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REPORT

“Road to Recovery”

27 February 2023

Zagreb, Croatia

Background:

In July 2022, the EPP Group Presidency has approved the EPP Group Outreach and Communication on the Management of the Resilience and Recovery Facility for EPP Mayors, regional and local representatives that consists of dedicated events throughout Europe and a High-Level event in Brussels. The series of events is organized under the title “Road to Recovery”.

The events are organized in strong cooperation with the EPP Group in the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) under the coordination of Siegfried MUREȘAN, Chairman of the WG on Budget and Structural Policies and Vangelis MEIMARAKIS, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group responsible for the relations with CoR as well as with the respective head(s) of national delegation.

The third event of the series took place in Zagreb, Croatia, on 27 February 2023 and gathered around 200 local and regional EPP leaders from Croatia in the presence of the members of the Croatian Delegation in the EPP Group, Sunčana GLAVAK, Karlo RESSLER, Tomislav SOKOL and Željana ZOVKO.

Sunday, 26 February 2023

The organizers and speakers, together with the Croatian delegation in the European Parliament, had the opportunity for a first exchange during the working dinner hosted by MEP Karlo RESSLER, EPP Vice-Coordinator for Budgets.

Karlo RESSLER MEP, EPP Vice-Coordinator for Budgets and Siegfried MUREŞAN, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group, Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies, delivered introductory speeches offering thus both the Croatian and European perspective on the RRF. Throughout the dinner, our speakers engaged into a debate on various topics related to our event amongst which, the achievements of the EPP Government in Croatia, the synergy with other funds, the state of play of the RRF in the countries best known by our speakers, whilst also giving an overview of our project.

Monday, 27 February 2023

Siegfried MUREȘAN, MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group, Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies, the initiator and organizer of the event, during his welcome speech, underlined the importance of a state being run by a centre-right government, when it uses the resources for economic development, job creation, and entrepreneurship.

For the EPP Group in the European Parliament, it is a key priority to ensure that the €800 billion from the European Recovery and Resilience Facility reaches where it is most needed, and that's why we launched the Road to Recovery conference series with my colleagues from the EPP Group at the Committee of the Regions.

Unlike in Poland and Portugal, where the previous two Road to Recovery conferences took place, the Mayors of Croatia have been heard and involved in the design of the National Plan, and this is the main reason that Croatia is successfully attracting aid funds.



Željko TURK, Chairman of the Association of Cities, Mayor of Zaprrešić, Member of EPP-CoR, highlighted that through the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Croatia was ranked in the top three for the speed of implementation of reforms and investments using funds available from the European Recovery and Resilience. Local government units know the needs of people and play an important role in this as the closest level of governance to citizens.



Karlo RESSLER MEP, EPP Group Vice Coordinator for Budgets, underlined that Croatia, with record investments available, with an enhanced and full return to Europe but also with an entry into Schengen and the Eurozone, is becoming a stronger and more orderly country.

Croatia's strategic vision, the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, focuses on the future and on the economic strengthening of Croatia and Europe in the face of all the geopolitical turmoil we are eye witnessing, and now also through RePowerEU in terms of strengthening of the energy autonomy.



Dubravka ŠUICA, Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Democracy and Demography, focused on the NextGenEU, while Croatia has met all 59 goals and objectives and already received 2.2 billion by the end of last year, representing over 40% of the 5.5 billion euro intended.

The Vice-President of the Commission underlined the effects of an aging population and the willingness for positive demographic trends and transition as one of the key areas.



Siegfried MUREŞAN introduced **Andrej PLENKOVIĆ**, Prime Minister of Croatia, for his keynote speech not without underlining his achievements in Croatia.

Andrej PLENKOVIĆ, Prime Minister of Croatia, underlined that with a GDP growth of 6.3%, Croatia is among the fastest growing countries in the EU in 2022. Thanks to the agility and work of Croatian businessmen and workers, as well as the measures of Recovery and Resilience Facility, a quick recovery from multiple overlapping crises took place.

Also, the Prime Minister focused on further increasing the competitiveness of the Croatian economy, while European funds will be used for further economic growth, accelerated digitization and green transition. Also, he emphasized that Schengen and Europe will contribute positively to this as well as working together with Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs) which is key in strengthening the trust of our citizens.





Panel I: Involvement of local authorities in the design and implementation of the Recovery Plan: *lessons learnt*



Jan OLBRYCHT, MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the EP, former mayor and moderator of the first panel, inaugurated the debate by highlighting that the voice of mayor and local leaders has to be heard in order to identify the best projects.

