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„Our Expectations towards the European Union“

Regional Development in the Context of EU Accession

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Thursday, 16th June 2011

20.00 **Official Welcome Dinner** (Shuttle Bus 19:30, Hotel Turist)
LOCATION: Zlatne Gorice, Banjščina 104, 42204 Gornji Kneginec
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Friday, 17th June 2011

09.30 **Registration**
CONFERENCE VENUE: Hotel Turist, Main Conference Hall, Aleja kralja Zvonimira, 42000 Varaždin, Croatia

10.00 – 11.15 **Welcome and Opening Session: “Our expectations towards the EU”**

Moderation: Croatian National Television

Franz **SCHAUSBERGER**, President of the Institute of European Regions (IRE), Member of the Committee of the Regions (EU), Chairman of the Working Group on Western Balkan, Salzburg, Austria

Predrag **ŠTROMAR**, Varaždin County Prefect, Croatia

H/E Ambassador Paul **VANDOREN**, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb, Croatia

H/E Ambassador Jan **KICKERT**, Austrian Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia

Andrej **PLENKOVIĆ**, State Secretary for European Integration, Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Zagreb, Croatia

Vesna **PUSIĆ**, President of the National Committee for Monitoring the Accession Negotiations of the Republic of Croatia to the EU, Zagreb

Ivo **JOSIPOVIĆ**, President of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb

11.15 - 11.45 **Networking Coffee Break**

11.20 – 12.00 **Press Conference** with IRE Chairman Dr. Franz **SCHAUSBERGER** and President Predrag **ŠTROMAR** and other participants

11.45 – 13.00 **Panel discussion: “European Enlargement”**
(Venue: Hotel Turist, Main Conference Hall, Aleja kralja Zvonimira, 42000 Varaždin)

Moderation: Croatian National Television

Elmar **BROK**, Member of the European Parliament, Foreign Policy Spokesman for the EPP Group in the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

President Siniša **HAJDAŠ DONČIĆ**, Region of Krapina-Zagorje, Croatia

President Darko **KOREN**, Region of Koprivnica-Križevci, Croatia

President Ivan **PERHOČ**, Region of Međimurje, Croatia

Mayor Dr. Dragan **PAJIĆ**, Brčko District, Bosnia and Herzegovina

H/E Ambassador Paul **VANDOREN**, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb, Croatia

President Ivan **VUČIĆ**, Region of Karlovac, Croatia

13.00 – 14.00 **Networking Lunch (Venue: Hotel Turist, Foyer)**

14.00 – 15.30 **Workshop: “Regional Development in the Context of EU accession”**
(Venue: Main Conference Hall, Hotel Turist)

Richard **MAŠA**, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Croatia, Head of Operations Section II

Irene **LACK-HAGENEDER**, Deputy Trade Commissioner, Austrian Chamber of Commerce, Zagreb, Croatia

Manfred-Otto **HÜSKEN**, Desk Officer Croatia and Jaspers Programme, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg

Božidar **PUČNIK**, Managing Director, Maribor Regional Development Agency, Maribor, Slovenia (tbc)

Representative of Regional Development Agency, Varaždin County

Representative of Regional Development Agency, Region of Zala, Hungary

14.00 – 15.30 **Parallel session: „Investment opportunities in Croatian counties“**
(Venue: Conference Room at Hotel Turist - only in English language)
Presentation of investment opportunities in the counties of: Krapina-Zagorje - Međimurje - Koprivnica-Križevci and Varaždin meeting with potential investors

Branko **LAMPL**, Managing Director, Siemens d.d. Croatia, Zagreb, Croatia

Representative of Kapsch TrafficCom

Representative of Uniqa Croatia, Zagreb

Representative of Alpine Bau GmbH, Zagreb

Representative of Schenker Croatia, Zagreb

Ca. 15.30 h **End of the Expert Conference**

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Bosnian, Croatian, English, Hungarian and Slovenian

