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THE CONFERENCE ON THE ITALIAN – CROATIAN COOPERATION
AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY FINANCING

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PROGRAM

9:30 – 9:50 Welcome address

Boris Vujčić, Governor of the Croatian National Bank

Pierfrancesco Sacco, Ambassador of the Italian Republic to the Republic of Croatia

9:50 – 10:40 Opening speeches

Zdravko Marić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Croatia

Manlio di Stefano, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Italian Republic

Ivan Barbarić, Vice President for International Affairs and EU of the Croatian Chamber of Economy

Gianfranco Bisagni, Co-CEO Commercial Banking CEE of Unicredit Spa.

Marco Elio Rottigni, Head of International Subsidiary Banks Division, Intesa Sanpaolo Spa.

Daniele Franco, Director-General of Banca d'Italia

10:40 – 11:40 Panel I – Public and private investment for economic recovery and growth

KEY ISSUES:

- How can Croatia and Italy use the available EU funds and instruments - Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and Next Generation EU - most efficiently to alleviate the economic and social damage caused by the pandemic?
- What can countries do to make the best use of the Recovery and Resilience Facility?
- As private investments are a very important part of economic recovery, which sectors could be seen as most promising for future FDIs between Croatia and Italy?
- Is there a scope for Croatia and Italy to invest jointly in projects in other countries, with special regard to South East Europe?

MODERATOR:

Milan Deskar – Škrbić, Advisor at the Croatian National Bank

SPEAKERS:

1. **Šime Erlić**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds of the Republic of Croatia
2. **Victoria Zinchuk**, EBRD Director for Croatia
3. **Francesco Ruffoli**, President of the Italian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce
4. **Sandra Švaljek**, Deputy Governor of the Croatian National Bank
5. **Fabrizio Balassone**, Head of Structural Economic Analysis Directorate, Banca d'Italia

11:40 – 11:55 Q&A Session

11:55 – 12:20 Coffee break**12:20 – 13:20 Panel II – Role of the financial sector in economic recovery**

KEY ISSUES:

- What are the most prominent strengths and risks for the Croatian and Italian banking sectors?
- What are the expected developments in the banking sectors going forward?
- How can banks better assist the SMEs in building their businesses?
- Which role should banks play in supporting innovative SMEs and improving their access to finance?

MODERATOR:

Marko Jurčić, Advisor to the President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy

SPEAKERS:

1. **Romeo Collina**, Chairman of the Management Board, Zagrebačka banka
2. **Dinko Lucić**, President of the Management Board, Privredna banka Zagreb
3. **Col. Pietro Bianchi**, Head of Research and Analysis, Guardia di Finanza, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Italian Republic
4. **Marijana Oreb**, Member of the Board of Directors of HAMAG-BICRO
5. **Francesco Tilli**, Director of External Relations, SIMEST
6. **Vedran Šošić**, Chief Economist of the Croatian National Bank

13:20 – 13:30 Q&A Session**13:30 – 14:00 Coffee break****14:00 – 15:00 Panel III – Business panel on Energy**

KEY ISSUES:

- What business opportunities does circular economy enable and can it open up new avenues of cooperation between Croatia and Italy?
- What are the measures and reforms necessary in order to accelerate the renewable energy transition and development?
- What are the financial instruments available to support the redesigning of the industrial ecosystem?
- Is the European Green Deal a challenge or an incentive?

MODERATOR:

Maja Pokrovac, Director of Association for Renewable Energy Sources of Croatia

SPEAKERS:

1. **Tamara Perko**, President of the Management Board of HBOR
2. **Milan Horvat**, President of the Supervisory Board of FIMA Invest
3. **Alberto Pinori**, President of ANIE Rinnovabili
4. **Gianbattista Semeraro**, Projects Director of FATA EPC

15:00 – 15:10 Q&A Session

15:15 – 16:15 Panel IV – Business panel on Tourism**KEY ISSUES:**

- What are the measures necessary to balance the domestic and foreign tourist demands amidst the pandemic?
- To what extent will the poor summer tourist season impact future investments and how to counter this trend?
- What are the financial instruments available to support the tourism recovery process?
- What benefits would Croatia's entry into the Euro area have for the tourism industry?

MODERATOR:

Damir Krešić, Managing Director of the Croatian Institute for Tourism

SPEAKERS:

1. **Tonči Glavina**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism and Sport of the Republic of Croatia
2. **Kristjan Staničić**, Director of the Croatian National Tourist Board
3. **Željko Kukurin**, President of the Catering and Tourism Association of the Croatian Employers' Association
4. **Marina Lalli**, President of Federturismo Confindustria
5. **Paola Pacchiana**, Internationalisation Ambassador, Associazione Startup Turismo

16:15 – 16:25 Q&A Session