In addition, he added that CPO aims to combat the negative consequences of the coronavirus pandemic, and its implementation requires close cooperation of all levels of national authorities with EU institutions, with Croatia being a prime example.

Ivana MALETIĆ, Member of the European Court of Auditors, highlighted the importance of working with local units to implement the Recovery and Resilience Facility while she explained that the calls for tender with minimal approvals often indicate a lack of teamwork and allocation of funds according to needs.

Marko MARUŠIĆ, Prefect of Bjelovar and Bilogora County, highlighted that the National Recovery and Resilience Plan is an excellent mechanism that opens up numerous possibilities and gives us the opportunity to use our capabilities through specific projects and achieve our strategic goals. These specific projects will meet the needs of the local population and improve the quality of life of their citizens.

Antonija JOZIĆ, Prefect of Požega – Slavonia County focused her intervention in the National Recovery and Resilience plan while it is not only a plan for advancement but also a plan that should make us stronger at times of crisis. The Prefect also highlighted how this National Recovery and Resilience Plan was developed, as there was direct communication, collaboration and transparency between the highest level of government and the lowest level of government.

Ivan ŽAGAR, Mayor of the Municipality of Slovenska Bistrica, Member of EPP-CoR, Slovenia, underlined that the LRAs in Slovenia were not properly involved in the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

In the triangle of the EU, in National, Regional and Local level, LRAs should be more involved and the principle of subsidiarity and multi-level governance should be fully respected.



Siegfried MUREȘAN introduced Marko PRIMORAC, Minister of Finance, Croatia for a special intervention.

Marko PRIMORAC, Minister of Finance, Croatia, focused his intervention in the NextGenEU instrument which is a large opportunity for Croatian economy for the upcoming years.

The most important is the implementation part and this is what has to be done in the upcoming period in the National Recovery and Resilience plan. Our focus is on reforms, so to use funds, member states need to fulfil indicators which consist of reforms and investments in Croatia, and these reforms are focused on raising the level of competitiveness and green and digital transformation.



**Panel II: Enhancing synergies between the recovery funds and the traditional EU funds:
*key to a speedy recovery and resilience***

Olgierd GEBLEWICZ, President of the EPP Group in the European Committee of the Regions and President of West Pomerania Region and moderator of the second panel, highlighted that the RRF is an ambitious solution enabling Europe to emerge stronger from the crisis and accelerate its green and digital transformation.

This unique opportunity for modernization cannot be seized without the real participation of all relevant stakeholders, especially without regional and local authorities having competences in all six pillars of the RRF. It is a guarantee to effectively achieve its objectives.



Olgierd GEBLEWICZ introduced Zvonimir SAVIĆ, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for Economic Issues, for his intervention.

Zvonimir SAVIĆ, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for Economic Issues, underlined that Croatia has the largest share of grants in relation to its economy. Almost 10% is the value of this 5.5 billion of grants compared to Croatia's annual GDP which obliges to prepare investments that can absorb this.

In some countries, to have a huge amount of money, may pose difficulties on how to clearly define investments that contribute to economic recovery, growth and development to all the targets and goals that European Union has defined. By creating RRF, due to the state of affairs

and this huge amount of money, we decided to strategically define the document of National Recovery and Resilience plan.

Marija KUŠMIŠ, Mayor of Novska, underlined that the Republic of Croatia is at the top of the European Union member states in the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan. Through a series of mechanisms and measures, Croatia has been allocated 5.5 billion euros, and so far “we have been paid more than 40% of the amount”.

Investments from European funds have already shown results, and this is a better economic picture, economic development, creation of better living conditions for all residents of the city and its surroundings. The investments made through the National Recovery and Resilience Plan will have a bigger and wider impact for us all.

Tomislav SOKOL, MEP, Member of the Committee for Regional Development, highlighted the importance of the Instrument for Recovery and Resilience means to Croatia’s Development and the direct investments to the sectors that suffered the most during the pandemic

Marko PAVIĆ, MP, Chair of the committee on Regional Development and European funds, Croatian Parliament, underlined that the power of HDZ is that this political party has people who know how to negotiate or familiar with European Policies.

When looking at total payment of a membership to Brussels and the payments that we received, the real benefit for Croatia is that we are 10.5 Billion in plus. 2.2 billion are from the National Recovery and Resilience plan, so NRRP payments from Brussels make up to 20% of what came from Brussels.



