

LIBERALS IN REGIONAL COOPERATION:

The Role of Liberal parties in Southeastern Europe



Europe: Croatia, Zagreb

current and future role and work of the liberal in southeastern Europe, examine a number of policy topics which are reflective of the liberal ideology and initiate the topic of political party foundations or training centers.

Role of the different actors

Organizers:

- International Educational Center (IEC), Zagreb, Croatia
- Croatian People's Party Political Academy (HNS), Zagreb, Croatia
- National Democratic Institute (NDI)

Co-organizers:

- People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD, Netherlands)
- Friedrich Naumann Stiftung (FNSt)
- Liberal Southeastern European Network (LI-BSEEN)

Outputs of the Project/Expected results:

Promoting the exchange of experience through a network of southeastern European Liberal Parties;
Analyzing the status and future role of Liberals in southeastern Europe;
Examining policymaking and policy topics in terms of how they reflect Liberal values;
Exchanging experiences on party training and education capacities and political foundations.

National Impact of the Project:

Promoting liberal idea in Croatia

Conclusion of the Conference

The participants stated unanimous support to the Resolution „Visa-free Regime in the Western Balkans“, adopted by the ELDR Congress in Stockholm on 30-31 October 2008. Member parties of the LIBSEEN engaged themselves, according to their capabilities, to make necessary incentive efforts in governments and parliaments of their respective countries in order to comply with all required conditions for liberalisation of visa regime in the South-East Europe (Western Balkans).



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Key stakeholder

The participants of this conference are the party staff engaged in the party policy development, and also party leaders who would be in position to provide support to the policy development and party training capacities in the liberal parties of south-eastern Europe.

Funding:

- National Democratic Institute (NDI)
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Objective of the Project

The LIBSEEN network of the liberal parties, organisations and institutes of south-eastern Europe was established in 2006. It was re-launched at a reunion in Skopje in April 2008 by the leaders of the liberal parties in the region. The consequent meeting, held in September 2008 in Osijek, proved the need for regional liberal parties to cooperate in the area of clarifying the values of liberalism and developing liberal policies, which are reflective of these values.

The aim of the Zagreb conference is to assist political parties in their efforts to determine the

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