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SEMINAR BOOK

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II Detailed program of the Seminar

Thursday, 21. October		
	Until 17.00	Arrival of participants and registration
	18:30	<p>Welcome address François Friederich, Co-ordinator of the Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe; Andrija Rudić, Deputy Zupan of Sisak-Moslavina County Agan Velić, Deputy Mayor of Sisak Ana Brnčić, Member of Steering Board, Academy for Political Development, Zagreb H.E. Yoshio Tamura, Ambassador of Japan to Croatia</p>
	19:30	Dinner
Friday, 22. October		
	09:00-13:00	<p>Introduction to the Seminar, Igor Gaon, Political Advisor, Council of Europe</p> <p>Moderator: Predrag Šupljeglav, Head of the Department of the City Administration, Mostar</p> <p>Expert: Alba Dakoli Wilson, Director of FLAG Albania Preconditions and success factors for IMC Role of Central and Local authorities in promoting IMC Different forms of IMC</p> <p><u>Contribution on IMC</u> : in Bosnia and Herzegovina by Olivera Čučić, Chief of Department of civic activities, Municipality of Bratuna</p>
	13:00	Lunch
	14:30-16:30	<p>Moderator: Igor Gaon, Political Advisor, Council of Europe</p> <p>Expert: Slaviša Šućur, member of the Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo Legal environment and institutional aspects Financial arrangements Communication with citizens and accountability issues</p> <p><u>Contributions on IMC</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ in Istarska Zupanija by Oriano Otočan, Regional Government Member in charge of international co-

		operation and European integration; ➤ in Vojvodina by Jadranka Beljan-Balaban , Provincial secretary for local self-government and inter-municipal co-operation, Novi Sad
	17:00	Departure by bus to Zagreb
	18:30	Reception offered by the Embassy of Japan
Saturday, 23. October		
	09:30 - 10:30	Workshops on IMC project design
	10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
	11:30 – 12:00	Presentation of the conclusions of the workshops Moderator: Alba Dakoli Wilson , Director of FLAG, Albania
	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
	14:00 – 15:30	Contribution of ALDA on IMC by Biljana Zašova , Senior Project Manager, and Paula Raužan , Delegate of LDA Sisak
	16:00	Visit at the City Hall Tomislav Dovranić , Head of Department at the Municipality of Sisak
	19:00	Dinner
Saturday, 24. October		
	8:30 – 10:00	Challenges of IMC in inter-cultural environment Moderator: Igor Gaon , Political Advisor, Council of Europe The French – German experience by Klaus Schumann , former Director General of Political Affairs, Council of Europe
	10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
	10:30 – 11:00	Evaluation of the seminar and concluding remarks Igor Gaon and François Friederich
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
	13:00	Departure of the participants

III List of participants

Academy for Political Development, Zagreb

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function, institution</i>
Barbarić Ivan	Member of City Council, Vinkovci
Katičin Danijel	Mayor, Tkon
Igor Radjenović	Member of City Council, Zagreb

School of Political Studies Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function, institution</i>
Željko Josić	Mayor, Domaljevac
Dijana Salihbegović	Head of Department for civil servants, municipality „Stari Grad“
Milanka Šopin	Minister assistant, Ministry of LSG of RS
Esad Mavrić	Programme Coordinator, School of Political Studies Bosnia and Herzegovina

Academy of Political Studies, Tirana

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function, institution</i>
Hysni Ahmetaj	Chair of the Commune Council, Paskuqan
Qemal Cejku	Cabinet Director, Kamza Municipality
Dritan Cepa	Deputy Mayor, Elbasan
Xhelal Mziu	Mayor, Kamez

Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, Belgrade

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function, institution</i>
Predrag Mijić	Mayor, Coka
Boris Mrdović	Municipal Affairs in the Municipal Assembly, Priboj

Pristina Institute for Political Studies, Pristina

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function, institution</i>
Sladjan Ilić	Former Mayor of Strpce, Member of Social Democrat Party - SDS
Rozafa Ukimeraj Cuni	Director of Department for LG, Ministry of Local Governance
Besnik Tahiri	Executive Director of the Kosovo Institute for Local Governance, AAK, Advisor for Local Governan.