Siegfried MURESAN, MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group, Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies, concluded that the Recovery and Resilience Facility embodies European solidarity at its best.

The Road to Recovery event in Zagreb took stock of the implementation of the Recovery Plan in Croatia together with EPP local and regional representatives. The Recovery Fund contributes to local and regional growth, creates quality jobs and improves the life of Croatian citizens.

The example of the Croatian Recovery Plan can be used to promote best practices across the EU and to ensure that the RRF is a success.

The conference has been broadcasted live on www.road2recovery.eu and the video recording is still active following the same link.

ANNEX I

PROGRAM **Conference on** **“ROAD TO RECOVERY**

Monday, 27 February 2023
09:00-13:00
Hotel Westin, Zagreb, Croatia
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- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration of participants
- 09:00 - 10:00 Welcome by **Siegfried MUREŞAN** MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the European Parliament (EP), Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies
- Željko TURK**, Chairman of the Association of Cities, Mayor of Zaprešić, Member of EPP-CoR
- Special interventions by
- Karlo RESSLER** MEP, EPP Vice-Coordinator for Budgets
- Dubravka ŠUICA**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Democracy and Demography
- Keynote speech
- Andrej PLENKOVIĆ**, Prime Minister of Croatia
- 10:00 - 11:00 **Panel I**
Involvement of local authorities in the design and implementation of the Recovery Plan: lessons learnt
- Opening by
- Ivana MALETIĆ**, Member of the European Court of Auditors
- Moderated by
- Jan OLBRYCHT** MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the European Parliament
- Speakers:
- Marko MARUŠIĆ**, Prefect of Bjelovar-Bilogora County
- Antonija JOZIĆ**, Prefect of Požega-Slavonia County
- Božidar LONGIN**, Prefect of Zadar County
- Ivan RADIĆ**, Mayor of Osijek
- Ivan ŽAGAR**, Mayor of the Municipality of Slovenska Bistrica, Member of EPP-CoR, Slovenia
- Open debate
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

- 11:30 - 11:45 Special intervention by
Marko PRIMORAC, Minister of Finance
- 11:45 - 12:45 **Panel II**
Enhancing synergies between the recovery funds and the traditional EU funds: key to a speedy recovery and resilience
- Opening by **Zvonimir SAVIĆ**, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for Economic Issues
- Moderated by **Olgierd GEBLEWICZ**, President of the EPP Group in the European Committee of the Regions and President of West Pomerania Region
- Speakers:
Igor ANDROVIĆ, Prefect of Virovitica-Podravina County, Member of EPP-CoR
Marija KUŠMIŠ, Mayor of Novska
Tomislav SOKOL MEP, Member of the Committee for Regional Development
Marko PAVIĆ MP, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development and European Funds, Croatian Parliament
- Open debate
- 12:45 - 13:00 Concluding remarks by
Siegfried MUREŞAN MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the EP, Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies
- 13:00 - 14:30 Lunch
Westin Zagreb Hotel, *Kaptol* Restaurant

ANNEX II



Media Coverage

On Monday, February 27, the EPP Group organised the Road to Recovery - event in Zagreb. Building up to the event, Večernji list newspaper published an op-ed signed by MEP **Muresan** and MEP **Ressler**. Major news outlets from Croatia covered the event, bringing it to the attention of a wider public. The event got an additional attention due to the fact, that the main speaker of the conference was Andrej Plenković, PM of Croatia and HDZ(EPP) president. Two national TV networks and several local and regional TV and Radio Programmes transmitted live the whole conference or at least the opening speech by the MEP Muresan, PM Plenković, EC Vice-President Šuica and Croatian MEP Ressler. The event received widespread media coverage in TV, Radio, online and print media in positive nature, with some exception from the left oriented media attacking PM Plenković, MEP Ressler and HDZ party. All in all, the media coverage was contributing to a clear and increased visibility for the **EPP Group** in Croatia.

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Plenković na skupu EPP-a: Hrvatska se razvij, stagnacija ne postoji

After organising conferences in Portugal and Poland, the EPP organised the "Road to Recovery" conference in Zagreb.

*Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic talked at the conference about the HDZ's position in Croatia and about the state's development. He commended the HDZ government and criticised the opposition, saying that newly-established parties had not contributed to anything important in the EU and that the SDP believed successes happened by default. He added that it was important to make everybody aware of that and for HDZ MEPs to talk about it. **EPP Vice-Chair MEP Siegfried MUREŞAN** (RO, EPP) talked about management in Croatia, while MEP **Karlo RESSLER** (HR, EPP) commended Plenkovic's Government. (28 Feb 2023 - Printed (p2))*

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VIDEO Ressler opleo po oporbi: 'Za one s imalo intelektualnog poštenja i razumijevanja...' / VIDEO Ressler lashed out at the opposition: 'For those with a modicum of intellectual honesty and understanding...'

U ponedjeljak je u zagrebačkom Hotelu Westin održana konferencija "Put oporavka" (Road to Recovery) u organizaciji Klubova zastupnika Europske pučke stranke (EPP) u Europskom parlamentu i Odbora regija te Hrvatske demokratske zajednice.

Siegfried Muresan, vice-president of the **European People's Party**, said Croatia had become a "model for good governance at the European level" in recent years. "We see a vision in Croatia's plan (National Recovery and Resilience Plan), a plan to modernise the country and education," he added. HDZ MEP **Karlo Ressler** pointed out that Croatia is one of the leaders in terms of speed of implementation and the use of funds from the National Recovery and Resilience Plan and that this is a historic opportunity for the modernization of Croatia. "For the Croatian opposition, this is accidental or it is because of some predetermined automatism. For those with any intellectual honesty and understanding, it is clear that this did not happen on its own and that the greatest credit for this is precisely the government of Andrej Plenković," he said.

24SATA News • 27 February 2023

Šuica i Ressler na konferenciji 'Put oporavka'

Konferencija 'Put Oporavka'.

24SATA.HR broadcasted live the interventions of **EPP MEPs Siegfried Muresan and Karlo Ressler** at the the EPP Conference "Road to Recover" in Zagreb.

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Plenković se hvalisao na forumu Pučana: 'Hrvatska se razvija, stagnacija ne postoji, nitko ne prosvjeduje' /

U Hrvatskoj nema stagnacije, zemlja se razvija zbog političke stabilnosti koju je vlada omogućila, poručio je u ponedjeljak hrvatski premijer Andrej Plenković, dodavši da je RH među tri najuspješnije zemlje u privlačenju sredstava europskog Mehanizma za oporavak.

*There is no stagnation in Croatia, the country is developing because of the political stability that the government has enabled, Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic said on Monday, adding that Croatia is among the three most successful countries in attracting funds from European Mehnizma for recovery. "We have a stable parliamentary majority that has ensured the fundamental precondition for Croatia's national development, which is political stability," Plenkovic said at an **EPP group** conference on the Road to Recovery plan in Zagreb's Westin Hotel.*

Večernji list Daily • VL • 27 February 2023

Instrument za oporavak i otpornost najbolje utjelovljuje europsku solidarnost i jedinstvo

To je novac od naroda Europe za narode Europe, stvarnost koja razoružava sve one protueuropske činitelje koji svoje hibridne nasrtaje na Europu grade na dovođenju načela europskog jedinstva u pitanje.

*MEPs **Siegfried Muresan** and **Karlo Ressler** in Op-ed, on the occasion of the Road to Recovery event in Zagreb, that Croatia is also a very good example to other Member States in implementing the Recovery Fund. The **EPP Group** strongly supports the efforts of the Croatian Government in ensuring concrete benefits of the Recovery Fund to Croatian citizens.*

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Plenković hvalio svoju vladu, Ressler mu se ulizivao

U HRVATSKOJ nema stagnacije, zemlja se razvija zbog političke stabilnosti koju je vlada omogućila, poručio je danas hrvatski premijer Andrej Plenković, dodavši da je RH među tri najuspješnije zemlje u privlačenju sredstava europskog Mehanizma za oporavak.

*Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic, **EPP Vice-Chair MEP Siegfried MUREȘAN** (RO, EPP), MEP **Karlo RESSLER** (HR, EPP) and Vice-President of the European Commission for democracy and demography Dubravka Suica spoke at the EPP conference about the recovery and resilience plan in Zagreb on 27 February. Muresan talked about good management in Croatia and about the state's national recovery and resilience plan. Ressler said that Croatia was one of the leaders in implementation and use of recovery and resilience funds, adding that they presented a chance to modernise the state. He said that the opposition considered it accidental or automatic, but that Plenkovic's government was responsible.*

Plenković podijelio packe HDZ-ovim zastupnicima u Europskom parlamentu: 'Ne mogu ja sve' /

Prvi put u povijesti Europska se unija zadužila na tržištu kapitala, a od 723,8 milijardi eura pomoći, Hrvatskoj je prvo namijenila 6,3 milijarde.

