



*"The College is an exceptional European 'observation post and our presence in Warsaw gives our students the opportunity to comprehend the new Europe, which is being created with the enlargement. It is at the College where a part of the future European elite is trained and it is good that young people can take advantage of a place where one is confronted with such a mix of cultures. One of my concerns will also be to strengthen the links between the two campuses of the College and the communities that surround them, in Bruges and in Warsaw."*

*Rector Paul Demaret*

## PRESS RELEASE

**H.E. Mr Tonino Picula, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Croatia**, will deliver a speech on "**Croatia and the EU Enlargement**" in the College of Europe, on Thursday 27 February 2003 at 6.30 p.m.. At 6.25 p.m., Minister Picula will be welcomed by Rector Paul Demaret.

His speech, will be followed by a short debate for students, animated by the Rector. After the conference Minister Picula is invited to a dinner with the Croatian students, Rector Paul Demaret and his Croatian Delegation.

A full copy of **Picula's College of Europe Speech** in English will be available from the website of the College of Europe at [www.coleurop.be](http://www.coleurop.be). For additional information, please contact the Communications Office of the College of Europe, tel. 050/477.123, fax 050/477.120.

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