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Visit of Štefan Füle to Zagreb: meeting with Ivo Josipović, President of Croatia

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On 26 March 2013, the European Commission adopted its last Monitoring Report on Croatia's preparations for joining the EU. The Commission assesses that Croatia has completed the ten priority actions identified in the previous report in October 2012, and has shown the will and ability to fulfil all outstanding commitments in good time before accession. The Commission concludes that Croatia will be ready to join the European Union on 1 July 2013. Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, presented the Report to Ivo Josipović, President of Croatia, and the Croatian Government during his visit to Zagreb.



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00:00:05	Exterior shot	00:00:07
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00:00:28	Arrival of Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy (4 shots)	00:00:37
00:01:05	Arrival of Ivo Josipović, President of Croatia, and handshake with Štefan Füle and his team (2 shots)	00:00:39
00:01:43	Round table with Štefan Füle and Ivo Josipović (5 shots)	00:00:27
00:02:11	Štefan Füle and Ivo Josipović entering the press conference room	00:00:16
00:02:27	SOUNDBITE by Ivo Josipović (in CROATIAN)	00:01:22
00:03:48	SOUNDBITE by Štefan Füle (in ENGLISH) saying that it is a pleasure to be in Croatia on such a special day; this might be his last trip to Croatia as a candidate country; he came to present the last monitoring report that is going to be adopted by the European Commission; he will present it in details to the Croatian Government; the report reflects the efforts, good and credible efforts, on Croatia's side to deliver on the remaining commitments stemming from the	00:04:53

center on the remaining commitments stemming from the accession treaty; this report is positive; it opens the gate until the final stage of the ratification process; the report is not the end in itself; the process ends with a last ratification instrument; a new chapter starts on 1 July 2013; on his discussion with Ivo Josipović: saying that there are two things he wants to stress; the first one is that he congratulated him, his team and collaborators and authorities in Croatia for delivering on this accession process in such a way that it strengthens the credibility of the enlargement process; at a time of internal difficulties of the European Union it is important not only to make the case for the enlargement to continue but also to strengthen the element that it is a credible policy which helps to prepare the candidate country fully for assuming all the responsibilities stemming from the membership; the second thing is that they talked about the expectations of EU institutions that Croatia not only is going to continue to play a constructive role in the region but is going to strength that role; they have had very good cooperation on a number of the issues related to the region; he mentioned specifically the President's cooperation through the trilateral talks but also Bosnia and Herzegovina; moving the external border of the European Union to the border of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina should not been taken as a challenge but as an opportunity; there are developments in the western Balkans where everyone will benefit from the Croatian contribution; so this is indeed a special day; congratulating Ivo Josipović and the Croatian people for delivering on promises and commitments undertaken in the accession process.

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