



REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS **NEWSLETTER**

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REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REPRESENTATION HOLDS RECEPTION FOR 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAYTON

Held in the Hilton Hotel in Brussels, this was an excellent opportunity to remind people of the Dayton Peace Accord's significance in stopping the war and establishing the current political system in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In his speech, Mr Mario Djuragic, Director of the Representation in Brussels, underlined Dayton as the most fundamental foundation for any reform or constitutional change. The event included live music performed by a classical quartet and pictures of some of the cultural and touristic sites in the Republika Srpska.



COMPANIES FROM THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA AT THE BRUSSELS INNOVA 2010 FAIR



At the world fair on intellectual property, research and new technologies "Brussels Innova 2010/Eureka", two companies from the Republika Srpska presented their own intellectual property in the area of trademarks.

The companies: Power Utility of the Republika Srpska - Trebinje (www.ers.ba) and Chemical Industry Destilacija - Teslic (www.destilacija.net) were recognised for their presentation and creativity, and awarded a gold medal.

The fair's International Jury reviewed and evaluated the companies as part of the postwar reconstruction of war-affected areas of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and recognised the overall contribution of these companies by awarding them with the European Medal for Creativity, III level.



BANJA LUKA ENERGY DAYS 2010

The city of Banja Luka, Republika Srpska - a signatory of the Covenant of Mayors organised the 'Banja Luka Energy Days 2010' event as part of its Sustainable Energy Action Plan. Banja Luka Energy Days 2010 aimed to encourage the active participation of consumers, enterprises and decision makers in the process of encouraging intelligent energy production and consumption.

This event also contributed to promote the Covenant of Mayors initiative throughout the Balkan region. Furthermore, the event provided the perfect opportunity for the city to present its Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REPRESENTATIVES IN BRUSSELS TO MARK VISA FREE REGIME

A group of representatives from the Republika Srpska arrived in Brussels on Decembar 15, 2010 to mark the first day that citizens from Bosnia and Herzegovina could come to the Shengen area without visas. The delegation was led by Mr. Nedeljko Cubrilovic, Minister of Transport and Communications in the Republika Srpska Government, but also included representatives of the National Assembly of Republika Srpska, the Association of Towns and Municipalities, the Chamber of Commerce, media and citizens of Republika Srpska. The delegation's visit included meetings at the European Parliament, the Brussels capital region and the region of Wallonia.

REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE ECOTER

A Republika Srpska Representative of ARLEM – Local and Regional Authorities of the Union for the Mediterranean– participated in the work of the first two sessions of the Committee on Economic, Social and Territorial Affairs (ECOTER) in Brussels. Rural development was chosen as the main topic of ECOTER's focus in 2010 and the study "Urban development in the Mediterranean" was a major point of discussion during the sessions.

ISRAELI MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISITS REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

The President of Republika Srpska Mr. Milorad Dodik met with the Israeli Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Avigdor Lieberman in Banja Luka and talked about current relations as well as expanding economic cooperation between Israel and Republika Srpska.

Mr. Dodik reiterated that the RS is committed to the Dayton Peace Accords and expects that the process of constituting the new government at the state level to be completed at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Lieberman said that "Israel respects the views of the Republika Srpska in all areas related to the Middle East and praises relations between the two nations and the way in which they occurred in the past. "

Prior to the meeting Mr. Lieberman and Mr. Dodik laid a wreath in front of the monument in Banja Luka for the victims of the Jasenovac Concentration Camp from WWII.

REPUBLIKA SRPSKA IN OPEN DAYS 2010

Together with regions from Italy, Poland, Spain, Hungary, Cyprus and United Kingdom, the Regional Representation of Republika Srpska organised a seminar entitled 'Actors for Innovative Employment: Innovative solutions to employment issues' on 5th October in Brussels. It gave an opportunity to debate the current employment situation at regional and EU-levels, as well as the future EU2020 Strategy. The presentations given at the seminar highlighted what Regional and Local Authorities are doing in this policy field to improve their competitiveness. This seminar took place in the frame of the "OPEN DAYS 2010 - European Weeks of Regions & Cities" and the Regional Representation of Republika Srpska was an official regional partner of this event - the biggest event in Europe focusing solely on European regional issues.



Skonto-prom



SKONTOPROM SIGNS IKEA CONTRACT WORTH 15 MILLION EUROS

The manufacture of furniture and covers "Skontoprom" – Prijedor signed a contract with the Swedish IKEA company worth 15 million Euros.

"If we pass another IKEA tender in May 2011, we will become the number one supplier for this Swedish company", said Ms. Josipovic, owner of "Skontoprom", to journalists in Prijedor on the occasion of the company's 12th anniversary.

"Skontoprom employs 500 workers in manufacturing facilities in Prijedor, Sanski Most, and eight other sales facilities throughout the country which sell their own "Urban" furniture, whereby 90 percent of production is exported, mostly to Sweden, Italy and Slovenia.

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