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Roundtable on Values

Thursday, December 4th, 2025
Hotel Westin Zagreb, 17th Floor

04th December 2025

- 17.45 h **Participant registration**
- 18.15 h **"Ode to Joy", the anthem of the European Union, and "Lijepa Naša", the national anthem of the Republic of Croatia."**
- 18.25 h **Welcome Speech:**
Srećko Prusina
Chairman of the Board of the Croatian Statehood Foundation
Prof. Gordan Akrap, Ph. D.
Vice Rector of the Dr. Franjo Tudjman Defense and Security University
Dr. Norbert Eschborn
Resident Representative, Konrad Adenauer Foundation
- 18.35 h **Opening speech: Foundations of Hope: The Values that Uphold Europe's Democratic Dignity**
In a world seeking direction and meaning, Europe must rediscover its roots, faith, truth, justice, and solidarity. This keynote invites reflection on these foundational values as the path toward a society that nurtures trust, dialogue, human dignity, and a shared moral compass
Prof. Željko Tanjić Ph.D.
Rector of the Croatian Catholic University, Zagreb
- 18.50 h **Keynote speeches: Democracy in the Mirror of Disinformation: The Role of Expertise as a Safeguard Against Manipulation and the Erosion of Values in the Struggle for Democratic Reason Under the Pressure of Perception – Lessons from ATENA project**
In an age where perception often outweighs truth, disinformation has become a powerful tool for undermining democratic values. This keynote explores how political and professional expertise can act as a safeguard against cognitive hybrid threats, preserving trust, integrity, and reason in democratic discourse. It calls for a renewed sense of responsibility within the political profession to defend not just institutions, but the very mental space in which democracy lives
Prof. Gordan Akrap, Ph. D.
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19.05 h

Educational panel: From Disinformation to Destabilization - The Role of Expertise in Defending the Fabric of Democracy - Building cognitive resilience through education, knowledge, ethics, and values.¹

Disinformation is no longer a peripheral challenge, it is a strategic instrument that corrodes trust, polarizes societies, and weakens the moral fabric of democracy. This address examines the crucial role of professional communities and political actors in countering these threats through ethical leadership, transparent communication, and value-based decision-making. It emphasizes that safeguarding democracy today means understanding and protecting the cognitive dimension of public life.

Panel discussion:

Prof. Julian Chifu Ph.D.

National Intelligence Academy, Romania

Prof. Marco Lobardi, Ph.D.,

Catholic University Milano

Dr. Roman Domović

Hybrid Warfare Research Institute

Davor Ivo Stier (tbc)

Zastupnik u Europskom parlamentu

Moderation: **N.N**

19.45 h

Closing Remarks

Norbert Eschborn Ph.D.

Designated Head KAS Croatia-Slovenia

19.50 h

Festive Reception

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