

TALKING EUROPE II: 2019-2020

Bridging the gap between education policy and challenges: Employability, educational improvement and the skills agenda in the digitalized world

30th September 2019

16.00 o'clock

Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, Marulićev trg 19 (1st floor), Zagreb

16.00 h

Welcome

Željko Holjevac, PhD

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Caroline Hornstein Tomić, PhD

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Senada Šelo Šabić, PhD

Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb

16.15 h

Introduction

Josip Burušić, PhD

Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, Zagreb

Advisory Board Member, Foundation Znanje na djelu, Zagreb

16.30 h

Key Note „Education policy and challenges for Germany“

Dagmar Schipanski, PhD

Member of the National Board of the CDU, Germany

Former Chairman of the German Council of Science (BRD)

Former Minister of Science, Research and Arts of Thuringia

Former President of Parliament of Thuringia

Former Dean of the Faculty for Electrical Engineering and

Information Technology in Thuringia

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Panel discussion

Tome Antičić, PhD

State Secretary, Ministry of Science and Education, Croatia

Božo Pavičin

Department of Education, Croatian Chamber of Economy,
Croatia

Moderator: Josip Burušić, PhD

17.30 h

Discussion

18.00 h

Reception

Conference languages: German-Croatian (with provided
simultaneous translation)

Bridging the gap between education policy and challenges: Like other nations Croatia emphasizes the importance of quality, effectiveness, equity and equality in the education system. These goals are sought to be achieved both through increased investment in education, and through implementing educational reforms by focusing on the different parts of the educational system. While expectations concerning improvements of the education system seem clear, it is less clear what the changes really consist of, and most of all how improvements become visible from the perspectives of different stakeholders. In Croatia, there are a lot of improvement related activities in education and labour sectors. Still, there is relatively little high-quality evidence and conclusion derived from the data which policies, programs, initiatives and practices work best in Croatia and its educational system. The comparative, especially European dimension of activities could help in sharpening a picture. The discussion about policy decision in the context of education and labour market skills and needs, with focus on a challenge which we face regarding to new needed skills, development of new ways of working, new ways of learning in school settings and learning outside of formal education, permanent improvement of labour markets with the permanent re-skilling and up-skilling processes, could improve better policy decision making, and help in transformation of the society and economy in the current digitalized world.

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About Talking Europe II 2019 - 2020

With *Talking Europe*, the Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar in Zagreb organized a series of seven public lectures and panel debates in 2010 and 2011 during the run-up to Croatia's accession to the European Union. The series was organized in partnership with the Croatia Office of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. For each panel a foreign guest (from academia, politics, or think tanks) was invited as a speaker; whereas the panelists and discussants were from different Croatian scientific and public institutions, as well as from the Ivo Pilar Institute. The series tackled topics ranging from EU enlargement, demographic developments, European social systems, identity / alterity, European centers and peripheries, to the Euro crisis, and finally, how to complete SOE-integration into the European Union.

Talking Europe II 2019 - 2020 continues the debate on current challenges and future perspectives of the European Union, this time in the run-up and during Croatia's EU Council Presidency. *Talking Europe II* is organized in partnership with the Croatia Office of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) as the third partner. Again, a cross-institutional, interdisciplinary and international principle of organization will be followed: each panel is hosted by a scientist from Pilar Institute who convenes speakers from foreign / international academic and public institutions, including stakeholders from think tanks, international organizations, or industry, with panelists from Croatia. Thus, the series continues to encourage dialogue on issues of relevance both on local as well as supranational / European levels; and the panels strive, not only for academic expertise but also, for cross-sectorial and controversial debate from multiple perspectives for quality criteria. *Talking Europe II* consists of three panel debates per year.

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