



Introduction to the event

On the 5th of February 2019, at the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels, the event will be organised for the Croatian stakeholders under the title: „**European Policies in support of the development of Innovation Eco-Systems.**“ The event will be hosted under the auspices of Member of the European Parliament and the Chair of the Governing Board of [the Knowledge4Innovation Forum](#), [Mrs. Ivana Maletic](#) and in organisation of [EuroNavigator](#) and [BeFunded](#).

The main part of the event starting at 13.00h will be held at the European Parliament as above highlighted. However, there are 2 separate meetings/events in the morning of the same day that are part of the agenda, the breakfast meeting at [EURADA](#) premises, followed by the participation at the [Industry Days](#) of the European Commission.

The Director of EURADA, Mr. Esteban Pelayo has offered to host the breakfast meeting to present the activities of EURADA that could be of an interest for Croatian stakeholders as EURADA being the European Association of Development Agencies is working closely with its members and is providing firm support through number of activities enabling their members to be visible, informed and funded. In particular, EURADA will present how they can support application for the [Digital Innovation Hubs initiative](#) of the European Commission, which is of interest to the Croatian stakeholders and for which EURADA possess relevant expertise.

The breakfast will be followed by the participation at the Industry Days of the European Commission, its 3rd edition, taking place on the 5th and the 6th February. In the opening session on the 5th of February, Mr. Mate Rimac, Founder of [Rimac Automobili](#), the distinguished Croatian innovator, was acknowledged with the role of Inspirational speaker. The Croatian stakeholders will thus have an opportunity to listen to the speech of Mr. Rimac as well as to participate to the program before the official start of „**European Policies in support of the development of Innovation Eco-Systems**“ event at the European Parliament.

The latter event at the Parliament starting at 13.00h is contextually divided in 3 parts. The starting session of the first part will highlight opportunities for Croatian regions and cities, Development Agencies, Public Institutions, SME support organisations, as well as entrepreneurs, from ESIF and central EU funds for period 2019-2020, and post 2020 budget. The intention of this session is to have a very interactive dialogue with the present Croatian stakeholders and to provide full information and clarity about the current and future programming period, as well as about challenges and how to overcome them. This part of the session will be facilitated by Mrs. Ivana Maletic.

The 2nd part of this session will remain within the above noted scope but with more narrow focus on the topics addressing Access to Finance and Digital Innovation Hubs with provided examples on behalf of the representatives of the European Commission. This part of the session, as the overall first part, will conclude with presentation of success stories on behalf of the present Croatian stakeholders showcasing how with utilisation of the European funding they have developed successful projects for the benefit of their communities and regions.

The 2nd part of the agenda is devoted at the EU policies, programmes and regulations in the field of energy, e-mobility and batteries and the opportunities, as well as challenges for building further innovative solutions in the area. This session will be led by Mr. Mate Rimac, who will also present the achievements of his company and the spill-over effect of Rimac Automobili innovations at the European level. The representatives of the European Partnership, the Knowledge4Innovation, will provide an overview of policies and developments on the topics that are supported and endorsed by the Partnership. The representatives of the European Commission and the relevant European associations will provide their input of the current and future developments, based on which the conclusions will be drawn in terms of the next steps.

The 3rd and final session will address the Croatian Presidency of the EU in 2020 and the activities and time-table at focus. The session will be led by the representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia and Permanent Representation of Croatia to the European Union.



Participation: by invitation

Profile of participants: Representatives of the Croatian Regions, Cities and Municipalities, Croatian Public Institutions, Croatian Developments Agencies, Entrepreneurs, Representatives of the Croatian Ministries and Permanent Representation of Croatia to the EU, Members of the European Parliament, Representatives of the European Commission, Representatives of European associations, Networks and Partnerships.

Media: The event will have media coverage.

Language: The official language is English with a possibility to provide translations from Croatian to English and vice versa.

Subsistence costs, accommodation and logistics: The organizers will not cover travel costs of the participants or provide support with booking of hotel and travel.

