional Cooperation and Knowledge Sharing Instruments-How to Effectively Promote their Valuable Impact?***

(11:15 – 11:30 coffee break)

- **Mr. Sokol Dedja**, Director of EU Directorate, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Republic of Albania





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- **Ms Anneli Temmes**, Managing Director, Finnish Institute of Public Management (HAUS)
"How to make a Twinning project successful through effective implementation?"
- **Ms Nirvana Sokolovski**, Head of Service for Twinning, National contact point for Twinning-in, Central Finance and Contracting Agency
"Successful application of Twinning instrument – lessons from Croatia".
- **Ms Vesna Vuković**, Head of the Sector for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance, MFEA, Croatia
- **Mr. Marek Tabor**, Director of Development Service, College of Europe

Discussion and Wrap up of the Conference

13.00 Lunch (standing finger food)