



„EUROPE IS UNTHINKABLE WITHOUT CROATIA”

Exhibition to mark the 110th birthday of Otto von Habsburg

Venue: Liszt Institute - Hungarian Cultural Centre Zagreb, Europe Square, Ban Centar

Date: 5 October 2022.

17.00 Opening remarks:

H. E. DR. CSABA DEMCSÁK, Ambassador of Hungary

MR. GERGELY PRŐHLE, Director, Otto von Habsburg Foundation

17.20 Presentations about the historical and political heritage of Otto von Habsburg

VANJA VINKOVIĆ, journalist, director of Documentary „Otto i Hrvati/Otto und die Kroaten”

DR. IVAN MIRNIK, historian and archaeologist

PROF. DR. SC. MATE GRANIĆ, former MFA

18.00 Opening of the exhibition by H.E. MR. GORDAN GRLIĆ RADMAN, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia

The event will be held in English.

During his political career, Otto von Habsburg paid particular attention to the countries that had formerly been part of the Habsburg Monarchy. He had a special relationship with Croatia, as he was the last heir to the throne, who learned Croatian from his tutors and followed the country's fate closely from his youth. He was saddened to learn that the new geopolitical realities of Yalta had for some time removed Croatia from the Central European community of which it had been an integral part for centuries. Thereafter, in the 1990s, during the turbulent period of the break-up of Yugoslavia, he consistently defended Croatia's right to national self-determination and did much to secure the country's international diplomatic recognition. After the establishment of independent statehood of Croatia, Otto von Habsburg also played a major role in promoting the country's accession to the EU.

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