



YEPP Summer school
Supetar – Brac (Croatia), 19th – 25th August 2003

From Tuesday, August 19th 2003 until Monday, August 25th 2003 the summer school of the Youth of the European People's Party took place in Supetar on the Island of Brac in the Republic of Croatia hosted by YEPP's member organisation MHDZ Croatia.

The first day was involved for the arrival of the participants on the island of Brac and a welcome dinner. The participants were welcomed by Daniel Bautista, YEPP president, Margareta Kosec, MHDZ president, Werner Janjic, MHDZ International secretary and Mr. Bozo Biskupic, HDZ International Secretary.

On Wednesday the program started with a lecture on **“The first round of enlargement: ten new countries in an enlarged EU”** with two speakers. One was Dr. Bostjan M. Turk from the University of Ljubljana who spoke on the road from Communism to the European Union and presented the model of Slovenia in the process of transformation. After a short break Dr. Wolfgang Wolte – former ambassador of Austria to the European Union – continued with a speech on the Convention of Europe, structural reforms and the accession process of the ten new countries to the EU.

After lunch, the second topic of the summer school **“A new common market”** was opened by Prof. Dr. Zoran Jasic – former ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union – who focused his speech on the process of globalization and the opportunities and threats for the national markets of the accession candidates to the EU.

After Prof. Jasic, Miss Nina Obuljen, former consultant for the Unit for the Promotion of the Status of Women and Gender Equality at the UNESCO in Paris finished the day with a lecture on **“culture and trade – a missing link”**.

In the evening – after dinner – the participants enjoyed the bars and night-life of Supetar.

The session on Thursday, August 21st started with a round table discussion on the topic **“Superpower Europe – the role of an enlarged European Union in the NATO”** which was moderated by YEPP vice-president Arnt Kennis. The invited speakers – Mr. Jean Penders from the Eduardo-Frei-Foundation, Prof. Dr. Kresimir Cosic, a retired general of the Croatian army and Mr. Klaus-Peter Willsch as representative of the German Bundestag responsible for the relations with the Croatian parliament – first gave short speeches of 10-15 minutes and afterwards started a discussion on the given topic which involved themselves, the moderator and

the participants of the summer school. The participants were very satisfied with this discussion which lasted almost 3 hours.

After lunch Dr. Ivo Sanader, president of the mother party of MHDZ – the HDZ – held a speech on “The future of the European Union from the Croatian point of view” and presented the actual political situation in Croatia before the upcoming parliamentary elections, the process of the HDZ in the last 3½ years in opposition and the party’s program for governing the country and for accession of Croatia to the EU.

The last discussion on that day was on “**The second round of enlargement – Bulgaria, Croatia, Norway and Romania**” with Dr. Miomir Zuzul, former ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to the United States and YEPP member organisations from Bulgaria, Norway and Romania.

Friday morning started with a lecture on “**The European Union as a community of values**” held by Klaas Jan de Vries from Eduardo-Frei and Mr. Klaus Weigelt, director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Budapest. This was then also the end of the seminar part of the summer school.

After the meeting of the permanent working groups, the participants were divided into two working groups on the working paper “The role of small countries in an enlarged European Union” which was presented on Saturday to the council meeting. Afterwards the participants had free time to enjoy themselves at the beach, swimming pool or a beach-volleyball tournament.

On Saturday the whole day was devoted to the YEPP council meeting. The documents adopted at the council are attached separately.

Sunday started with a new element in a YEPP event – participation at the holy mess in the Catholic Church of Supetar. YEPP First-Vice President Markus Pösentrup was also asked to read a part of the Bible in German language.

At noon the participants left to the town of Split where a receipt by the President of the Split-Dalmatian County was prepared with short speeches and lunch in Split. After a visit to the ancient town of Split and the Dioclecianian palace, the participants had free time in Split.

Monday was foreseen for departure of the participants.

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