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ARLEM
Euro-Mediterranean Regional and
Local Assembly

PRESENTATION
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Background Information

A. Where I Come From



Republic of Croatia

- Population: 4.5 million
- Literacy: Total Population
- Area: 56,594 sq km (35,133 sq mi)
- GNI per capita: US \$19,200

10.2.2012.

Danijel Katićin, Tkon, Hrvatska

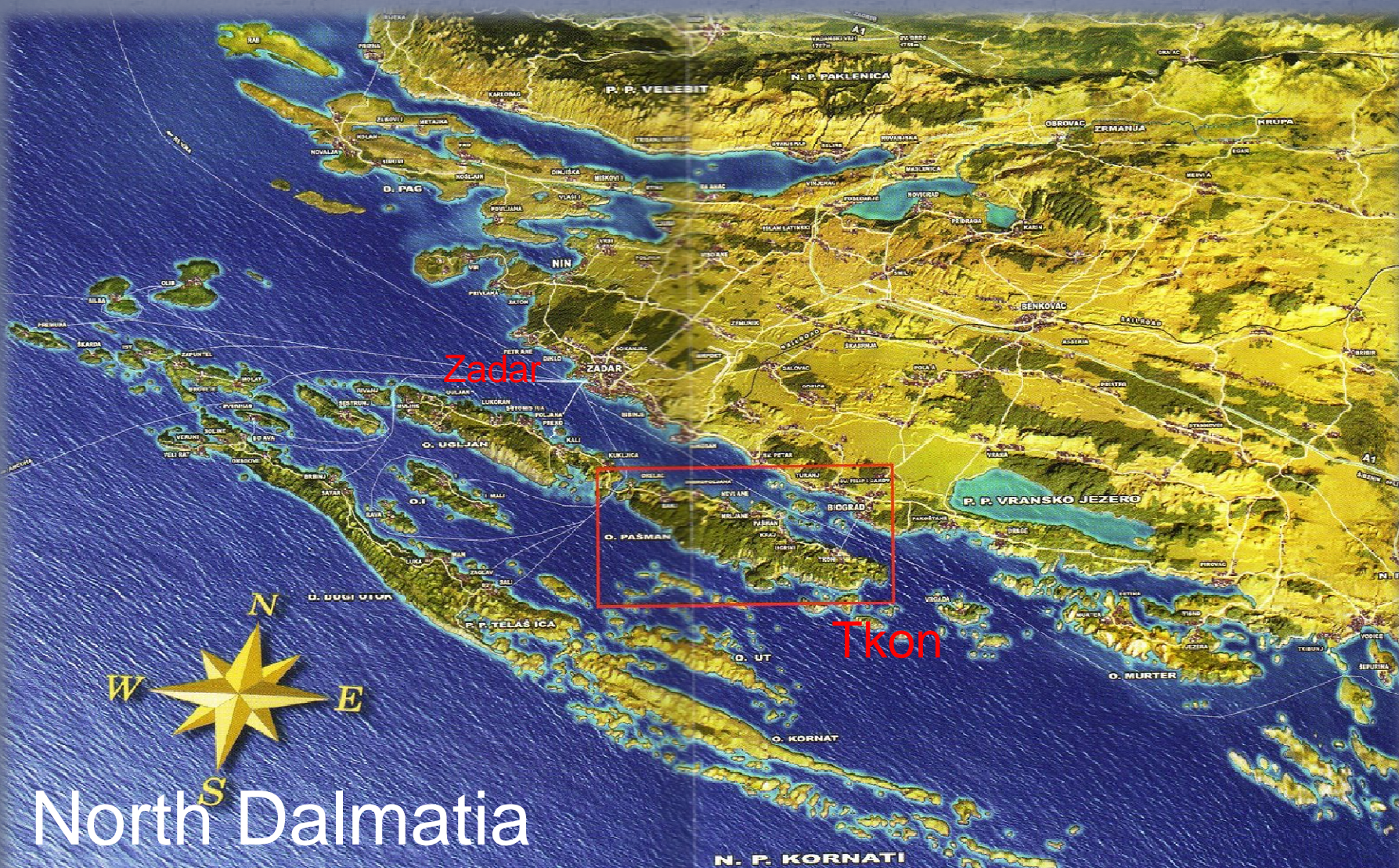
A map of Croatia showing its municipal boundaries. The landmass is colored in a light orange or yellow hue, while the surrounding sea is a light blue. The map is set against a dark blue background with a textured, paper-like appearance. The text is overlaid on the map in white, and the name 'Tkon' is highlighted in red.

