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NEWSLETTER OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



## EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IN WASHINGTON D.C.

**CELEBRATES  
CROATIA'S ACCESSION  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION  
MONDAY JULY 1, 2013**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 am

#### **European Union Flag Raising Ceremony**

(Open Event) [RSVP](#)

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Address: 2343 Massachusetts Ave, NW

12 (noon)

#### **Croatia Flag and Timeline Unveiling Ceremony**

(By Invitation Only)

DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Address: 2175 K St, NW

2pm – 3:30 pm

#### **Panel: "Croatia's EU Accession:**

**Spreading Peace through Integration"**

(Open Event) [RSVP](#)

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Address: 2301 Constitution Ave, NW

3:30pm – 5pm

#### **Reception Marking the Accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union**

(By Invitation Only)

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Dear Friends,

July 1, 2013 will be marked as one of the most important dates in Croatian history. Twenty two years after gaining independence, after the war horrors and the successful transition, Croatia finally takes its seat at the joint European table. There is no better way and no better place to invest our sovereignty then into NATO and the European Union. Our economy is now part of 500.000.000 people strong free market. Both, the challenge and the opportunity of this new framework of competitiveness are great. Never in history the Croatian word has had more weight in the world than now as we proudly participate in the European decision making. Never in history the Croatian citizens have had more opportunity to excel then now as the citizens of the European Union. At the same time, we congratulate the European Union for having accepted us: with Croatia, the Union is bigger, stronger, better and more beautiful.

The European integration project has transformed the once deeply divided continent to a common space of freedom, prosperity and peace. We are proudly part of it.

As we celebrate our EU accession, we remind ourselves of all the benefits of the reforms which have made Croatia a better place for all its citizens. At the moment of celebration we do not forget our neighbors whom we want to join us as soon as they make it possible. Europe will not be one and whole before all of them join our family. The same way our success today is Europe's success, their success in joining the European Union tomorrow will be our success too.

To our American friends and allies we thank wholeheartedly for all the vital support provided over the years of our transition, and we look forward to strengthening the links of transatlantic cooperation. It is with high expectations and enthusiasm that from our new position we look forward to a successful completion of the Trans Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Agreement between EU and USA. Success in this endeavor would make us all closer than ever, stronger and more prosperous.

The Embassy of Croatia is proud to host events with which we will celebrate fulfillment of Croatia's European Dream. We invite you to join us in our celebrations.

Ambassador  
Joško Paro