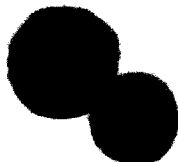


**Arminda Grave**

**De:** Odbor za turizam [turizam@sabor.hr]  
**Enviado:** sexta-feira, 21 de Março de 2014 10:21  
**Para:** Comissão 6ª - CEOP XII  
**Assunto:** FW: European Inter-parliamentary Conference "Challenges of sustainable tourism: promoting cultural heritage and environmental protection", 10-13 September 2014, Zagreb/Mali Lošinj, Croatia  
**Anexos:** Invitation letter by Mr. Josip Leko, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament.docx; Draft programme.doc; Practical information.docx



EUROPEAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE  
**CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**  
Promoting Cultural Heritage and Environmental Protection

DIVISÃO DE APOIO ÀS COMISSÕES  
COMISSÃO DE ECONOMIA E OBRAS PÚBLICAS  
**CEOP**  
Nº ÚNICO 19117  
ENTRADA / SAÍDA Nº 135 DATA 21/03/2014



**EUROPEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE**  
**„CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM: PROMOTING CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION“**  
**10 – 13 September 2014**  
**Zagreb / Mali Lošinj, Croatia**  
**[www.eicst.eu](http://www.eicst.eu)**

**INVITATION TO:**

- Chairpersons and members of the Committees responsible for tourism in the National Parliaments of all EU Member countries and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey
- Representatives of the International Institutions and Tourism Organizations

Dear Sirs,  
Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

On behalf of Mr Josip Leko, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament, it is a great honour to invite you to participate at the first **European Inter-parliamentary Conference on sustainable tourism** with the focus on promoting cultural heritage and environment protection.

**The Conference will be held in Croatia in Zagreb and on the island of Lošinj from 10 to 13 September 2014.**

Being the youngest European Union member state Croatia has launched the initiative inviting chairpersons and members of EU parliamentary committees responsible for tourism as well as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey, representatives of the European Parliament, European Commission, WTO, UNESCO and international tourism organizations.

The aim of this Conference is to improve inter-parliamentary cooperation among EU member states and the countries from our region through exchange of experience and information on legislative practice.

Conference intends to emphasize the role of tourism in development of national economies, the need of constant strengthening of the sustainable tourism concept as well as affirmation of concrete practice in responsible usage of cultural heritage and environment protection being parts of that concept.

Considering the fact that the Conference coincides with the Italian EU Presidency it is with great pleasure that we inform you that the Conference will be jointly co-presided by the Chairman of the Tourism Committee of the Croatian Parliament and the honourable Chairman of the Economic Activity, Trade and Tourism Committee of the Italian Chamber of Deputies Mr. Ettore Guglielmo Epifani.

All the necessary information about the Conference, together with the **preliminary online application form** can be found on the Conference web page [www.eicst.eu](http://www.eicst.eu)

Please note that we expect National Parliamentary Delegations to be consisted of no more than 5 participants and International Institutions and Organizations of no more than 3 representatives.

The Croatian Parliament will cover the costs of the Conference organization, local transfers, social events and the meals. The participants are to cover their travel costs to and from Croatia and the accommodation. Different accommodation price packages will be provided to all participants after we receive the preliminary registrations.

**Preliminary on-line applications are sent no later than 15th of April 2014.** Official and personalized invitation with the final Agenda and detailed instructions will be sent to to all preliminary registered participants about 1st of May 2014, with the deadline for the final registrations on 15th of June 2014.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact us (telephone: +385 1 4569 452 or e-mail: [turizam@sabor.hr](mailto:turizam@sabor.hr)).

Enclosed you can find:

- Invitation letter by Mr Josip Leko, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament
- Preliminary Programme of the Conference
- Practical Information about the Conference.

Dear Friends and colleagues,

We are looking forward to seeing you in Croatia in September at the European Inter-parliamentary Conference on Sustainable Tourism.

Yours sincerely,

Goran Beus Richembergh  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM  
CROATIAN PARLIAMENT

Zagreb, 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2014

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Members of tourism parliamentary committees,  
Representatives of international institutions and organizations,

It is a great honour for me to invite you on behalf of the Croatian Parliament to the **European Inter-parliamentary Conference** on sustainable tourism which will be held in Croatia in September 2014.

