





Dear Madam / Sir,

We are delighted to invite you to the presentation of the pilot study "**Croatia's (hidden) potential** – **Highly skilled, young remigrants as agents of change**" and to discuss the findings with research participants, relevant stakeholders, colleagues, and friends.

The study, which was supported by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, explores the return motivation and integration experience of highly skilled remigrants in Croatia. How can the ideas, values, and competencies – "social remittances" – they bring along best be harnessed for Croatia's development? How can public institutions, the private sector, and society tap into the (hidden) potential of these young agents of change?

The event will take place on Thursday, 23rd November 2023, from 18:00 to 21:00 at the Croatian Heritage Foundation / Hrvatska matica iseljenika, Trg Stjepana Radića 3 in Zagreb. For details, please review the program below.

For any organizational questions, please contact Maja Kurilić at the Foundation Znanje na djelu, <u>maja.kurilic@znanjenadjelu.hr</u>. We kindly ask you to confirm your attendance by November 16th, 2023 via a <u>Google form</u>.

Zagreb, November 10th, 2023

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18:00 - 18:15	Welcome
	Holger Haibach, Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Office Croatia
	and Slovenia
	Prof. Željko Holjevac, PhD, Director, Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences
	Nikola Baron Adamovich, Supervisory Board Chair, Foundation Znanje na djelu
	Introduction
	Caroline Hornstein Tomić, PhD, Senior Researcher, Ivo Pilar Institute
18:15 – 19:00	Why is remigration relevant for Croatia? A conversation with
	Janine Pinkow-Läpple, Doctoral Researcher, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) & Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
	Bojan Radlović, Chief Digital Officer at Fortenova Group & CEO at MultiPlus Card
	Dario Magdić, Head of Sector at the Central State Office for Croats abroad of the Republic of Croatia
	Irena Martinović Klarić, PhD, Senior Strategy Advisor at the Croatian Science Foundation
	Moderator: Caroline Hornstein Tomić, PhD
19:00 – 19:45	Return Stories: A fishbowl discussion with
	Ana Budimir, Project Coordinator, The World Bank Office Croatia
	Mario Špadina, CEO, SeaCras
	Ivan Luetić, Junior Partner at BMWC Law Firm
	and with the audience
	Moderators: Dora Bagić and Maja Kurilić, Junior Researchers,
	Foundation Znanje na djelu
19:45 – 21:00	Bites and wine

