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Mihanoviceva 1
10000 Zagreb, Croatia

Tuesday, 28th November 2023

10:00 - 10:30 Registration and reception of the Croatian participants
Venue: Foyer Emerald

10:40 - 11:00 Opening Session of the Spain-Croatia Business Forum
Venue: Emerald Room

Welcoming address:

- Juan González-Barba, Ambassador of Spain to the Republic of Croatia, or Jerónimo Fuentes, Deputy Head of Mission, Spanish Embassy in Croatia

Speeches:

- Javier Serra, General Director, ICEX Spain Trade and Investment
- Zrinka Raguž, State Secretary, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia

11:10 - 11:50 Panel discussion 1: “The future of trade and investment relations between Croatia and Spain”

Speakers:

- Marko Jurčić, Director EU Policies and International Relations Department, Croatian Employers' Association (HUP)
- Silva Stipičić Kobali, Director Business Internationalization Centre, Croatia Chamber of Economy
- Ana Čulo, Head of Sector for Investments, Croatian Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
- Josip Ćorić, Director for Croatia, Eptisa

Moderator: Javier Serra, General Director, ICEX Spain Trade and Investment

12:00 - 12:50 Panel discussion 2: “European and multilateral funding”

Speakers:

- Sladjana Ćosić, Head, European Investment Bank Group Office in Croatia
- Mark Davis, Regional Head, Central Europe for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Damir Tomasović, Head of Sector for EU funding and implementation of projects, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds

Moderator: Marta Valero, Director, Institucional and Business Development, ICEX Spain Trade and Investment

13:00 - 13:50 **Networking Lunch**
Venue: Zinfandel's Restaurant

14:00 - 14:40 **Working meetings (simultaneously):**

❖ **“Future development on the water sector in Croatia”**

Venue: Istanbul 1&2

Speakers:

- Elizabeta Kos, Director of the Directorate for Water Management and Sea Protection, Croatian Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, or Sanja Genzić Jurišević, Directorate for Water Management and Sea Protection, Head of Service of Water Policy and International Cooperation, Croatian Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
- Mariela Sjekavica Klepo, Department of Projects financed with EU Funds, Hrvastke Vode

Moderator: Montserrat Pérez, Market Analyst, Economic and Commercial Office of the Embassy of Spain in Zagreb

Q&A

❖ **“Business opportunities in the railway sector in Croatia”**

Venue: Paris 2/3 (tbc)

Speakers:

- Damir Šoštarić, Director of Directorate for EU Funds and Strategic Planning, Croatian Ministry of Sea, Transport, and Infrastructure
- Mirko Franović, Director of the Sector for Development, Preparation, and Implementation of Investments and EU projects, HŽ Infrastruktura
- Petar Glavaš, Director, Enna Transport at Railway Transport Company

Moderator: Ana María Mazo, Attaché, Economic and Commercial Office of the Embassy of Spain in Zagreb

Q&A

14:00 **B2B meetings between Spanish and Croatian companies**
Venue: Venice Room
(Only for Spanish and Croatian companies with B2B agenda)