

### PROGRAMME

- 13:30 hrs                    **Registration**
- 14:00 hrs                    **Klaus Fiesinger, PhD**, regional director for Southeast Europe, Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung
- Sandro Knezović, PhD**, Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb
- 14:10 – 14:30 hrs        **PRESENTATION OF THE STUDY, Sandro Knezović, PhD**, Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb
- 14:35 - 16:00 hrs        **Round table discussion:**
- Miro Kovač, PhD**, chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Croatian Parliament
- Mr Tuomas Koskeniemi**, special adviser, Ministry of Defence, Finland
- Prof. Đana Luša, PhD**, Faculty of Political Science of the University of Zagreb
- Moderator: Aleksandra Markić Boban*, Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung
- Working language is English*
- 16:00 hrs                    Coffee, cakes and networking

In 2020 Croatia will hold the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the first time. This endeavor will require the effective management of Croatia's capabilities, resources and human power. A concerted effort from the Croatian society with effective political management is necessary for a strong and successful Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The decision-making process in the European Union is particularly influenced by big states, which hold considerably more power and capacities to steer the policy-making of the institution. The Presidency of the Council of the European Union is a moment of significant importance for small states due to the fact that it presents an opportunity for the aforementioned to counter-balance the most influential countries and bring forward their national interests and views on the European Union.

We look forward to discussing all the topics of the upcoming Presidency 2020 with you!