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Time	Venue	Content of sessions
09.30 - 10.30	Premises of EURADA, Rue Montoyer 24, 5 th floor	Breakfast with the Director and the team of EURADA EURADA would like to welcome Croatian stakeholders to inform them about the activities EURADA is performing that would be of the benefit for the Croatian regions and entrepreneurs with a focus at the relevant EU policies, programs, funding and initiatives. The breakfast meeting is envisioned to be the open roundtable discussion to identify opportunities for cooperation as well as to share the relevant national and EU initiatives. One of the topics for cooperation are the Digital Innovation Hubs for which EURADA provides expertise and support in applying for.
10.50 - 12.30	The Egg Congress & Meeting Centre, Rue Bara 175	Participation in the Program of the EU Industry Days of the European Commission Inspirational dialogue session: Jussi Herlin, Vice Chairman Board of Directors, Kone Mate Rimac, founder and CEO of Rimac Automobili Networking For Participation at the other sessions of the EU Industry Days, please find more information at the separate enclosed agenda.
13.00 - 14.00	European Parliament, Paul Henri Spaak Building, Wiertzstrat 60, 1047 Brussel (Room 3E2)	Welcome and facilitation of the session by the host, Mrs. Ivana Maletic, Member of the European Parliament Upon presentation of Mrs. Maletic providing an introduction to the topic and concrete examples, an interactive discussion shall follow with the Croatian stakeholders about the opportunities and challenges on the following topics: <u>Utilisation of ESIF and central EU funding for period 2019-2020</u> <u>Post 2020 budget</u>

		<p>The objective of the session is to draw concrete examples and conclusions on how to improve utilisation of the available funds and programs and how to timely prepare for the post 2020 period.</p>
<p>14.00 - 15.45</p>	<p>European Parliament, Paul Henri Spaak Building, Wiertzstrat 60, 1047 Brussel (Room 3E2)</p>	<p>An overview of relevant EU programs and policies on behalf of representatives of the European Commission</p> <p>Drazen Budimir, Policy Officer, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs</p> <p>Anne-Marie Sassen, DG Communication Networks, Content and Technology</p> <p><u>Multiannual Financial Framework post 2020: Funding opportunities for SMEs</u></p> <p><u>How to access EU Finance for SMEs until 2020</u></p> <p><u>Support for Innovation projects and Digital Innovation Hubs</u></p> <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p>Croatian stakeholders pitching success stories</p> <p><u>The secret of small and big business success stories.</u> Croatian stakeholders will pitch their success stories in front of the present participants.</p>
<p>15.45 - 16.00</p>	<p>European Parliament</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>16.00 - 17.15</p>	<p>European Parliament, Paul Henri Spaak Building, Wiertzstrat 60, 1047 Brussel (Room 3E2)</p>	<p>Hearing and round table discussion on the relevant EU regulations and policies related to e-mobility, batteries, carbon neutral economy</p> <p>Topics that may be discussed: (with a possibility for a speaker to change it with it's own preference)</p> <p>Representatives of the Knowledge4Innovation</p> <p>Pierre Barthélemy, Cefic Innovation Executive Director</p> <p>Mate Rimac, Founder of Rimac Automobili</p> <p>Representatives of EUROBAT</p> <p><u>The links between electromobility and Industry 4.0, robotics</u></p> <p><u>Electromobility – benefits & risks'</u></p> <p><u>Electromobility as a big opportunity to develop innovative solutions</u></p> <p><u>What to electrify - passenger or freight traffic? urban, regional or international transport?</u></p> <p><u>Consequences for the generation and distribution of energy</u></p> <p><u>How can fossil fuel industries benefit (or not lose out) from the shift towards electromobility?</u></p>



		<p><u>Hearing and the round table discussion on the above noted topics with a focus at the opportunities as well as challenges for building further innovative solutions in the area. The discussion will be led and facilitated by the representatives of the Knowledge4Innovation European Partnership with contribution of the representatives of the European Parliament, European Commission, European associations and other relevant stakeholders.</u></p> <p>Mate Rimac, Founder of Rimac Automobili</p> <p><u>Presentation of the study with a focus at the opportunities of building the auto-motive industry in Croatia, future outlook of RIMAC Automobili activities and its impact at the Croatian and European innovation eco-system.</u></p>
17.15 - 18.00		<p>Croatian Presidency of the EU</p> <p>Goran Stefanic, Croatian Permanent Representation to the EU, Deputy Permanent Representative</p> <p>An overview of priorities and time-table of activities related to the Croatian Presidency of the EU.</p>
18.00 - 18.15		<p>Closing remarks and next steps</p> <p>Anita Tregner-Mlinaric, EuroNavigator, Andreja Lepen, Be.Funded</p>