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On Thursday, July 12th 2016 at 11:00hrs, the opening event of the Twinning Project **“Further development and strengthening of the organisational administrative and technical capacities of the audit authority”** will take place at the EU Info Center.

At the event, official addresses will be delivered by:

Mr. Martin Klaucke, Head of Co-operation in EU Delegation,
HE Mr. Peter Verheyen, Deputy Ambassador of the Embassy of the Netherlands,
HE Ms. Daniela Barisic, Ambassador of Croatia,
Mr. Winfried Beekmans, Director of the Central Audit Service of the Netherlands representing the Memberstate Contracting Partner(s),
Ms. Leposava Apostolovski Velinov General IPA Auditor of the Audit Authority from the BC Country,
Mr. Peter Vlasveld, Memberstate Project Leader from The Netherlands,
Mr. Harry Jansen, Resident Twinning Advisor

In the framework of IPA 2012, the European Union provided € 600 000 and utilized the Twinning instrument for institutional cooperation between the Audit Authority from The Netherlands and Croatia as EU Member States and the Audit Authority for audit of the European Union pre-accession assistance in the Beneficiary Country *in order to increase know-how, effectiveness and impact of the Audit Authority involved in the audit of EU funds and to increase efficiency during implementation including the swift response to emerging priorities.*

In the function of achieving this objective the project is divided and framed into three components:

Component 1: improvement of the legal framework with preparation of new/amendments to the Law for the competences of the Audit Authority; assessment and recommendations for the existing organisational structure of the Audit Authority and upgrade of internal acts of the Audit Authority (Rulebooks of the organisation and systematisation).

Component 2: Strengthened administrative and operational capacities with:

- analytical review of existing quality control in practice at AA;
- improving of the audit manuals in accordance with IPA II regulation and reporting processes;
- revision of Audit Authority’s strategies and guidelines.

Component 3: Enhancement of the audit skills with:

- staff trainings through pilot audits on new revised audit procedures in compliance with IPA II requirements;
- training auditors to use valid templates of the reports developed for IPA II regulation;
- training auditors to use the sampling software.

As a result of this project, the Audit Authority for audit of the European Union pre-accession assistance **will further develop and strengthen the capacities in view of the harmonisation of the**



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audit procedures and legal framework with IAS, new EU Regulation and guidelines given by the EC for the 2014-2020 Financial Perspective.

Journalists and photographers are kindly invited to cover this event.

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Please find below the agenda of the event.

A G E N D A

**to the opening event of the EU-funded Twinning Project:
“Further development and strengthening of the organizational, administrative and technical capacities of the audit authority“**

Date: 12.07.2016

Time: 11:00hr

Venue: EU Info Centre

11:00 – 11:15	Registration
PART ONE – PROJECT OPENING EVENT	
11:15 – 11:40	Addresses by: Mr. Martin Klaucke, Head of Co-operation in EU Delegation HE Peter Verheyen, Deputy Ambassador of the Embassy of the Netherlands HE Daniela Barisic, Ambassador of Croatia Mr. Winfried Beekmans, Director of the Central Audit Service of the Netherlands representing the MS Contracting Partner(s)
PART TWO – PROJECT PRESENTATION	
11:40 – 12:00	Ms. Leposava Apostolovski Velinov, General IPA Auditor of the Audit Authority from the BC Country Mr. Peter Vlasveld, MS Project leader from The Netherlands Mr. Harry Jansen, Resident Twinning Advisor
12:15 – 13:00	Cocktail reception

