



## The Transformative Power of the EU Membership: the Croatian, Irish and Danish Experience

Zagreb, 28 March 2023 (Ilyrian Hall, Palača Drašković, Opatička 18)

### 16:00 – 16:20 Introductory speeches

- Ms. Zrinka Ujević, Director General for Europe, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia
- H.E. Mr. Ruaidhri Dowling, Ambassador of Ireland to Croatia
- Mr. Carsten Grønbech-Jensen, State Secretary for European Affairs and the Arctic of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

### 16:20 – 17:20 The Croatian, Irish, and Danish Experience of EU Accession and Membership

- Mr. Vladimir Drobnjak, Chief Negotiator for Croatia's EU Accession
- Mr. Bobby McDonagh, former Irish diplomat
- Mr. Poul Skytte Christoffersen, former Danish diplomat
- Mr. Dirk Lange, former European Commission official

*Moderator: Ms. Zrinka Ujević, Director General for Europe, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia*

### 17:20 – 18:20 Challenges Ahead Within the European Union and at the Global Stage

- Ms. Irena Andrassy, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia to the EU;
- Prof. Brigid Laffan; Emeritus Professor at European University Institute, EUI, Florence
- Mr. Carsten Grønbech-Jensen, State Secretary for European Affairs and the Arctic of the Kingdom of Denmark

*Moderator: Dr. Višnja Samardžija, Emeritus Researcher, Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb*

### 18:20 – 18:30 Wrap up

### 18:30 – 20:30 Reception