Croatia is a country of rich cultural heritage and preserved nature well-known on the world tourist map as a desirable holiday destination with active holiday opportunities. Just like the other countries which are well aware that tourism is an important and perspective part of national economy Croatia feels great responsibility for sustainable development of tourism too.

Being the youngest European Union member state Croatia intends to further improve cooperation and exchange of best practices in that field with EU member states and other countries especially its neighbours both at the level of tourism expertise and at the level where development politics and laws are created and adopted. Possibility of intensified multilateral cooperation among EU national parliaments certainly represents a huge and insufficiently explored scope.

In this respect Tourism Committee of the Croatian Parliament has launched the initiative inviting representatives of EU parliamentary committees responsible for tourism as well as South East European accession candidate countries and potential candidate countries to meet for the first time in order to exchange opinions and experiences at the Inter-parliamentary Conference: “**Challenges of sustainable tourism: promoting cultural heritage and environmental protection**”. Representatives of respectable international institutions and organizations have also been invited to the Conference.

Croatian Parliament will do its best to be a good host hoping that the European Conference would open new perspectives of harmonization and development of national politics related to sustainable development of tourism.

We expect you in September with an open heart as dear friends.

Welcome to Zagreb and to Mali Lošinj, welcome to Croatia.

Josip Leko  
SPEAKER OF THE CROATIAN PARLIAMENT



**CROATIAN PARLIAMENT  
COMMITTEE ON TOURISM**

**EUROPEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE  
“CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM: PROMOTING  
CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION“  
10 - 13 September 2014  
Zagreb/Island of Mali Lošinj, Croatia**

**Organization:**

Croatian Parliament

**Responsible:**

Committee on Tourism of the Croatian Parliament

**In co-operation with:**

Camera Italiana, Commissione X - Attivita' produttive, commercio e turismo  
(Italian House of Deputies, Committee on production, commerce and tourism)

Ministry of Tourism of Republic of Croatia

Ministry of Culture of Republic of Croatia

Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia

Croatian National Tourist Board

Institute for Tourism - Zagreb

City of Mali Lošinj

Tourist Board of Mali Lošinj

**Under the High Auspices of:**

HE Josip Leko, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament

**Chairman of the Conference:**

Goran Beus Richembergh, MP

(Chairman of the Committee on Tourism of the Croatian Parliament)

**Co-chairman of the Conference:**

Ettore Guglielmo Epifani, MP

(Chairman of the Committee on production, commerce and tourism  
of the Italian House of Deputies)

**Participants:**

Chairpersons and representatives of the committees responsible for tourism  
of the 28 National Parliaments of the EU Member Countries

**Guests:**

Chairpersons and representatives of the committees responsible for tourism  
of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

Representatives of the European Commission & European Parliament

Representatives of the International Tourism Organizations & UNESCO

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

### **Wednesday, 10 September 2014**

until 14.00	Arrival and accommodation of participants, accreditation
15.00	Conference opening, welcome speech by the Speaker of the Croatian Parliament, opening speeches by the Conference Co-Chair
15.00 - 19.00	Plenary session in the Croatian Parliament: Addresses by the Heads of the National Delegations
19.30 - 22.00	Official dinner hosted by the Speaker of the Croatian Parliament

### **Thursday, 11 September 2014**

09.00 - 11.00	Plenary session in the Croatian Parliament: keynote addresses by the experts: Hrvoje Carić (Croatia) and Italian Expert (TBC), debate
11.30 - 13.00	Plenary session in the Croatian Parliament: keynote addresses by representatives of the International Organizations, debate
13.30 - 15.00	Lunch in the Croatian Parliament
15.00	Departure by bus from the Croatian Parliament and ferry-boat ride to the island of Lošinj
(one stop for refreshment – island of Krk)	
20.00	Arrival on the island of Lošinj, accommodation
21.00	Official dinner hosted by the Mayor of Mali Lošinj

### **Friday, 12 September 2014**

9.30 - 10.30	Visit to the Blue World Institute (Dolphin Protection Project)
11.00 - 12.00	Tour to the Museum of the Apoxyomenos
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.00	Break

- 15.00 - 18.00 Panel discussions:  
Cultural Tourism, moderated by Mr Jasen Mesić, MP  
Tourism Conducive to Environmental Protection, moderated  
by Ms Lidija Bagarić, MP
- 18.00 - 19.30 Work in plenary session:  
Address by the Croatian Minister of Tourism  
Reports by panel moderators  
Closing address by the Co-Chair  
Closing of the Conference
- 20.30 - 22.00 Closing dinner hosted by the Minister of Tourism