School of Democratic Leadership, Podgorica

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function, institution</i>
Samir Agović	President of Municipality Assembly, Berane
Spasoje Kovačević	President of Danilovgrad bord, SNP

School of Politics, Skopje

<i>Name</i>	<i>Institution, function</i>
Goran Petrov	Mayor, Veles
Ljupce Prendzov	Member of Municipal Council, Karpos
Naxhi Xhelili	Secretary of Municipality of Gostivar
Fadil Zendeli	Municipal Council President, Gostivar

ALDA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Institution, function</i>
Arbana Dibra	LDA Albania
Rifet Hrkic	Leader of OGLEDALO association
Svetislav Milankovic	Member of the LDA Subotica team (Serbia)
Oriano Otočan	Regional Government Member in charge of international cooperation European integration, Member of Governing Board, Istria
Paula Raužan	President, LDA Sisak
Predrag Šupljeglav	Head of the Department of the City administration, Mostar
Biljana Zašova	Project Co-ordinator and Project manager for the France/Balkans and Lower-Normandy/Macedonia projects, ALDA

Council of Europe

<i>Name</i>	<i>Institution, function</i>
Igor Gaon	Political Advisor, Council of Europe
François Friederich	Co-ordinator of the Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe
Claude Bernard	Administrative co-ordinator of the Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe

IV Accommodation and seminar venue



Town Sisak is the administrative centre of Sisak-Moslavina County. It is situated on three rivers: Kupa, Sava and Odra which meander in its centre, with the river banks rich in vegetation, pleasant for walks and relaxation.

Hotel Panonija is situated in the centre of Sisak some 40 km from the Pleso airport and 50 km from the Croatian capital Zagreb. In the vicinity of the hotel you can find all the cultural, historical, administrative and sport institutions as well as restaurants and bars to which you only have to take a comfortable stroll.

All the participants and experts will be accommodated in the hotel.

V Experts

Jadranka Beljan Balaban

was born in 1972 in Novi Sad. She finished high school Karlovacka gimnazija, a graduate of the Department of Yugoslav and Serbo-Croatian language and literature at the University of Novi Sad. Attended postgraduate studies at the same university. She has attended numerous seminars, conferences and training in the fields of politics, human rights, gender equality, leadership in politics and local government and others. Since 1994. to 2002. She worked part time as a journalist in "Karlovacke newspapers " and "Dnevnik", Novi Sad. Since 1999. to 2000. she was a professor of literature and the Serbian language in high school "Isidora Sekulic", in Novi Sad. Since 2003. by 2004. he worked as an expert in the Novi Sad gallery Belart. Since 2004. Jadranka Beljan Balaban was a member of the Assembly of Vojvodina, where she was the Chairman of the Committee for Gender Equality, a member of the Committee on Culture, Education, Science and Sports and President of the parliamentary group of G17 Plus. In 2008. She delegated her duties to the Provincial Secretary for Local Government and Municipal Cooperation in the Government of AP Vojvodina. From June 2010. again a member of the Assembly of Vojvodina, a member of the Security Committee and the Committee for Gender Equality. Member of the Presidency of the G17 Plus and President of Women's Network of G17 Plus.

Olivera Čučić

graduated High School and University of Economy in Sarajevo where she lived until 1996. After signing of Dayton Peace Agreement she has moved with her family to Bratunac in which she still lives and works. She is employed in Bratunac municipality since 1997 and works as a Head of Department for Social Affairs. She is active member of women's association „ Priroda“ in which she has worked as a coordinator on several projects and passed through several seminars and trainings treating areas important to development of civil society. She is married and a mother of two.

Alba Dakoli Wilson

has been a FLAG director for 14 years and she has experience in different fields in businesses connected to Local Government. She has represented FLAG and Albania in all kinds of projects in various countries. Mrs. Alba Dakoli Wilson has coordinated activities between „Ministry of Local Government and Decentralization“ and „The National Local Government Association“. She has assisted implementing decentralization strategy which deals with new legislation considering local taxes and supply of drinking water. She helped in fields of municipal services and inter-municipal cooperation which dealt with waste management. That „Inter-Municipal Waste Management Association“ is the first of its sort in Albania. Mrs. Alba Dakoli Wilson also has trainer's experience, mainly in local government functions. She has helped develop a framework for implementing „The National Training Strategy for Local Government“. With the help of Council of Europe and UNDP she co-authored the set of curricula materials for training in transforming local government association.

Igor Gaon

worked as University professor and director of Institute, during the war he worked for UNHCR. Visiting professor USA, University of Minnesota. From 1997-2000 President of Municipality Center Sarajevo, former Ambassador of BH in Council of Europe and Special representative of Secretary General in Georgia. Currently Program Adviser in CoE and Director of School of Political Studies BiH.

