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REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA PARTICIPATES AT OPEN DAYS 2013



**11th European Week of
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As a continuation from the last year, Brussels representative offices from Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina set up a partnership on Adriatic Ionian macro region and participated in Open Days 2013. A workshop and debate organized by the conglomerate in Brussels addressed a new framework for cross-border cooperation and presented inter – regional cluster as a new opportunity



to cooperate. A partner in the conglomerate from the Republic of Srpska was Agency for Development of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises. Common challenges and opportunities linked to EU Enlargement as well as successful cooperation and projects implemented by the partner regions were prevailing as a motive of the discussions by different participants from the regions and the EU institutions.



REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN BRUSSELS MARKS 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAYTON ACCORDS

A cocktail reception held in the Press Club Europe in Brussels 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 and as the most fundamental foundation for any reform or constitutional change, said in his announcement Mr. Mario Djuragic, Head of the Representative Office in Brussels. He also appealed that the peace had no alternative and it was the time the OHR leaves and gives Bosnia and Herzegovina a chance to finally step out towards real sovereignty and responsibility for its own destiny. H.E. Mr. Igor Davidovic, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the EU addressed the audience as well and emphasized importance of understanding Dayton Accords and Bosnia and Herzegovina's Constitution before proceeding to any changes necessary for the EU accession process.

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL JEUNESSE OF FEDERATION WALLONIA – BRUSSELS STRENGTHENS COOPERATION WITH REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA



The BIJ launches calls for proposals in 2014 on the theme of access and respect for social rights and human rights for all young people, with a strong focus on

international activities that integrate mobility. Mobility to discover, understand the situation of social rights outside its city, region, country and initiate joint projects relating to information, solidarity and the fight against exclusion. There are two types of the projects expected to be conducted, National creative projects and transnational projects focusing on creative meetings, mini-exchanges, discoveries visits. Priority in 2014 for category 2 is partnerships with groups from Republic of Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina). More information on the calls for proposal at <http://www.lebij.be/index.php/droits-homme/>.

COMPANIES FROM REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA AWARDED AT BRUSSELS INNOVA 2013 FAIR



The Brussels Innova salon took place from 14 to 16 November 2013 in Hall 10 at Brussels Expo. The 62nd edition is a gathering ground for inventors, project owners and talented Belgian and international start-ups, who proudly showcased their latest inventions and ideas. The salon was presenting around 300 novelties, ranging from technological innovations to a wide range of gadgets, representing some ten countries. MG Electrostatic, a company from Banja Luka, Republic of Srpska, was awarded a Prize of Conceptum for innovations in converting aerostatic air into electrical energy. GMP Company Ltd and GP Gradip AD were given a gold medal for presenting their original trademarks at the Salon while D&R Commerce Ltd enjoyed a silver medal in the same category.

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PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION IN REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA ON TRACK FOR LATE 2014

Republic of Srpska President Mr. Milorad Dodik talked reporters that recent discussions with Gazprom officials confirmed that construction on a portion of the South Stream gas pipeline in Republic of Srpska would begin in September 2014. This statement came as crews in Serbia began work on another section of the pipeline. "In September next year, we are supposed to form a joint company and officially start the construction. Until then, we have to finish the feasibility study and settle everything concerning the laws and contracts", Mr. Dodik stated after the meeting with Mr. Miller from Gasprom in Belgrade, which was also attended by Prime Minister Mrs. Zeljka Cvijanovic.

REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA TOURISM ORGANIZATION SET TO PARTICIPATE IN HOLIDAY FAIR BRUSSELS 2014



The Holiday Fair is a meeting place for travel professionals and passionate travelers. Being the biggest tourist event in Belgium it is the perfect way of promoting Republic of Srpska's tourism destinations or tourist products. More than 700 exhibitors from 65 countries expect over 100,000 visitors during the five days. Representative office in Brussels and Tourism organization of Republic of Srpska prepare and set everything to welcoming you at our exhibition spot at Brussels Expo.

NEW BUSINESS REGISTRATION MODEL TO TAKE EFFECT IN REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA

At a meeting of Republic of Srpska officials, the Prime Minister Mrs. Zeljka Cvijanovic announced that a new, one-stop business registration system was effectively established.

"When it comes to this matter, Republic of Srpska is the leader in the region," Cvijanovic told reporters after a meeting with representatives of the various Ministries and Institutions of Republic of Srpska which were involved in implementing this project. According to her, the first phase of the project was completed in September, when amendments to certain laws pertaining to business registration – cost cuts – went into force. She said that the second phase of the project had just started – introduction of one-stop business registration – and that the third phase means the introduction of online business registration. "It will take three days at most to register a business, instead of the present 23. Companies will be able to register in one place, and registration costs have been cut significantly," Cvijanovic said.