

## Round table

### Economic recovery and political cohesion for the future of the EU

Novinarski dom, Perkovčeva 2., Zagreb  
Friday, 12 November 2021

Organized by the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) Zagreb and the Robert Schuman Foundation from Paris, the gathering will address reflections on the resilience of European integration and consider how the Union can act to regain economic momentum and strengthen citizens' identification with the European project. The aim of this event is to stimulate a debate that will contribute to defining European visions and enrich political debates during the French Presidency of the Council of the EU and the Conference on the Future of Europe.

The first half of 2022 should provide an opportunity to analyse the results of measures introduced at European level in response to the crisis associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. Joint efforts to implement the European Recovery Plan have been unprecedented and have protected and supported Member States' economies. However, no economic measure can immediately create political cohesion. In the context of the forthcoming French Presidency of the Council of the EU and the Conference on the Future of Europe, the question arises as to how the Union can use the economic recovery as a means of strengthening a sense of belonging to the EU? How can the Union enhance its democratic legitimacy and increase citizens' support? and what are the Croatian and French views on the economic recovery of the Union and on the European identity?

#### Program

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| 13h00-14h00   | <i>Closed meeting (on invitation)</i>   |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Registration  |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | Welcome words   |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Jean-Dominique Giuliani</b>, Chairman of the Robert Schuman Foundation (RSF)</li><li>▪ <b>Jakša Puljiz</b>, Head of Department for European Integration, IRMO</li></ul> Moderator: Tina Šimurina   |
| 14:45 – 15:30 | Panel debate  |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Jean-Dominique Giuliani</b>, Chairman of the Robert Schuman Foundation (RSF)</li><li>▪ <b>Pascale Joannin</b> Managing Director of the Robert Schuman Foundation (RSF)</li><li>▪ <b>Jakša Puljiz</b>, Head of Department for European Integration, IRMO</li><li>▪ <b>Hrvoje Butković</b>, Department for European Integration, IRMO</li></ul> Moderator: Tina Šimurina |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Question and answer session   |

*Working languages: Croatian and French, with simultaneous translation provided*