**Saturday, 13 September 2014**

- 8.30 Departure of participants from the Island of Lošinj  
13.00 - 14.00 Arrival of participants at the Zagreb Airport

**[www.eicst.eu](http://www.eicst.eu)**





**CROATIAN PARLIAMENT  
TOURISM COMMITTEE**

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**EUROPEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE  
„CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM:  
PROMOTING CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION“**

**10 – 13 September 2014  
Zagreb / Mali Lošinj, Croatia**

**Date and venue of the Conference:**

The Conference opens on 10 September 2014 in the Croatian Parliament. The other part of the Conference will be held in Mali Lošinj on the island of Lošinj. There will be an organized transport to Mali Lošinj for all the participants in front of the Croatian Parliament building on 11 September 2014 at 3 p.m. as well as to the Zagreb airport. On September, 11 at 8.30 a.m. the chauffeurs will pick up your luggage from your hotels.

**Addresses:**

1. CROATIAN PARLIAMENT  
Trg sv. Marka 6  
Zagreb
2. Mali Lošinj  
Hotel “.....” Congress Centre

**Preliminary online applications** following the preliminary invitation are sent via Conference web page [www.eicst.eu](http://www.eicst.eu) no later than 15 April 2014.

**Final online applications** following the official invitation are sent via Conference web page [www.eicst.eu](http://www.eicst.eu) no later than 15 June 2014.

**Registration and accreditation of Conference participants:**

Registration desks will be in your hotels in Zagreb. You are kindly asked to register upon arrival into your hotel in Zagreb in order to participate at the Conference. The access to all documents will be via Conference web page and some printed documents will be distributed to you upon accreditation. For security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their badges visibly at all times.

## **Arrival / Departure:**

All participants are kindly requested to add their travel details to their online application form (plane, car), time of arrival and departure, flight number. There will be an organized transport for the participants from the Zagreb International airport to hotels. Upon arrival you are requested to contact the organization desk. There will be an organized transport for the participants from Mali Lošinj to the Zagreb International Airport. The organizer covers local transportation costs.

## **Accommodation:**

Hotel rooms in different categories have been reserved for Conference participants. Hotels can be located on our map. All hotels are near the Conference venue that is the Croatian Parliament and Mali Lošinj offers the same hotel for accommodation and conference venue.

## **Important information:**

- National parliaments delegations should be composed of no more than five persons (staff included);
- Delegations of international organizations and other institutions should be composed of no more than three persons;
- Croatian Parliament covers the cost of the Conference organization, local transportation, lunches and dinners;
- Participants are responsible for organizing and paying their own travel costs to Croatia as well as accommodation;
- Conference participants can decide to stay longer in Croatia. In that case they organize accommodation and transportation on their own.

## **Media coverage:**

Conference will be covered by Croatian media representatives.

National parliaments and institutions invited can suggest press representatives from their respected countries. National parliaments can deliver the press mailing list to the organizer in order to send them the presscut media reports daily by e-mail.

All press materials will be available at the Conference web page.

## **Working languages of the Conference**

Croatian and English

Should delegations be accompanied by interpreters they are requested to submit this information in advance to the organizer.

## **Documents**

All Conference documents will be available at the Conference web page.

## **Request to take the floor**

Heads of national delegations and institutions are invited to the floor shortly (5 minutes) at the first day of the Conference. Requests to take the floor should be submitted by September, 10. Heads of

national delegations will be allowed to take the floor on a first come first served basis.

**Medical services**

Medical services will be available during the Conference.

**Currency / Bank**

Croatian national currency is Kuna. There is an exchange office on the ground floor of the Croatian Parliament and in the hotels.

**Weather**

Pleasant late summer temperatures are expected in Croatia in September (daytime temperatures 22 – 30 °C, night temperatures 14 – 24 °C).

**Local Time**

GMT + 1

**Croatian Parliament  
Tourism Committee  
Secretariat**

Barbara Medved  
Secretary of the Committee  
Tel 00385 1 4569 495  
[barbara.medved@sabor.hr](mailto:barbara.medved@sabor.hr)

Lovorka Zec  
Administrative assistant  
Tel 00385 1 4569 452  
[turizam@sabor.hr](mailto:turizam@sabor.hr)

**HOTELS DETAILS AND PRICE LISTS**