Croatia's implementation and withdrawal of recovery and resilience funds was discussed at the EPP conference "Road to recovery" in Zagreb on 27 February. The EPP already organised similar conferences in Portugal and Poland. Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic spoke at the conference. EPP Vice-Chair MEP Siegfried MUREŞAN (RO, EPP) talked about good management in Croatia, while MEP Karlo RESSLER (HR, EPP) said that the recovery and resilience mechanism presented an argument against those who had predicted dissolution of the EU. Vice-President of the European Commission Dubravka Suica also spoke at the conference. (by Goran Penić) (also in Dnevno.hr)

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VIDEO Plenković odgovorio 'kritičarima': Ovo ću vam ponavljati idućih godinu i pol, sve do izbora /

Predsjednik HDZ-a i Vlade RH Andrej Plenković sudjeluje na konferenciji "Put oporavka" (Road to Recovery) u organizaciji Klubova zastupnika Europske pučke stranke (EPP) u Europskom parlamentu i Odbora regija te Hrvatske demokratske zajednice. Na početku konferencije predsjednik Vlade održao je uvodni govor.

President of the HDZ and the Government of the Republic of Croatia Andrej Plenković participates in the conference "Road to Recovery" organized by the Political Groups of the European People's Party (EPP) in the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions and the Croatian Democratic Union. At the beginning of the conference, the Prime Minister gave an opening speech.

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Tomislav Sokol: Europski fondovi su važan element za pokretanje ekonomskog oporavka

Važno je ulaganja iz Mehanizma za oporavak i otpornost usmjeriti u sektore koji su najviše nastradali tijekom pandemije, poručuje Tomislav Sokol.

Speaking at the "Road to recovery" conference the EPP Group, the European Committee of the Regions and the HDZ organised in Zagreb, MEP Tomislav SOKOL (HR, EPP) said that the recovery and resilience mechanism would help mitigate the economic and social effects of the pandemic and improve resilience of EU economies

and societies and their readiness for green and digital transition. He also talked about the EU's cohesion policy, calling for investment of cohesion funds intended for Croatia into rural areas and islands, which were facing demographic issues. (also in Dalmatinskiportal.hr)

Zadarski List • Portal ZL • 27 February 2023

Sokol: Europski fondovi važan element za pokretanje ekonomskog oporavka

U organizaciji Kluba zastupnika EPP-a u Europskom parlamentu i Europskom odboru regija te HDZ-a, u Zagrebu se u hotelu Westin održala konferencija „Put do oporavka“. Na konferenciji su sudjelovali predsjednik Vlade RH Andrej Plenković, zastupnik u Europskom parlamentu Tomislav Sokol, brojni državni dužnosnici, dužnosnici lokalne i regionalne samouprave, povjerenica Europske komisije te zastupnici EPP-a u Europskom parlamentu i predstavnici u Europskom odboru regija.

*The **EPP Group**, the European Committee of the Regions and the HDZ organised the “Road to recovery” conference in Zagreb. Participants included: Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic, MEP **Tomislav SOKOL** (HR, EPP), state officials, local and regional officials, EU commissioner, MEPs and CoR representatives. Sokol called for investment of recovery and resilience funds into sectors most affected by the pandemic, as well as into science and innovation. He commented on cohesion policy and explained that although cohesion policy was a long-term policy, while the recovery and resilience facility was a temporary instrument, both aimed to contribute to EU priorities and encourage digital transformation and green transition.*

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Plenković hvalio vladu na forumu EPP-a: Hrvatska se razvija, stagnacija ne postoji

U Hrvatskoj nema stagnacije, zemlja se razvija zbog političke stabilnosti koju je vlada omogućila, poručio je u ponedjeljak hrvatski premijer Andrej Plenković, dodavši da je RH među tri najuspješnije zemlje u privlačenju sredstava europskog Mehnizma za oporavak.

