



European Union welcomes Croatia as its 28th Member State

- EU Delegation to India will celebrate this milestone with a traditional Croatian music concert- **"Klapa Grdelin"**



New Delhi, 26 June 2013- To celebrate Croatia's entry into the European Union as its 28th Member State, the EU Delegation to India along with the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia will be organising a musical evening with "Klapa Grdelin". This musical concert will take place at Instituto Cervantes (Spanish Institute), 48 Hanuman Road, on Sunday 30 June 2013 at 7 pm.

Klapa singing, a multipart singing tradition from the southern Croatian region of Dalmatia, is an intangible UNESCO heritage. The word "klapa" translates as "a group of friends" and traces its roots to littoral church singing.

Klapa singers sing freely, without the help of notation, and generally a cappella. The main aim is to achieve the best possible blend of voices.

The topics of their songs usually deal with love, life situations, and the environment in which they live.

Background on Croatia's Accession to European Union

Croatia's accession to the European Union on 1 July will mark another milestone in completing the construction of the EU. It provides fresh evidence of the transformative power of EU enlargement policy: torn by conflict only two decades ago, the country is now a stable democracy, capable of taking on the obligations of EU membership and of adhering to EU standards.

By joining the EU, Croatia will not automatically become a Eurozone member or a part of the Schengen Agreement. In order to become a member of the Eurozone a country must first meet the so-called Maastricht Criteria.

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http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/countries/detailed-country-information/croatia/index_en.htm

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