Shaping and debating the future of EU

Partners: Jaan Tõnisson Institute Estonia, Genista research foundation Malta, Foreign Policy Initiative BH, Bosna i Hercegovina

Activities held April- December 2015, February-June 2016

Numbers of participants: 700
   1. Younger than 30: 175
   2. From 30-65: 350
   3. Older than: 175

Target groups: youth (Universities), NGO's, civil servants on national and local level, political parties, public

Activities:

1. **Training course „The EU in a Bird's Eye View“**
   Zagreb, 20-21 April 2015, Zadar, 14-17 September 2015
   Target groups: students, civil servants on local level, political parties
   Topics:
   - EU institutions, Decision making procedures
   - Mapping networks
   - The importance of a clear mandate
   - Scenario exercise about the future of the EU: federation, intergovernmental, pragmatic, multi-speed Europe etc.
   - Bilateral negotiations; communication and negotiation styles
   - EU enlargements
   - Croatian accession process to the EU
   - New approach in enlargement policy
   - European Neighbourhood Policy
   - Simulation game: Towards an European energy strategy

2. **Youth inclusion into Shaping of the EU, conference**
   9 May 2015
   Place: Zagreb
   Target groups: students, youth, civil society
   Conference on various aspects of youth inclusion: employment, international education, incentives, work in the EU and in the EU institutions

3. **Female Participation in Croatia: political identity and communication**
   10-12 July 2015
   Place: Zadar
Target group: female politicians from local level
Discussions on a number of areas such as political lobbying and advocacy, EU negotiations, importance of female participation, work in the EU and EU institutions, decision making process in EU institutions – role of local government

4. **European Sport's Week, public lecture "To work by bike"**
   19 September 2015
   Place: Zagreb
   Target groups: youth, NGO's, general public
   Topics:
   • presentation of programs and activities that European Commission aimed for sport’s events
   • promotion of cooperation, dialog and importance of sport’s activities
   • discussion about quality of urban infrastructure for sustainable transport and health life
   • involvement in creating of EU policies

5. **Training on Capacity Development**
   29-30 October 2015
   Place: Zadar
   Target groups: youth, NGO's, civil servants on national and local level
   Topics:
   • project development
   • stakeholder engagement
   • development of strategies to support exploitation of individual EU funds

6. **Workshops “Explore EU”**
   5 November 2015
   Place: Zagreb
   Target groups: students in Elementary and Secondary Schools and their teachers
   Topics:
   • EU basics: history of EU and EU institutions
   • EU policy that include youths
   • Mobility programs
   • EU citizenship
   • Simulation how to influence EU, quiz about EU issues

7. **Conference “Crisis at the EU door: Ukraine, Syria, North Africa”**
   11 November 2015
   Place: Zagreb
   Target groups: students, civil servants on national and local level, youth, NGO's, general public
   Topics: discussion on migration crisis and EU foreign policy
8. **Workshop “Building knowledge and attitude – for creation of EU future!”**
   14 November 2015
   Place: Osijek
   Target groups: youth, students, NGO’s, professors from Universities
   Topics:
   - Political system of EU integration
   - Decision making process in EU institutions
   - Migration crisis

9. **Conference “Education for the EU”**
   25 February 2016
   Place: Zagreb, Faculty of Political Science
   Target groups: youth, students, NGO’s, professors from Universities, media
   Topics:
   - importance of educational reform in Croatia
   - EU education for students
   - How to teach about EU?
   - Croatian Historical Portal

10. **Conference “EU Citizens and Culture”**
    10 May 2016
    Place: Zagreb, Kuća Europe
    Target groups: NGO’s, youth, students, citizens
    Topics:
    - EU Cultural policy
    - program and activities of the Ministry of culture
    - Experiences of participation of NGOs sector in EU programs
    - European Capital of Culture

11. **Youth Participation in the Future of Europe**
    11 May 2016
    Place: Zagreb, Europe House
    Target groups: primary and secondary school principals and teachers
    Presentation of EU mobility programmes and of projects implemented by Croatian primary, secondary and vocational schools

12. **Radio broadcasts**
    Broadcast on Croatian National Radio, show Dossier Europa
    14.5.2016. Digital Economy and Competition
    12.5.2016. European Capital of Culture

13. **Summer school „EU Updates: Will Europe Survive?”**
    June 15 – 18 2016,
Place: Vrboska, island of Hvar
Target groups: NGO’s, local and government public servants
Topics: Migration and the Refugee Crisis, Climate Change and the EU’s Environment Policy, Energy and the EU’s relation with Russia, Tax Avoidance and the Commission’s Work Programme, Economic and Monetary Union, The Eurozone Crisis, Brexit, Grexit, the Future of the European Union

Activities are organised in cooperation with:
- European Commission, Representation in Croatia
- Centre of Excellence, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
- European Movement Croatia
- European Movement Germany
- VERN University of Applied Sciences
- Europa Instituut Netherland
- Foundation Hanns Seidel
- European Policy Information Centre, EPIC
- CATALYS
- Ministry of Education and Sport
- Ministry of Culture
- Mobility Agency
- Institute for Development and International Relations
- Office of Ombudsman
- Institute for European and Globalization Studies
- Centre for Peace Studies
- Europe Direct Zadar
- Zadar County
- Faculty of Economy, Osijek
- Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb