



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 Andreja Metelko Zgombić**,  
State Secretary for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and European  
Affairs

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  
*“European agenda support instruments - Eastern Partnership perspective”.*
- **Ms Maja Rimac Bjelobrč**, 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”*
- **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”*





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

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”*

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”*

19:30 – 20:30 *Sightseeing tour (meeting point: Central Square, the statue of ban J. Jelačić)*





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### Thursday, 26 April

9:30 Arrival of participants (*Coffee upon arrival*)

10:00 – 12:30 3rd Session – ***Future of EU Assistance in the Framework of the Institutional Cooperation and Knowledge Sharing Instruments-How to Effectively Promote their Valuable Impact?***

- **Mr. Sokol Dedja**, Director of EU Directorate, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Republic of Albania  
*“A view from a beneficiary country in the Western Balkans on the future of EU assistance”*
- **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”.*
- **Mr. Marek Tabor**, Director of Development Service, College of Europe

### ***Discussion and Wrap up of the Conference***

12:30 *Lunch (standing finger food)*