



## International Conference

### THE CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTING EU POLICIES IN CROATIA AND OTHER NEW MEMBER STATES

Concluding event of the Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Support to Institution project „POLO-Cro28 Policy Observatory in Croatia“

Zagreb, Monday, 9 July 2018

University of Zagreb, Auditorium of the Rectorate Building, Trg Hrvatske Republike 14.

#### Program<sup>1</sup>

9:00 - 9:30	<b>Registration</b>
9:30 – 9:45	<b>Welcoming words:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Damir Boras</b>, Rector of the University of Zagreb (tbc)</li><li>- <b>Branko Baričević</b>, Head of the EC Representation in the Republic of Croatia</li><li>- <b>Sanja Tišma</b>, Director of the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO)</li></ul>
9:45 – 10:15	<b>Key note speech:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Maarten Verwey</b>, Director-General and Head of the Structural Reform Support Service in the European Commission: “Structural Reforms: Why, What and How?”</li></ul>
10.15 – 10.30	<b>Jean Monnet “POLO-Cro28 Policy Observatory in Croatia” support to institution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Višnja Samardžija</b>, POLO-CRO28 coordinator, IRMO: Main findings of the project and the book “The Challenges of Implementing European Policies in Croatia”</li></ul>
10:30 – 12.00	<b>Session 1: The EU’s economic governance and coordination of the socio-economic policies</b> <p><i>The session will focus on the EU’s economic governance and challenges of its implementation in Croatia and other new member states. It will search for answers on how the new EU member states are performing in European Semester reforms including competitiveness and youth employment, what are their best practices and the lessons learned as well as the main challenges for the future. It will also reflect on some general features of implementing EU policies in Croatia.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Manica Hauptman</b>, EC Representation in the Republic of Croatia: “European Semester and its challenges for Croatia with recommendations for 2018”</li><li>- <b>Krešimir Jurlin</b>, IRMO: “Competitiveness – Croatia and the other new member states’ comparative experiences”</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Working languages of the conference are Croatian and English with simultaneous translation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hrvoje Butković</b>, IRMO: “Reducing youth unemployment – Croatia in comparative perspective”</li> <li>- <b>Marta Kahancová</b>, Central European Labour Studies Institute (CELSI) Bratislava: “How to increase employment growth in the new EU member states? The view from Slovakia”</li> <li>- <b>Zdravko Petak</b>, Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb: “How successful is Croatia in implementing the EU policies?”</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> Moderator of both sessions: <b>Daniel Mondekar</b></p>
12:00 – 12:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:15-14:00	<p><b>Session 2: Cohesion policy, energy and environmental protection issues</b></p> <p><i>The panel will focus on the challenges of the future Multiannual Financial Framework and solutions for achieving greater convergence in the EU and the new member states. Current and future challenges in implementation of cohesion, energy and environmental policy in the new member states will be discussed, taking into consideration the role of the EU funding in the mentioned policy areas.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Jakša Puljiz</b>, IRMO: “Towards the new Multiannual Financial Framework and challenges for cohesions policy implementation in the new member states”</li> <li>- <b>Balász Pichler</b>, Head of Department for Monitoring and Evaluation, European Structural and Investment Funds, Budapest: “Experiences in implementation of cohesion policy in Hungary”</li> <li>- <b>Slavko Krajcar</b>, Faculty of Engineering and Computing, Zagreb: “Croatia - Frontier or Follower on the Road to +2C?”</li> <li>- <b>Željka Lejnak Gracin</b>, Coordinator of Environmental law program, Green Action Zagreb: “What the EU membership means for Croatian environment”</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion and conclusions</b></p>
14:00	<b>Lunch</b>



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