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Kick-off Conference

**STRENGTHENING THE IDENTITY OF MINORITIES:
A PRIORITY FOR THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COHESION IN THE
ADRIATIC COUNTRIES**

11th November, 2011, 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Piazza Campitelli 1, 52210 Rovinj-Rovigno, Croatia



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Conference Agenda

Time	STRENGTHENING THE IDENTITY OF MINORITIES: A PRIORITY FOR THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COHESION IN THE ADRIATIC COUNTRIES
9:00	Reception and Registration
Chairwoman: Ambretta Medelin , <i>President of the Committee for the Italian National Community Issues in the City of Rovinj/Rovigno</i>	
9:30 – 10:00	Welcome
PART I - MINORITIES' IDENTITY AND PARTICIPATION: A PRIORITY FOR THE EUROPEAN AGENDA	
10:00 – 10:30	L'Adriatico come spazio europeo di cooperazione ed integrazione: il ruolo delle minoranze nella cooperazione transfrontaliera , Alberto Gasparini – Direttore ISIG <i>Alberto GASPARINI, Director, Institute of International Sociology Gorizia – ISIG</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Historic and New Minorities: old and new barriers for the effectiveness of rights <i>Alice SIRONI, Migration Expert, Former Legal Research Officer, International Migration Law Unit, IOM</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
PART II – LEARNING FROM PRACTICE: STRENGTHENING THE IDENTITY AND THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES IN THE ADRIATIC COUNTRIES	
11:30 – 11:50	The minority rights and IPA programs: best practices and perspectives <i>Heidrum FERRARI, Consultant Programme Development, EU Funding & Evaluation</i>
11:50 – 12:10	The best practices of the Italian Union in the European cross-border cooperation <i>Maurizio TREMUL, President of the Executive Board of the Italian Union</i>
12:10 – 12:30	The Project SIMPLE: governance models and trainings for strengthening the identity of minority communities and the civil participation <i>Gabriele DI MARCANTONIO, Coordinator Project SIMPLE, Progetti Sociali s.r.l. Impresa Sociale</i>
12:30–1:00p.m.	Debate and closing remarks

Organizational information:

Simultaneous translations into English, Croatian and Italian will be available for all presentations.

You are kindly requested to confirm your attendance and participation in the Conference by 9th November, 2011.

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