Oriano Otočan

was born in Pula, in 1969 where he finished elementary and high school. He graduated Faculty of Mechanics in 1993 and Faculty of Economy in 2002 both on University of Rijeka. He has participated in numerous international conferences in the area of international cooperation, EU affairs, democracy, regionalism, public administration and development. He also participated in various political educational programs such as Bulgarian School of Politics, New Bulgarian University, Sofia (Bulgaria) in 2004, Academy for Political Development, Council of Europe, Strasbourg (France) in 2002, International Academy for Leadership, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, Gummersbach (Germany) in 2001, Professional Development Seminar for Government Leaders, Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, Cleveland (USA) in 2000, International Academy for Leadership, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, Kottenheide (Germany) in 1998, Technical Cooperation Program in Field of Young Political Organizers, USAID, NDI, Washington DC (USA). In 2001 he was a member of the Committee for Urban Planning, Environmental Protection and Construction, Assembly of the Region of Istria. And from 2001 – 2005 he held a place as Head of the Cabinet of the President for Region of Istria. Nowadays he is working as Head of the Department of International Cooperation and EU Integration, Region of Istria.

Klaus Schumann

dr. Klaus Scumann PhD (Dr. rer. pol.) was born in Freiburg, Germany. He studied social and economic sciences at the Universities of Freiburg, Vienna and Cologne. After a few years at the North Atlantic Assembly in Brussels, he joined the Council of Europe. During 33 years he occupied various functions at the Parliamentary Assembly, the Committee of Ministers, the Private Office of the Secretary General and finished his career as Director General of Political Affairs.

Besides his doctoral thesis on the "Political system of Switzerland" he published various articles on the political situation, elections, etc., in Switzerland and France, as well as on the development of European institutions and organisations. As a civil society activist he is, at present, particularly engaged in developing and supporting projects favouring French-German cross-border dialogue and joint activities between citizens of the Eurodistrict Strasbourg-Ortenau.

Predrag Šupljeglav

was born in Mostar on May 10, 1960. He finished Elementary and Secondary school, as well as Faculty of Law (1985) in Mostar. Since 1988 until 1992 he had been working in Assembly of the Municipality of Mostar, and after the war, since 2002 he has been working at the Mostar City Administration. Since December 24, 2004 he has been working as Head of the Department for organization, legal affairs and general administration in which are four services with 237 employees. In the cooperation project of the City of Mostar and Vejle Commune from

Denmark and the Government Accountability Project (GAP), he had been working as Coordinator for the City of Mostar. In the process of reorganization of the City of Mostar he has actively participated as Advisor to the Chairman of the working group for drafting a Statute of the City of Mostar-Mr Norbert Winterstein. He was involved at the Alliance of Cities and Municipalities of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as the chairman of the Committee for constitutional and legislative issues. Since 1998 he is actively involved in the electoral process and since 2004 he has been a member of the Electoral Commission of the City of Mostar. He is a permanent member of the Association of the election officers where he performs a function of Secretary of Steering Board of Association.

Biljana Zašova

is a trained lawyer specialized in EU laws and international affairs with the degree from the College of Europe in Poland and Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France. She worked for eight years at the Council of Europe, Directorate General of Democracy and Political Affairs, mainly on the civil society development and citizen's participation. In 2007 she worked at the Secretariat of European Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia and since January 2010 she works as a Senior Project Implementation Co-ordinator at the Association of Local Democracy Agencies. She has extensive experience in international relations and public policies. She is a Marshall Memorial Fellow for 2010.

VI Working languages

During the Seminar, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Albanian and S/B/C/M languages.

VII Basic information about organisers and partners

The Council of Europe is the oldest international organisation working towards European integration, having been founded in 1949. It has a particular emphasis on legal standards, human rights, democratic development, the rule of law and cultural co-operation. It has 47 member states with some 800 million citizens. Its statutory institutions are the Committee of Ministers comprising the foreign ministers of each member state, the Parliamentary Assembly composed of MPs from the Parliament of each member state, and the Secretary General heading the secretariat of the Council of Europe. The most known conventional bodies of the Council of Europe are the European Court of Human Rights, which enforces the European Convention on Human Rights, and the European Pharmacopoeia Commission, which sets the quality standards for pharmaceutical products in Europe. The Council of Europe's work has resulted in standards, charters and conventions to facilitate co-operation between European countries and further integration. The seat of the Council of Europe is in Strasbourg, France with English and French as its two official languages. The Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress also use German, Italian and Russian for some of their work.



