



Croatia on the road to the euro

9:30 a.m.	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS (for participants in the conference hall)
10:00	Welcome speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Miodrag Šajatovic, Editor-in-Chief of Lider (5') <i>tbc</i>
10:05 a.m.	Panel I (45') INTRODUCTION OF THE EURO IN CROATIA – EXPECTATIONS FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY <i>Deadlines for joining the eurozone, given the pandemic and unexpected economic problems - will the criteria be relaxed and will the circumstances be taken into account or not? Does Croatia meet its ERM II post-entry commitments? The commitments include, among other, improving the business environment, public sector governance and the judiciary. What reforms are being implemented or planned in these areas? Is this enough to prepare the Croatian economy for joining the eurozone? What does the adoption of the euro mean for Croatian companies? Which economic sectors in particular could benefit from the adoption of the euro?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Declan Costello, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs · Nataša Mikuš Žigman, State Secretary at the Ministry of the Economy and Sustainable Development · Josip Divić, CFO, AD Plastik · Tihomir Premužak, CEO of Vetropack Straža <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Vanja Figenwald, Lider</i></p>
10:50 a.m.	Coffee break (20')
11:10 a.m.	Key note address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice President of the European Commission for an Economy that Works for People (20')
11:30 a.m.	CROATIA ON THE ROAD TO EURO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Zdravko Marić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Croatia (15') · Boris Vujčić, Governor of the Croatian National Bank (15')
12:00 noon	Panel II (45') INTRODUCTION OF THE EURO IN CROATIA - EXPECTATIONS FOR CITIZENS <i>Which preparations have been made for the introduction of the euro? What can citizens expect? How will the introduction of the euro affect them and their lives - specific examples: salaries, loans, purchase of property, etc.? How will consumers be protected from potential misuse of the conversion rate with the aim of increasing prices?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Michael Faulend, Vice Governor of the Croatian National Bank · Ana Knežević, President at Croatian Association for Consumers Protection · Maja Vehovec, Advisor to the Rector of the University of Rijeka · Baiba Vitolina, Director of the Latvian Consumer Rights Protection Centre <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Gordana Gelenčer, Poslovni plan</i></p>
12:45 p.m.	Refreshments