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“Open Days 2009 – European Week of Regions & Cities” in Banja Luka: The Youth Innovations and Entrepreneurship

Administrative Center of the Government of Republika Srpska

Thursday 8th October 2009

- Venue:** Administrative Center of the Government of Republika Srpska - conference room - II floor, address: 1, Trg Republike Srpske, 78 000 Banja Luka, Republika Srpska, BiH
- Time:** October 8th, 2009 starting at 10 hrs to 13 hrs
- Topic:** Participation of the young people in the public, political, economic and cultural life: Youth Entrepreneurship and Initiatives as the precondition for the European future”
- Participants:** Young people from three high schools in Republika Srpska (Technical School from Gradiška, School for Tourism and Trade from Banja Luka, Agricultural School from Banja Luka) and their teachers and principals

Officials from the RS Government (Office of the RS Prime Minister, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Trade and Tourism, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Youth, Family and Sport) and the from the RS Prime Minister's Office) and the representatives of the institutions of the Republika Srpska (Investment Development Bank of Republika Srpska, Chamber of Commerce of Republika Srpska, Chamber of Commerce of the Region of Banja Luka, Chamber of Commerce of the Region of Doboje, Agency for Development of SMEs).

- Description:** The students-young entrepreneurs from the mentioned high schools have presented their creative ideas, the activities of their schools in the past as well as the current activities and the ideas for the future. After these concise and interesting presentations, the present officials from the Government and the institutions commented on them and there was a vivid discussion developing. The discussion was mostly dedicated to how to realise of some of the ideas the young entrepreneurs had presented. The guests gave them their suggestions and talked about the possibilities of realisation, cooperation and ways of further support to the projects/ideas of the young people in Republika Srpska.

The teachers have exchanged the contacts with the relevant institutions and a concrete outcome from this encounter of the two parties is probable to expect in the future, which was the idea that guided us as the organisers of this local event.

Besides this, the media coverage of the event was considerable. This ensured that the those parties that were not invited to the event, or could not come, were informed about the potentials of these young people and therefore, if interested, they can get in contact with their teachers and principals of the schools and help realise the creative ideas of these outstanding young people of Republika Srpska.