

**Declaration of the participants of the international conference  
of the Croatian Pan-European Union  
„Croatia in the European Union – Enlargement of the European Union  
to the South-East“**

We, participants of the international conference of the Croatian Pan-European Union „Croatia in the European Union – Enlargement of the European Union to the South-East“ from 13 European countries

- invite all the member countries of the European Union to ratify the accession treaty between the Republic of Croatia and the European Union as soon as possible, latest before the foreseen date of accession on the 1st July 2013 since the Republic of Croatia had to traverse the longest, the most demanding and the most difficult road among all candidate states that have concluded their negotiations so far.
- We demand - for the benefit of the European Union - to continue the process of enlargement to the South-East of Europe, to the countries that represent an empty space on the map of the European Union till now: to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania. Gradual accession of these countries will contribute to the solution of political and economic problems in the region and help quenching the possible foci of crisis where otherwise in unfavourable circumstances new armed conflicts or even wars could be provoked.
- We invite the European Union to open the perspective to these countries and to help them on their way into the European Union instead of giving them only warnings - even in the cases when the problems that they cannot solve had been imposed on them by the international community, as in the case of the Dayton partition of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- We demand from the European Union to allow individual or collective accession to the countries of the South-Eastern Europe - whatever will be more appropriate - as soon as they fulfill the conditions in order to speed up the process, and to regulate the procedure according to which new members will not be allowed anymore to stop or hinder other candidates on their way because of some open bilateral problems in order to prevent unnecessary procrastination of the solution of problems.

In Pula, 27th October 2012