*"We have a stable parliamentary majority that has ensured the fundamental precondition for Croatia's national development, which is political stability," Plenkovic said at an **EPP group** conference on the Road to Recovery plan in Zagreb's Westin Hotel. Plenkovic stressed that it is important to distinguish political stability from stagnation that does not exist in Croatia. "Stability brings development, and stagnation means that we are losing a step after those ahead of us," Plenkovic said.*

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Plenković: Nema stagnacije, Hrvatska se razvija zbog stabilnosti Vlade

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*Speaking at the **EPP** conference on the recovery and resilience plan, which was held in Zagreb on 27 February, Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic's highlighted the government's role in ensuring stability and social cohesion during crises. EPP Vice-Chair MEP **Siegfried MUREŞAN** (RO, EPP) commented on Croatia's national recovery and resilience plan, saying that it encouraged modernisation of the state and education. MEP **Karlo RESSLER** (HR, EPP) talked about Croatia's speedy implementation and use of national recovery and resilience funds and said that successful use of EU funds presented an argument against those who criticised the EU and its administration. (by B. R.)*

Euractiv • Euractiv • 27 February 2023

PLENKOVIĆ NA FORUMU PUČANA: Hrvatska je među tri najuspješnije zemlje u privlačenju sredstava Mehanizma za oporavak

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Plenković: Vlada je spriječila socijalnu rupturu u Hrvatskoj

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Plenković opet hvalio vladu: Hrvatska se razvija, stagnacija ne postoji

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Plenković: Razvoj Hrvatske je stabilan, nema stagnacije

U Hrvatskoj nema stagnacije, zemlja se razvija zbog političke stabilnosti koju je Vlada omogućila, poručio je hrvatski premijer Andrej Plenković. "Imamo stabilnu parlamentarnu većinu koja je osigurala temeljni preduvjet nacionalnog razvoja Hrvatske, a to je politička stabilnost", kazao je na konferenciji kluba EPP-a o Planu oporavka i otpornosti pod nazivom "Put oporavka" u hotelu Westin u Zagrebu.

*In his speech at the **EPP** conference on the recovery and resilience plan in Zagreb, Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic asserted that Croatia was developing thanks to political stability enabled by the Government. He also talked about the recovery and resilience funds Croatia has access to. EPP Vice-Chair MEP **Siegfried MUREŞAN** (RO, EPP) talked about Croatia as a model and commended its national recovery and resilience plan. Vice-President of the European Commission Dubravka Suica called for education of youth with the purpose of strengthening democracy. MEP **Karlo RESSLER** (HR, EPP) talked about Croatia's use of recovery and resilience funds as a chance for modernisation, commending the government and criticising the opposition.*

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Plenković hvalio vladu na forumu EPP-a: Hrvatska se razvija, stagnacija ne postoji

Plenković je apostrofirao kako je bitno razlikovati političku stabilnost od stagnacije koje u Hrvatskoj nema

*Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic, ministers Marko Primorac, Gordan Grlic Radman, Davor Filipovic and Nikolina Brnjac, as well as MEP **Karlo RESSLER** (HR, EPP), MEP Tomislav SOKOL (HR, EPP), MEP **Zeljana ZOVKO** (HR, EPP), MEP **Suncana GLAVAK** (HR, EPP), Boris Miletic and Vice-President of the European Commission Dubravka Suica attended the conference on recovery the EPP organised in Zagreb on 27 February. EPP Vice-Chair MEP **Siegfried MUREŞAN** (RO, EPP) said that Croatia was among the EU member states that had made the most progress in withdrawal and investment of EU funds. Ressler said that it was an opportunity for modernisation. He criticised the opposition and commended Plenkovic's government. (by Ante Pericic) "We*

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*There is no stagnation in Croatia, the country is developing because of the political stability that the government has enabled, Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic said on Monday, adding that Croatia is among the three most successful countries in attracting funds from the European Recovery Mechanism. "We have a stable parliamentary majority that has ensured the fundamental precondition for Croatia's national development, which is political stability," Plenkovic said at an **EPP group** conference on the Road to Recovery plan in Zagreb's Westin Hotel. Plenkovic stressed that it is important to distinguish political stability from stagnation that does not exist in Croatia.*

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Istaknuo je kako je u vremenima krize „pod svaku cijenu“ potrebno održati društvenu koheziju, a da tome pomažu ulazak Hrvatske u Schengen i eurozonu

*Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic talked about stability in Croatia at the **EPP** conference “Road to Recovery” in Zagreb on 27 February. EPP Vice-Chair MEP **Siegfried MUREŞAN** (RO, EPP) said that Croatia had become a “model of good management at EU level” and that there was vision in the Croatian national recovery and resilience plan. MEP **Karlo RESSLER** (HR, EPP) talked about Croatia’s use of recovery and resilience funds, highlighting the role of Plenkovic’s government. Vice-President of the European Commission for democracy and demography **Dubravka Suica** talked about the need to strengthen democracy. (also in Glas Istre, Telegram.hr, N1info.com, Novilist.hr, Zadarskilist.hr, Vijesti.hrt.hr, Glasistre.hr) "We have a stable parliamentary majority that has ensured the fundamental precondition for Croatia's national development, which is political stability," Plenkovic said at an EPP group conference on the Road to Recovery plan in Zagreb's Westin Hotel.*

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PM: Croatia is developing, stagnation doesn't exist

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*"We have a stable parliamentary majority that has ensured the basic precondition of Croatia's national development, and that is political stability," Plenković said at a conference on the Recovery and Resilience Plan called "Road to Recovery" organised by the **EPP** club at the Westin Hotel in Zagreb.*

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The evening news reported on the Road to Recovery event in Zagreb (Minute 19:20).

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U Zagrebu je održana Konferencija "Put oporavka", koju su organizirali klubovi zastupnika Europske pučke stranke u Europskom parlamentu.

*The "Road to Recovery" Conference was held in Zagreb, which was organized by the clubs of representatives of the **European People's Party** in the European Parliament. The presence of a large number of ministers, representatives, representatives of county and local authorities and Prime Minister Plenković speaks of the importance of the conferences.*

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Speakers at the EPP conference on the recovery and resilience plan, which took place in Zagreb on 27 February, included: Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic, EPP Vice-Chair MEP Siegfried MUREŞAN (RO, EPP), MEP Karlo RESSLER (HR, EPP) and Vice-President of the European Commission Dubravka Suica. Plenkovic pointed out that Croatia was one of the biggest beneficiaries of the recovery and resilience funds. Ressler talked about Croatia's successful use of recovery and resilience funds, criticising the opposition and commending Plenkovic's government. Suica announced measures for preservation of democracy in the EU.

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Conference of the European People's Party Group on the Recovery and Resilience Plan

Instrument za oporavak i otpornost Europske unije predstavljen je načelnicima, gradonačelnicima te županima, na konferenciji „Put oporavka“ u organizaciji Klubova zastupnika Europske pučke stranke u Europskom parlamentu i Odbora regija u Zagrebu, u ponedjeljak, 27. veljače 2023. godine.

*The EU Recovery and Resilience Instrument was presented to mayors and county prefects at the conference "Recovery Path" organised by the **European People's Party Group** in the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions in Zagreb, on Monday, 27 February 2023. – The Recovery and Resilience Facility for Croatia represents a unique, historical, first-class and generational opportunity for empowerment and modernisation at all levels of governance and in all areas of life, says MEP **Karlo Ressler**.*



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 Zagreb. Razem z premierem Chorwacji na konferencji EPL z cyklu Road to Recovery n/t KPO. Chorwacja już wykorzystala ponad 2 mld Euro (ok 40%) grantów.

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I am confident that @VladaRH under the leadership of @AndrejPlenkovic will implement ambitious reforms and investments which will strengthen the Croatian economy. EU funds are well spent in #Croatia.

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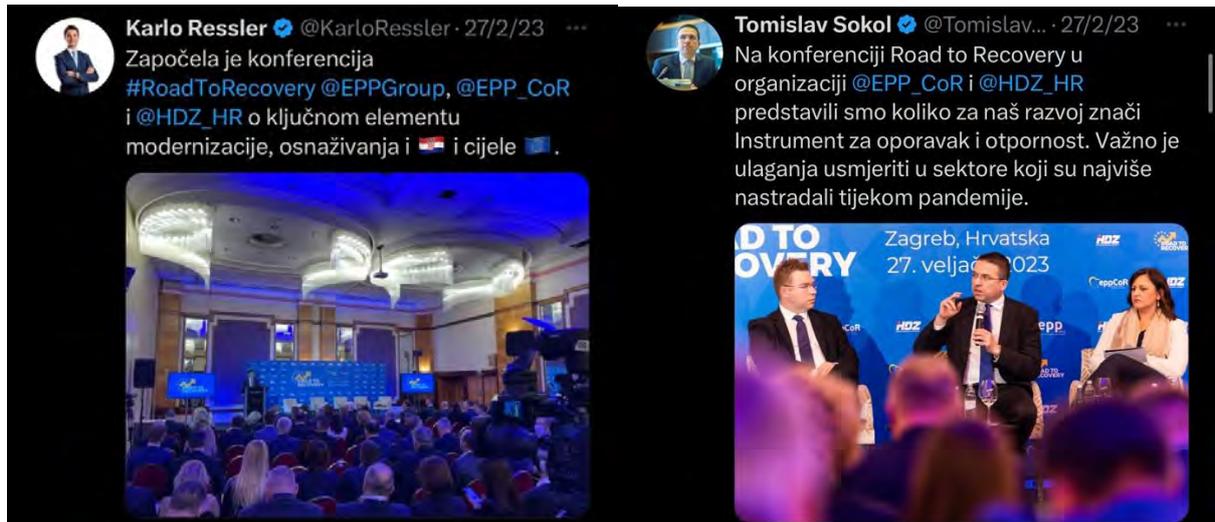
Prime Minister @AndrejPlenkovic, @HDZ_HR, MEPs @SuncanaGlavak, @KarloRessler, @ZovkoEU, @TomislavSokol and EU Commission Vice President @dubravkasuica are working to make sure that Croatia is well represented at EU level.

