

European Migration Network National Contact Point for Croatia

First Annual National Conference

## Diaspora engagement in the development of the country of origin

22 October 2018, Dubrovnik

### DRAFT AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:00	Welcome speeches
10:00-10:15	Coffee break
10:15-12:00	SESSION I: Understanding diaspora and introducing Croatian context
	<p><b>Deepali Fernandes</b>, <i>Senior Migration and Economic Development Specialist, International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i></p> <p><b>Karolina Novinščak Kölker</b>, <i>Researcher, Department for the History of Southeast and Eastern Europe, University of Regensburg (Germany)</i></p> <p><b>Dr. sc. Rebeka Mesarić Žabčić</b>, <i>Researcher, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (Croatia)</i></p> <p><b>Dr. sc. Ivana Lučev</b>, <i>Head of the Department for Migration, Ministry of Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy (Croatia)</i></p> <p><b>Marija Matek</b>, <i>Head of the Welcome Office, Central State Office for Croats Abroad (Croatia)</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch break



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13:30-15:00

**SESSION II: Engaging diaspora – Good practice examples (part I)**

**Lukas Savickas**, *Adviser to the Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and Strategic Change Management, Office of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Lithuania)*

**Geoffrey Keating**, *Head of the Irish Abroad Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of the Republic of Ireland (Ireland)*

**Arnon Mantver**, *Founder and Volunteer Chairman of the Center for International Migration and Integration (Israel)*

**Discussion**

15:00-15:15

Coffee break

15:15-15:55

**SESSION III: Engaging diaspora - Good practice examples (part II)**

**Deepali Fernandes**, *Senior Migration and Economic Development Specialist, International Organization for Migration (IOM)*

**Dr Audra Sipaviciene**, *LT EMN NCP, Head IOM Vilnius and Migration Information Center for Returning Migrants "I Choose Lithuania"*

15:55-16:30

**Discussion and concluding remarks**

**VENUE:** Royal Princess Conference Center  
Importanne Hotels & Resort  
Kardinala Stepinca 31, 20000 Dubrovnik

**Organizer:** International Organization for Migration (IOM), Office in Zagreb, European Migration Network National Contact Point for Croatia (HR EMN NCP).

Working languages of the Conference are English and Croatian, simultaneous interpretation is provided.

Lunch and refreshments are provided by the organizer.

Please remember to bring your ID card/passport for registration.