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The Schools of political studies, supported by the Council of Europe, aim to train the future generations of political, economic, social and cultural leaders in the countries in transition. The schools organise seminars and conferences on such themes as European integration, democracy, human rights, the rule of law and globalisation in which national and international experts take part.

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The Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA)

International non-governmental organization founded in 1999 as a small initiative of the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to co-ordinate a network of Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs) already in existence since 1993. The LDAs are local NGOs acting to foster Human Rights and local democracy. ALDA has a strong activity of

relationship with European Institutions and is part of the following networks:

- Structural Dialogue of the European Commission Programme "Europe for Citizens"
- Programme of technical support of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Observer at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Member of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe
- Member of the international network "Working Together" between trainers from local authorities of East Europe

<http://alda-europe.eu>

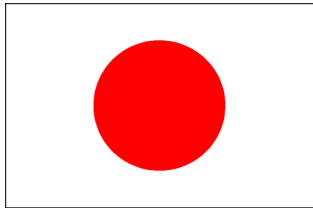


Academy for Political Development is a programme of political education for young leaders from politics, business, public administration, civil society and the media. Their goals are:

developing democratic political culture and promoting dialogue and cooperation among future leaders; contributing to the quality of political processes in Croatia by providing political education to young professionals; and – equally important – by motivating them to participate in public affairs. Programme is implemented in partnership with the Council of Europe, in the framework of the programme of the *Schools of Political Studies* (*more above*). Since the beginning of the Academy's activities in 2004, more than 200 participants have completed a **one-year educational programme**, consisting of three weekend seminars in Croatia and a *Summer University for Democracy* in Strasbourg, where participants from sixteen countries discuss the dominant political issues and exchange experiences and best practices. Over one hundred eminent lecturers from both Croatia and abroad took part in the programme. Apart from the annual programme, Academy encourages **regional co-operation** with programme *Linking the New Leaders* – an ongoing serial of seminars with partner organizations from neighboring countries (Western Balkans), of which this seminar is a part. They also organise **round tables and panel discussions** addressing the key issues of Croatia's development.

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Japan is a country of over six thousand islands extending along the Pacific coast of Asia. The main islands, running from northeast to southwest, are Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu. The

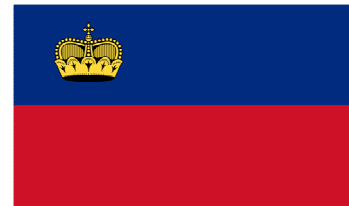


characters that make up Japan's name mean „sun-origin“ which is why Japan is often referred to as the „Land of the Rising Sun“. Japan's population is estimated at around 127 Million and its capital city of Tokyo is the largest metropolitan area in the world, with over 30 million residents. Japanese nation has the highest life expectancy of any country in the world. Japan is a country of parliamentary democracy with monarchy and its Emperor is defined by the constitution as „the symbol of the state and of

unity of the people“. Still, the political power is held chiefly by the Prime Minister of Japan and elected members of the National Diet. The economic expansion of Japan, poor in natural resources, was launched in the mid 19th century. Some of today's Japanese successful companies were founded at that time. As of 2009, Japan is the second largest economy of the world, after the United States, in terms of nominal GDP and third after the United States and China in terms of purchasing power parity. Japan is today the symbol of high technology and robotics as well as world's leader in fundamental scientific research.

<http://www.kantei.go.jp/>

The Principality of Liechtenstein is a doubly landlocked alpine state in Western Europe, bordered by Switzerland to the west and south and by Austria to the east. Its area is 160 km² and it has an estimated population of 35,000. Its capital is Vaduz, the biggest town is Schaan. It is a constitutional monarchy divided into 11 municipalities.



Liechtenstein's current constitution was adopted in March 2003, replacing the previous 1921 constitution which had established Liechtenstein as a constitutional monarchy headed by the reigning prince of the Princely House of Liechtenstein. A parliamentary system had been established, although the reigning prince retained substantial political authority. Liechtenstein participates in a customs union with Switzerland and employs the Swiss franc as national currency. The GDP (PPP) is \$4.16 billion,[2] or \$ 118,000 per person

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