



Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Club Alpbach Croatia and Austrian Cultural Forum in Zagreb are pleased to invite you to take part in the international conference '**EUROPE JOINS CROATIA**'. This event is meant to mark the historic moment of our country, namely Croatia's accession to the European Union.

The four day conference brings together distinguished personalities with highly interested, active young people to share their individual visions of Europe's future as well as challenges along with the status of the process of European integration.

Embracing important issues concerning the future of the European Union on the main panel discussion, high-level Croatian and international experts and opinion leaders will present critical yet positive thought leadership. Precisely in view of the critical condition of economic development in several EU member states and the proliferation of popular EU skepticism, the question of the future of Europe is more pressing than ever. Do we wish to, indeed should we really become the United States of Europe? What is your opinion about that?

During the four days of exclusive activities such as the *Simulation of the European Council Summit*, *Film screening*, *Small talks*, *€uroXibition*, *Panel discussion*, *Small Talk and clubbing*, this conference wants to emphasize our contribution to EU related topics on the highest level.

International conference '**EUROPE JOINS CROATIA**' is a great opportunity for all young enthusiasts who wish to participate in official greeting of the European Union, exchange ideas and have interest for further EU discussion. We also welcome all those who are somehow interested in our interesting activities and workshops and want to expand their knowledge about the European Union from Croatia and abroad (such as young students, practitioners, academics and carrier beginners.)

One of the most important events is the **Simulation of the European Council Summit!** This educational workshop will be moderated in collaboration with **Planpolitik** from Berlin which gives guarantee of its consistency. In two days, thirty young people will simulate the summit of significant European institution taking the roles of Heads of States or Governments in the European politics and international relations.

The aim of simulating this well-known diplomatic meeting is to increase the understanding of the political decision-making and promote social skills among the youth such as teamwork, negotiation and the culture of discussion.

Playing the roles of representatives will be the best way for students to get through interactive learning and develop the communication skills, improve public speaking and diplomatic behavior. Some of the participants' qualities that we would particularly appreciate are active promotion of democratic participation and interest in politics.

Please confirm your participation free of charge as soon as possible to Marija Blažević: marija2renic@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

Club Alpbach Croatia



DRAFT PROGRAM



Thursday, June 27th

19:00 – 20:30	Austrian Cultural Forum: <u>Speakers' Night</u> . Speakers' Night is a competition of 10 young people, who in a three minutes speeches show their ability of public speaking. The winner gets a full scholarship for the European Forum Alpbach 2013. Language is Croatian.
20:30 – 21:00	Austrian Cultural Forum: Opening 'EuroXibition' . 'EuroXibition' is a joint project of Club Alpbach Belgrade and Initiative Group Alpbach Prishtina regarding the future of European Union.
21:00	Reception at Austrian Cultural Forum and clubbing at Cafe 'Gundulich'

Friday, June 28th

11:00 – 16:30

Croatian Parliament (tbc): 1st day of
led by 'Planpolitik'

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19:00 – 21:00

Museum of Contemporary Art: panel discussion on the topic '...' Language is English. The panelists are:

Erhard Busek, Honorary President of the European Forum Alpbach; Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe (2002 – 2008), Austria

Ivan Krastev, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Bulgaria

Almut Möller, Head of Program, Alfred von Oppenheim Center for European Policy Studies, Germany (tbc)

Dejan Jović, Chief Analyst to the President of the Republic of Croatia - Special Coordinator; Associate Professor at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, Croatia (tbc)

Moderation: Višeslav Raos, Political Science Research Centre, Croatia

21:00 – 23:00

Roof-top-party! Live band 'Chische Lische' from The Kerempuh Satirical Theatre; Entrance only for the audience and of the panel discussion



Main event,

Audience: 300 people

Saturday, June 29th

10:00 – 16:00

University of Zagreb: 2nd day of
led by 'Planpolitik'

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10:30 – 12:30

Europe House (tbc): 'Small Talk' on the topic: '...' Language is English.

Ivan Krastev, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia
Croatian speaker, (tbc)

12:30 – 15:00

Break

15:00 – 17:00

Europe House (tbc): Workshop on public advocacy. Language is English. Led by:

Dragan Zelić, Executive director of GONG, Zagreb

Martina Horvat, Head of Research Centre of GONG, Zagreb

20:00 – 22:00

Cinema Tuškanac: documentary film 'Cash & Marry'

22:00

Clubbing

Sunday, June 30th

11:00

Closing event

Partners:

