Programme

Fostering Policy Dialogue: TRAIN Programme
Closing Seminar: 14-18 October 2012, Brussels

Accommodation: Hotel du Congrès
Rue du Congrès/Congresstraat 38-44
1000 Brussels

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Sunday, 14 October 2012

Afternoon/Evening
Arrivals of participants:
Arrivals in the afternoon: arrival via public transport (please see description in attachment)
Arrivals at 19.10: pick-up service (meet drivers at level 0 at the exit to the bus station on the right; see picture attached)

20.30h
Meet in hotel lobby – departure to restaurant
Welcome Dinner at Restaurant „La Folle Avventura“ (just next to the hotel)
Rue du congrès 52
1000 Brussels

Monday, 15 October 2012

9.30-11.00h 
Introductory session:
Introduction to seminar programme, discussion of dissemination strategies
Venue:
Hotel du Congrès – seminar room

11h
Departure to city centre

11.30h
Guided city tour – departure from Grand' Place

13.00h
Lunch in the city center
Location tbc
Afterwards: free time

15.30h
Meeting point 1 (city center): town hall at Grand’ Place, or alternatively:
15.30h
Meeting point 2 (Hotel du Congrès): hotel lobby

16.00h-17.30h Discussion with Brussels-based think tank representatives at the
European Policy Centre
Ms Rosa Balfour, EPC
Ms Corina Stratulat, EPC
Participants from other think tanks to be confirmed

Venue:
Résidence Palace
155 rue de la Loi
1040 Brussels

19.30h Departure to restaurant – meet in hotel lobby
Dinner at Restaurant „L’Esprit du sel“ (see map in Annex I)
Place Jourdan 52-54
1040 Brussels

Tuesday, 16 October 2012

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Visit of the Directorate-general for Enlargement,
Feedback from European Commission officials

8.15h Departure from the hotel
9.00-9.10h Introductory remarks
9.10-9.40h The mobility patterns of Macedonian students after visa liberalization
(CRPM)
9.40-10.10h Access to information in Croatia – exercise of a Constitutional Right in an
Institutional Culture of Secrecy (GONG)
10.10-10.40h Decentralization in Montenegro: involving local self-governments in the
financing of education (CEED)
10.40-11.00h Coffee break
11.00-11.30h  Civil society – an important asset in EU accession negotiations in Serbia and Montenegro (CDT & ISAC)

11.30-12.00h  Impact assessment of the EU financial assistance to the Republic of Serbia – time for change? (InTER)

12.00-12.30h  An Affair of Animal Welfare – is BiH willing to keep hurting its economy? (Populari)

12.30-13.00h  Business environment in Kosovo: a view on the key policy implications (GLPS)

13.00-14.00h  Lunch in the canteen of the Charlemagne building

Venue: Charlemagne Building (CHAR 4/23)
170 rue de la Loi
1000 Brussels

14.00-15.45h  Free time

15.45h  Meet in front of Charlemagne building – walk to European Parliament

16.00h  Meet at European Parliament for registration procedure (meet Ms Nina Novak in the lobby of the Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building – Simone Veil entrance)

16.30-17.30h  Meeting with Mr Silvio Gonzato, Head of Unit, Ms Marta Udina and Mr Peter Baytay, Administrators, Secretariat of the European Parliament, Committee on Foreign Affairs

19.00h  Meet in hotel lobby, departure to dinner

19.30h  Dinner in restaurant „Ultime Atome“
rue St-Boniface 17
1050 Bruxelles

Wednesday, 17 October 2012

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8.30h  Departure to EU Mission of Croatia – meet in hotel lobby

9.00-10.00h (tbc)  Meeting with Ambassador Vladimir Drobnjak, Head of Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (see CV in Annex II)

Venue:
Avenue des Arts 50
1000 Brussels
Walk to EEAS
11.00-12.30h Meeting with Mr Jonas Jonsson, Head of Western Balkans Unit, European External Action Service
   Venue:
   EEAS building
   rue de la Loi 242, 4th floor, room 586
   1000 Brussels

12.30-13.30h Lunch at Exki

13.30h Meet at European Parliament (lobby of the Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building – Simone Veil entrance)

14.00-15.00h Meeting with members of the European Parliament's working group on the Western Balkans
   Participating MEPs to be confirmed

Walk to Representation of Germany
15.30-17.00h Meeting with Mr Kai Schachtebeck, Second Secretary, Council working group on the Western Balkans (COWEB), Permanent Representation of the Republic of Germany to the European Union
   Venue:
   rue Jacques de Lalain 8-14
   1040 Brussels

18.00-19.30h Final session:
   Evaluation and feedback
   Venue:
   Hotel du Congrès – seminar room

20.30h Walk to restaurant
   Goodbye Dinner at restaurant “Madou's Provence“
   (just around the corner of the hotel – see map in Annex I)
   Rue de la Presse 23
   1000 Brussels

Thursday, 18 October 2012
Morning Departure of participants
   End of the seminar
Annex I:

Monday, 15 Oct: Restaurant „L’Esprit de Sel“

Address: place Jourdan 52

walk from metro station Schuman to place Jourdan
Tuesday, 16 Oct: Restaurant „Ultime Atome“
Address: rue St-Boniface 17
Wednesday, 17 Oct: Restaurant „Madou's Provence“

Address: rue de la Presse 23
Annex 2:

Curriculum vitae – Vladimir Drobnjak
Head of Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

Date & Place of Birth:

- 5 March 1956 in Zagreb

Educational Background:

- 1980 - JD University of Zagreb, School of Law of the University of Zagreb, Croatia

Work Experience:

- February 2012 - Head of the Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, Brussels
- January 2005 – February 2012 - Chief Negotiator for the negotiations on the accession of Croatia to the European Union
- April 2005 – July 2006 - Chair of the Stabilisation and Association Committee
- December 2000 – June 2003 - Head of the Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the European Communities, Brussels
- February 2002 - December 2003 - Chairman of the Third Working Table of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe; Chairman of the WT III Sub-table for Defense and Security
- 2000–2001 - Member of the Negotiating Team of the Republic of Croatia for the Stabilization and Association Agreement with the European Union
- 1997-2000 - Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of the Division for Multilateral Affairs, Zagreb
- 1995 - Promoted to the rank of Ambassador
- 1988-1992 - USA and UN correspondent, based in New York, for Croatian dailies Vjesnik and Večernji list, and for Croatian Radio and TV
- 1986-1988 - Editor in Chief of the Sunday Vjesnik
- 1980 - 1986 - Journalist for Vjesnik