

– Next Generation Europe –

Regaining new European and democratic momentum together

CRES SUMMER SCHOOL

Cres, 22 – 27 September 2024



Venue: Center for Advanced Studies - South East Europe (CAS SEE), [Moise Palace](#), Zagrad 6,
HR- 51557 Cres, <https://cas.uniri.hr>

"The future of Europe:

EU enlargement and resilience in search for new political answers"

Programme

Sunday, 22 September:

Arrival

Monday, 23 September:

9.30 – 10.30 Opening session: *Welcome by the organisers and introduction of the participants*

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.30 Keynote address and open discussion with Mariam Khotenashvili, Executive Director of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA)

"The current enlargement policies towards the Eastern candidates – prospects and challenges"

Chaired by Vedran Džihic, Senior Researcher at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs – oiiip and Paul Schmidt, Secretary General of the Austrian Society for European Politics (ÖGfE)

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch ([Pizzeria i spaghetteria Luna Rossa](#), Palada ul. 4b)

14.00 – 15.30 Keynote address and open discussion with Ruth Ferrero Turrión, Professor of Political Science at the Complutense University of Madrid and Associate Researcher at the Complutense Institute for International Studies

"A new European momentum? How the present challenges change the future of Europe."

Chaired by Vedran Džihic and Paul Schmidt

15.30 – 18.30 Free time

18.30 – 20.30 Evening inspiration: *"Next Generation sharing experiences"* with inputs by Summer School participants

20.30 Welcome dinner ([Pizzeria Palada](#), Palada ul.)

Tuesday, 24 September:

10.00 - 12.00 Creative workshop led by Vedran Džihic and Paul Schmidt

"Democratic activism for Europe – Ideas and actions to move the region towards new horizons" – Part I

Chaired by Vedran Džihic and Paul Schmidt

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch (Pizzeria i spaghetteria Luna Rossa, Palada ul. 4b)

13.30 – 15.00 Keynote address and open discussion with Cengiz Günay, Director of the Austrian Institute for International Affairs – oiip

"Europe as a geopolitical actor. Can it deliver?"

15.00 – 18.30 Free time

18.30 – 20.00 Evening inspiration: *"Democracy bottom-up: Crosscutting perspectives"* with Marko Kovačić, Vice Dean for Research and International Cooperation at Bernays University of Applied Sciences and Tena Prelec, Assistant Professor at the Center for Advanced Studies Southeast Europe (CAS SEE), University of Rijeka, Research Associate at "LSEE", the London School of Economics's research unit on South Eastern Europe

20.30 Dinner (Pizzeria Palada, Palada ul.)

Wednesday, 25 September:

09.30 – 11.00 Keynote addresses and open discussion with H. E. Josef Markus Wuketich, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to the Republic of Croatia and H. E. Jeronimo Fuentes Candau, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Kingdom of Spain to the Republic of Croatia

"The future of EU integration and enlargement – what is at stake? A view from Austria and Spain."

Chaired by Vedran Džihic and Paul Schmidt

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Creative workshop led by Vedran Džihic and Paul Schmidt

"Democratic activism for Europe – Ideas and actions to move the region towards new horizons" – Part II

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch (Pizzeria i spaghetteria Luna Rossa, Palada ul. 4b)

14.30 – 19.00 Video recording: *"Europe at a crossroads – what needs to be done?"* – Free time

19.00 – 20.30 Evening inspiration: *"From activism to politics and back"* with Nebojša Zelić, University of Rijeka and representative of MOZEMO

20.30 Dinner (Pizzeria Palada, Palada ul.)

Thursday, 26 September:

09.30 – 11.00 Keynote address and open discussion with Benjamin Couteau, Research Fellow for EU Enlargement/Western Balkans/Turkey at the Centre Grande Europe and Education Manager of the Académie Notre Europe

"Enlarging the EU in times of an unstable environment: The Western Balkans – key challenges and opportunities in the region"

Chaired by Vedran Džihic and Paul Schmidt

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Creative workshop led by Paul Schmidt and Vedran Džihic

"Democratic activism for Europe – Ideas and actions to move the region towards new horizons" – Part III (Drafting a joint document)

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch (Pizzeria i spaghetteria Luna Rossa, Palada ul. 4b)

14.30 – 18.30 Writing and video recording: *"Europe at a crossroads – what needs to be done?"* – Free time

18.30 – 20.00 Presentation of the *final results – discussion – further steps – joint op-ed*

20.00 Farewell dinner (Pizzeria Palada, Palada ul.)

Friday, 27 September:

Departure

Accommodation: [Hotel Kimen](#), Melin I br. 16, HR-51557 Cres / [Apartments Lungomare Cres](#), Lungomare Sv. Mikule 2 / HR-51557 Cres & [Apartmani Cres](#), Ulica Svetog Jurja 2 / HR-51557 Cres

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