

## Meeting of Regional Institutes

### 20 Years of EU Enlargement – Experiences and Challenges

Hotel Dubrovnik

Gajeva 1, Zagreb

June 6–7, 2024

**June 6, 2024**  
**(Ban Jelačić conference hall)**

**9:00 – 9:15**

#### Opening Speech

Tajana Barbić, Director, The Institute of Economics, Zagreb

**9:15 – 9:45**

#### 20 Years of EU Membership

**9:15 – 9:35**

Zrinka Ujević, Head of the European Commission Representation in Croatia, keynote speaker

**9:35 – 9:45**

Q&A – Zrinka Ujević, Head of the European Commission Representation in Croatia and Andrea Čović Vidović, Deputy Head of the European Commission Representation in Croatia

**9:45 – 11:00**

#### Panel 1

#### Economic Impacts of the EU Enlargement

Maria Åsenius

Economic Advisor, Dir A, DG NEAR, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

Martin Kahanec

Professor, Central European Labour Studies Institute, Bratislava, Slovakia

Damjan Kavas

Director, Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Andrea Élтетő

Senior researcher, Institute of World Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Budapest, Hungary

Tajana Barbić

Director, The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia

Moderator:

Judita Cuculić Župa, European Semester Officer, European Commission Representation in Croatia

**11:00 – 11:30**

#### Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45

**Panel 2 Reform Challenges on the Path to the European Union**

Mario Holzner	Director, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, Vienna, Austria
Jovan Zubović	Director, Institute of Economic Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia
Adnan Efendić	Professor, University of Sarajevo, School of Economics and Business, Sarajevo, B&H
Alban Hashani	Director, Riinvest Institute, Prishtina, Kosovo
Zoran Aralica	Head of Department for Innovation, Business Economics and Sectors, The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia
Moderator:	Jelena Budak, Deputy Director, The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

**June 7, 2024**  
**[Ban Frankopan conference hall]**

9:30 – 13:00 Working Meeting of Institutes [closed session]

**9:30 – 11:30 Working Meeting of Institutes – Part 1 – Presentations of Current Research**

Central European Labour Studies Institute, Bratislava, Slovakia  
Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Riinvest Institute, Prishtina, Kosovo  
The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, Vienna, Austria

11:30– 11:45 Coffee Break

**11:45 – 13:00 Working Meeting of Institutes – Part 2 – Presentations of Current Research**

Institute of World Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Budapest, Hungary  
Institute of Economic Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia  
The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch