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*PROGRAM*

**INTRODUCTORY SESSION**

Moderator: **Andrea Čović Vidović**, European Commission

10:00 – 10:05 **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

**Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission – video message - tbc

10:05 – 10:15 **OPENING REMARKS**

**Dubravka Šuica**, European Commission Vice-President for Democracy and Demography

10:15 – 10:45 **OPENING SPEECHES**

**Peter Piot**, Special Advisor to the President of the European Commission – via video link

**Wolfgang Lutz**, Founding Director of the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital, University of Vienna

**Mario Nava**, Director General Reform, European Commission

**Florence Bauer**, Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, UN Population Fund

**Vivek H. Murthy**, Viceadmiral, US Surgeon General – video message

**Andrej Plenković**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia

10:45 – 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK, MEDIA STATEMENTS**

**PRESENTING THE DEMOGRAPHY TOOLBOX OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

11:05 – 11:35 **DEMOGRAPHY TOOL: SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING YOUNGER GENERATIONS TO THRIVE**

Moderator: **Zrinka Grancarić**, Croatian Radiotelevision

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MESSAGE BY **Iliana Ivanova**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

**Šime Erlić**, Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia

**Federica Mogherini**, Rector, College of Europe

**Željka Josić**, State Secretary for Youth and Demography of the Republic of Croatia

**Ludovica Gambaro**, researcher at the Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), Wiesbaden

**Arnstein Aassve**, Professor of Social and Political Sciences, Università Bocconi, Italy

11.40 - 12.10 DEMOGRAPHY TOOL: **RECONCILING FAMILY ASPIRATIONS AND PAID WORK**

Moderator: **Ivo Belet**, European Commission

VIDEO MESSAGE:

**Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

**Marin Piletić**, Minister of Labour, Pensions, Family and Social Policy, Croatia

**Irena Weber**, President of the Croatian Employers' Association

**Vincenzo Bassi**, President of the Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe

**Pieter Vanhuysse**, University of Southern Denmark, Danish Institute for Advanced Study

12:15 – 12:25 ACTIVE BREAK WITH FITNESS COACHES

12:30 – 13:00 DEMOGRAPHY TOOL: **LABOUR SHORTAGES AND LEGAL MIGRANTS**

Moderator: **Ivana Petrović**, NovaTV

VIDEO MESSAGE:

**Margaritis Schinas**, Vice-President of the European Commission for Promoting our European Way of Life

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

**Davor Božinović**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs of the Republic of Croatia

**Helga de Valk**, Director of the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, Professor of Migration and the life course at the University of Groningen

**Matthias Oel**, Director for Space, security and migration, European Commission's Joint Research Centre (DG JRC)

**Iris Goldner Lang**, Head of Department of European Public Law and Vice Dean, Faculty of Law - University of Zagreb

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13:05 – 13:20 **LOCAL DEMOGRAPHY OUTLOOKS**

Moderator: **Andrea Čović Vidović**, European Commission

**Marija Šarić**, Mayor of Pleternica

**Igor Andrović**, Prefect of Virovitica-Podravina County

**Stipe Čogelja**, Deputy prefect of Split-Dalmacija County

13:25 – 13:55 NETWORKING LUNCH

14:00 – 14:30 DEMOGRAPHY TOOL: **EMPOWERING OLDER GENERATIONS AND SUSTAINING THEIR WELFARE**

Moderator: **Ivana Petrović**, NovaTV

VIDEO MESSAGE:

**Paolo Gentiloni**, European Commissioner for Economy

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

**Wolfgang Lutz**, Founding Director of the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital, University of Vienna

**Axel Börsch-Supan**, The Munich Research Institute for the Economics of Aging and SHARE analyses (MEA) - videolink

**Šime Smolić**, University of Zagreb Faculty of Economics and Business, SHARE project leader in Croatia

**Andreas Edel**, Executive Secretary of Population Europe / Max Planck Society

**Višnja Fortuna**, President of the Croatian Pensioners Association (Matica umirovljenika Hrvatske)

14:35 – 14:50 FIRESIDE CHAT: **EMPLOYERS' SEARCH FOR EMPLOYEES – IN CROATIA**

Moderator: **Zrinka Grancarić**, Croatian Radiotelevision

**Roberto Kutić**, Infobip

**Marko Brkljačić**, COO and Head of CEO Office, Rimac Technology

14:55 – 15:15 FIRESIDE CHAT: **DEMOGRAPHY OUTLOOKS FROM GREECE**

Moderator: **Ivo Belet**, European Commission

**Sofia Zacharaki**, Minister of Social Cohesion and Family, Greece

15:20 – 15:30 CLOSING REMARKS

**USING THE DEMOGRAPHY TOOLBOX – IN CROATIA AND IN EUROPE**

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15:35 NETWORKING COFFEE