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Zagreb, October 28, 2009

**PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE EU PROJECT
“Support to the Judicial Academy of Croatia:
Developing a training system for judges and prosecutors”
and
Fifth Anniversary of Judicial Academy**

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 12:00
in the Old Town Hall, 5 Sv. irila i Metoda Street, Zagreb

A formal closing ceremony marking the official end of the PHARE 2005 project “Support to the Judicial Academy of Croatia: developing a training system for judges and prosecutors” will be held **on Wednesday, November 4, 2009**. Minister of Justice Ivan Šimonović (J.D.), Counsellor of the Delegation of the European Commission to the Republic of Croatia Mr. Paolo Berizzi, President of the Supreme Court Mr. Branko Hrvatin, General Prosecutor of the Republic of Croatia Mr. Mladen Bajić and President of the Parliamentary Committee on Judiciary Ms. Ana Lovrin will address the participants.

This project worth more than € 1 million was implemented by the Croatian Ministry of Justice and the European Commission represented by the German Foundation for international legal Cooperation (IRZ) in consortium with the Austrian Hulla & Co. Human Dynamics KG. The implementation of the project started in February 2008 and will last until the end of November 2009.

Within this project following results have been achieved:

- the new Judicial Trainees and Bar Examination Act and two related regulations have been adopted
- a pilot training for judicial trainees and court advisors was carried out with a series of 60 workshops covering several modules in civil, criminal, constitutional, commercial, labour, family, administrative and European law
- objective and transparent selection criteria for the selection and promotion of judges and public prosecutors have been proposed to be introduced in the law on courts, the law on state attorneys or other relevant legislation
- a law on the Judicial Academy has been developed
- the web-site of the Judicial Academy has been improved and it now contains various laws in Croatian and English as well as other useful information
- international contacts and networking with European training institutions have been developed

This project is of great importance to Croatia because the implementation of objective and transparent criteria for the selection and promotion of trainees, court advisors, judges and state

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attorneys and their training are indispensable for the fulfillment of the accession requirements listed in the Chapter 23 (Judiciary and fundamental rights).

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