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ZHDZ was established on 13 October 1995, according to the Law on Foundations of the Republic of Croatia. The founder of the ZHDZ is the Croatian Democratic Union (hereinafter referred to as: “HDZ”), member of the European People’s Party (hereinafter referred to as: “EPP”). Based on the decision made by the HDZ Presidency, the Foundation is managed by a 3-member Foundation Management Board with the following members:

- Srećko Prusina, Chairman of the Foundation Management Board, with residence in Zagreb, Vrhovčev vijenac 36, born in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 19 April 1963;
- Hrvoje Parlov, member of the Foundation Management Board and Assistant to the Chairman, with residence in Zagreb, Novigradska 32, born in Split, Republic of Croatia, on 14 June 1977;
- Emil Tomljenović, member of the Foundation Management Board, with residence in Senj, Bunica 75, born in Rijeka, Republic of Croatia, on 25 May 1963.

ZHDZ has two permanent employees, the Foundation Director (Chairman) and the secretary, and three part-time employees, the Assistant to the Chairman and two associates.

The main activity of the ZHDZ is political advising and political education. Since June 2006, when it intensified its activities, ZHDZ has organised:

- Workshops with the topic of political analysis and political communication. The workshops were attended by party functionaries on the local level, with renowned lecturers from Croatia and abroad, mainly from the Federal Republic of Germany. The biggest number of these workshops was organised together with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. Some workshops were organised in cooperation with the Political Academy of the Austrian People’s Party “Modern Politics”, the Hanns Seidel Foundation as well as the Eduardo Frei Foundation.
- Workshops in the area of public relations in politics. These workshops were intended for members of the parties which are, within their political activity scope, responsible for public relations issues in the public media. Domestic experts as well as experts in political PR from Germany and Austria lectured at these occasions. The greatest number of these workshops was organised in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Political

Academy of the Austrian People's Party "Modern Politics" as well as with the Hanns Seidel Foundation.

- Debates on current topics of general interest with participants ranging from domestic experts, scientists and distinguished persons from the public sphere with the purpose of exchanging opinions and ideas.
- Seminars with the topic "Women with Christian-democratic views in politics" in cooperation with the Hanns Seidel Foundation, attended by more than 200 ladies engaged in politics on the local or national level. Lecturers were experts from Croatia and Germany as well as members of the German Federal Parliament, *Bundestag*.
- Seminars having as a topic the role of young people in politics, intended primarily for the youth organisation of the Croatian Democratic Union, with lecturers from Croatia and Germany. Most of these seminars were carried out in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.
- A meeting of young Croats from the diaspora that attracted over 100 young Croats living abroad. During their 4-days stay in Croatia, we introduced young diaspora representatives to the cultural and historical heritage and presented them the current situation in economy and politics.
- Seminars dealing with development prospects in the context of international politics, in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, with lecturers from Croatia and Germany, targeting wider public.
- Public discussions on the topic of the Croatian future within the EU, with guest representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia and lecturers from Germany. These public discussions were also aiming at the general public, with special emphasis on young people.
- Workshops on the topic of utilising EU funds, in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, with Croatian lecturers, specialists for the EU funds. These workshops were targeting representatives of the local governments, in order to familiarise them additionally with the issues related to the EU funds.
- Seminars in the area of public – private partnership, in order to present all the advantages of this economic model to the representatives of local governments as well as to point out to the possibilities of applying this principle in the economic development of their respective regions.
- Symposium dealing with the relationship between the market and morality, in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Jesuits Liberal Arts College, together with university professors from Germany and Croatia. Theologians, students, business community and political representatives gathered at the symposium.
- Conference on the role of political foundations in contemporary political lives organised jointly with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, which attracted a great number of representatives from academic circles, the business sector, Members of the Parliament as well as distinguished persons from the public sphere. The aim was to engage in a public debate on the role of political foundations as a place of political education and advising, comparing experiences in Croatia and Germany.

- Study tours to the German Federal Parliament *Bundestag*, Educational Centre of the Hanns Seidel Foundation as well as to the Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party: "Modern Politics".
- Conferences on the Croatia's joining EU and NATO with more than 300 participants. The conferences were organised in cooperation with the Centre for European Studies.

During the last two years, more than 2,500 people, party and state functionaries as well as distinguished persons from the public and political spheres have attended workshops and seminars organised by the ZHDZ.

The ZHDZ bases its work on the Christian-democratic view of life, stimulating general culture of political dialogue and tolerance in Croatia.