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Trust in Public Finance: Perceptions vs. Practice

Zagreb, Croatia Grand Hotel Zagreb
10-11 June 2025

Networking Reception – Monday 9 June, 19:00 – 21:00

You are warmly invited to join us for a pre-conference networking reception. The event provides a great opportunity to engage with fellow attendees, exchange ideas, and cultivate valuable connections in a relaxing and welcoming atmosphere. **Venue:** this event will take place at Grand Hotel Zagreb.

DAY 1 – Tuesday 10 June: Grand Hotel Zagreb

Time	Subject
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:30	Keynote Addresses: Welcome words and introduction Speakers: Marko Primorac, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Croatia Hana Huzjak, Economic Counsellor, European Commission Khalid Hamid, International Director, CIPFA Jana Repanšek, Director, CEF Moderators: Jasmina Popović, CEF and Callahan Hager, CIPFA
	EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC TRUST
10:30 – 11:00	Plenary address: Public sector accounting as an important pillar of a strong PFM system Speaker: Danijela Stepić, Ministry of Finance, Croatia
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:00	Plenary address: Regional perspectives on public trust Speaker: Alastair Swarbrick, OECD SIGMA

Time	Subject
	EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MECHANISMS
12:00 – 12:30	Plenary address: Case study - lessons learned from the Recovery and Resilience Facility Speaker: Ivana Maletić , European Court of Auditors
12:30 – 13:00	Plenary address: European budget - today and tomorrow Speaker: Hana Huzjak , European Commission
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch (starting with photo session)
14:15 – 15:45	Discussion panel: Ensuring the transparent spending of EU funds Moderator: Bernard Brunet , CEF expert Sara Sirovica Kranjčec , Agency for the Audit of European Union Programmes Implementation System (ARPA), Croatia Jerneja Vrabič , Court of Audit, Slovenia Ivan Ignjatov , Audit Authority for Audit of Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), North Macedonia Albana Gjinopulli , Ministry of Finance, Albania Ivana Maletić , European Court of Auditors
15:45 – 16:00	Closure of the day Moderators: Jasmina Popović , CEF and Callahan Hager , CIPFA

DAY 2 – Wednesday 11, June Grand Hotel Zagreb

Time	Subject
	AUDIT PERSPECTIVES AND DEMONSTRATING VALUE FOR MONEY
10:00 – 10:10	Introduction to the day Moderators: Jasmina Popović, CEF and Callahan Hager, CIPFA
10:10 – 10:20	Plenary address: Is the audit profession making a difference Speaker: Khalid Hamid, International Director, CIPFA
10:20 – 12:00	Discussion panel: Enhancing public outcomes and value for money Moderator: Khalid Hamid, International Director, CIPFA Gorica Nikolovska, State Audit Office, North Macedonia Marina Mandac, Agency for the Audit of European Union Programmes Implementation System (ARPA), Croatia Imelin Imširović, Ministry of Finance, Bosnia and Herzegovina Hana Zoričić, Ministry of Finance, Croatia Adam Marek, Ministry of Finance, Slovakia
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Plenary address: Case study - Balkanbarometer rankings and international audit standards Speaker: Vlora Spanca, National Audit Office, Kosovo
	CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT WITH PUBLIC FINANCE
14:00 – 14:20	Plenary address: Local budget transparency: Building public trust and civic engagement from the ground up Speaker: Mihaela Bronić, Institute of Public Finance, Croatia

Time	Subject
14:20 – 14:40	Coffee break
14:40 – 16:00	<p>Discussion panel: How can civil society engage with public finance?</p> <p>Moderator: Dana Wilkins, Independent Consultant</p> <p>Nieves Zúñiga, Independent Researcher</p> <p>Jelena Misita, International Federation of Accountants</p> <p>Nermin Kujović, International Budget Partnership</p> <p>Ana Ilić, NALED, Serbia</p> <p>Marko Sošić, Institut Alternativa, Montenegro</p>
16:00 – 16:10	<p>Closure of the day</p> <p>Moderators: Jasmina Popović, CEF and Callahan Hager, CIPFA</p>

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