429 municipalities
(1,4 milion inhabitants)

126 cities + Zagreb (3 milion inhabitants)

Tkon

Municipality of Tkon is on island of Pasman



North Dalmatia

An aerial photograph of the island of Pašman, showing its rugged, green landscape and the surrounding blue sea. The island is elongated and has a complex coastline with many small inlets and peninsulas. In the distance, the city of Zadar is visible on the coast. The sky is clear and blue.

ZADAR

TKON

ISLAND of PAŠMAN

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TKON

BIOGRAD NA MORU

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ISLAND OF PASMAN



The Union for the Mediterranean

- was created at the Summit for Mediterranean held on 13 July 2008 in Paris. The Union is an EU partnership comprising all EU Member States, 16 Mediterranean countries (Turkey, Algiers, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Israel, Palestinian Self-Government, Lebanon, Mauritania, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Monte Negro, Albania, Monaco) along with the European Commission and the Arab League. The Union presently comprises 43 countries

The aim of the Union

- to create the political and institutional infrastructure for a comprehensive partnership between EU and the region where project-based diplomatic activities on the Mediterranean and sectorial cooperation contribute to the development of partnership

Presidency & secretariat

- has a rotating co-presidency with one president from the EU and one president who represents Mediterranean partner countries
- joint Secretariat based in Barcelona which shall be responsible for identifying and promoting projects of regional, sub-regional and transnational values in the framework of various sectors

Priority areas

1. eliminating pollution from the Mediterranean
2. development of highways and connecting ports
3. civil protection initiatives for fighting natural disasters,
4. alternative energy sources and the Mediterranean solar plan,
5. higher education and research
6. cooperation through the Euro-Mediterranean University and the Mediterranean initiative for the SME development.

Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM)

- The Assembly was established under the auspices of the Committee of Regions of the EU (CoR) and the Kingdom of Spain as the presiding EU country at the time.
- The inaugural session was held at the Pedralbes Royal Palace in Barcelona with the participation of 77 representatives of the local and regional government from 30 partner countries in the Union for the Mediterranean

ARLEM Bureau

- composed of 6 members:
3 from the EU Member States and 3 from the Southern Mediterranean.
- Co-chairmen of the Bureau and the ARLEM Assembly have been elected by a consensus: Luc Van den Brande (Flandria, Belgium) (late replaced by Mrs Mercedes Bresso) as well as the president of the Committee of Regions of the EU and Mohamed Boudra, the president of the region Taza-Al Hoceim (Morocco).

ARLEM Committees

1. the ECOTER, ARLEM Committee for Economic, Social and Territorial Affairs
2. the SUDEV (Sustainable Development Committee)

The 2nd plenary session

- held in Agadir, Morocco 3 reports were adopted:
 1. the Report on the Territorial Dimension of the Union for the Mediterranean,
 2. the Report on the Urban Development on the Mediterranean
 3. the Report on Local Water Management on the Mediterranean

The third plenary session

is to take place in Bari, Italy by the end of January where 3 reports shall be adopted:

1. the Report on renewable energy
2. the Report desertification and climate change
3. the Rreport on the preservation and enhancement of cultural heritage in the Mediterranean
4. the Report on the role of small and medium enterprises in the Mediterranean