Ivana Maletic @MaleticIvana · 27/2/23

Na konferenciji Road2Recovery u organizaciji @VladaRH, @EPPGroup i @EU_CoR govorila sam o važnosti suradnje s lokalnim jedinicama u provedbi #RRF. Natjecaji na kojima nema dovoljno prijava često ukazuju na nedostatak zajedničkog rada i usmjeravanja sredstava u skladu s potrebama.

Karlo Ressler @KarloRessler · 27/2/23

S rekordnim investicijama na raspolaganju – a osnaženi i punim povratkom Europi – ulaskom u #Schengen i #eurozone – postaje sve snažnija i uređenija država. #RoadToRecovery #Zagreb





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Regional & local authorities from 🇭🇷 are not only necessary partners in the negotiation for national #RRF, but also key actors for a successful implementation. This is what citizens care about the most. @HDZ_HR is proud of having involved LRAs. @AndrejPlenkovic



EPP Group CoR @EPP_CoR · 27/2/23

I welcome the presence of @OGblewicz President of @EPP_CoR. He will bring the crucial point of view of our regions & cities in today's debate on the successful road to recovery. Working together with LRA's is key in strengthening the trust of our citizens @AndrejPlenkovic



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Congratulations for Croatia's success in the implementation of #RRF. It's an @EPP @HDZ_HR best practice to be followed by other member states. We have the proof of how engaging LRAs is actually a guarantee to effectively achieve the objectives of #RRF @OGblewicz



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We came to #Zagreb today to listen to mayors & local authorities in #Croatia & to analyse how 🇪🇺 funds can help them develop more in the next years, overcome difficulties and support their communities. @SMuresan @EPPGroup





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In Slovenia the LRA's were not properly involved in the #RRF. In the triangle of the EU, national level, regional-local level, LRAs should be more involved & the principle of subsidiarity and multi-level governance should be fully respected. #IvanZagar



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The success of the #RRF process in  is very clear. It is about reducing the consequences of the various crises and about improving the quality of life. @JanOlbrycht



EPP Group CoR @EPP_CoR · 27/2/23

We focus on the effects of aging population and encourage positive demographic trends & transition as one of the key areas. We need to increase competitiveness of regions all around Croatia & EU by combining #cohesion, structural & #RRF. @dubravkasuica



EPP Group CoR @EPP_CoR · 27/2/23

The #RRF will make European economies & societies more resilient, sustainable & ready for the challenges and opportunities of the green & digital transition. This is a huge opportunity for Europe to strengthen cooperation at all levels of government. @KarloRessler



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Dialogue with citizens about the use of #EUFunds represents the best communication tool to strengthen trust & reinforce the European project. #RRF #Zagreb #ŽeljkoTurk



EPP Group Young Members Network

Side Meeting

27 February 2023

Zagreb, Croatia

Members of the **HDZ Youth** organization had the opportunity to meet **MEP Karlo RESSLER**, Vice-coordinator of the Young Members Network, as well as **Zvonimir SAVIĆ**, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for Economic Issues, in the framework of the “Road the Recovery” conference.

They discussed Croatia’s successes in the implementation of reforms and investments as part of its national recovery and resilience plan. Economic growth, digital transition and green transition have been the main subjects of discussions. The role of the youth in shaping the decision-making has also been raised, as well as the role of the European Parliament in the adoption of the RRF.

