



REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS **NEWSLETTER**

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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VISITS EU OFFICIALS



Mr. Igor Radojicic visited Brussels and met with the prominent EU officials from the European Commission as well as the European Parliament.

The main topic discussed was the fulfillment of further conditions on the European path of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the European Union. Both sides welcomed the positive atmosphere in which a Law on the State Aid was adopted and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina established. In order to fully ratify the Stabilization and Association Agreement it is required a credible effort in addressing the verdict by the Court on Human Rights in the case "Sejdić – Finci". It was emphasized during the meetings with different interlocutors that the European Union accession process requires functional institutions at all levels and an effective coordination mechanism on European Union matters which is very welcome by the Republic of Srpska's side.

BIJ WELCOMES A DELEGATION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA IN BRUSSELS



Bureau International Jeunesse and a Ministry of the French Speaking Community in Belgium organized a study visit for a delegation of 7 people from the Republic of Srpska. The delegation constituted of the civil servants dealing with the Youth as well as the representatives of NGOs spent a week in Belgium in order to



discover how the youth policies work in the French Speaking Community and how they are implemented on the field. The study visit has increased a mutual knowledge about the two regions, reinforced the links between them and paved a way for future collaboration in the field of the Youth.



BELGIAN INVESTORS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA

Representatives of the Belgian investors visited Republika Srpska and thereby were presented investment opportunities of Republika Srpska in the sector of tourism. Jahorina mountain, Sutjeska National Park, the city of Trebinje and Kastel fortress in Banja Luka among the others were the spots of the highest interest from the investors' side. During the presentation at the Ministry of Trade and Tourism of the Republic of Srpska the both sides agreed on the current tourism potentials are enough to easily attract the investors from the abroad.

REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ARLEM PLENARY SESSION



Republika Srpska's representative attended the third Plenary Session of the Euro Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly – ARLEM in Bari, Italy. During the session the ARLEM Annual Report as well as Reports on Renewable Energies, SMEs, Desertification and Climate change, and Cultural Heritage were discussed and adopted. The Assembly that gathers 84 members from the EU and its 16 Mediterranean partners who are representatives of regional and local bodies also adopted the work program for 2012.

REPUBLIKA SRPSKA PRESENTED AT THE WEEK OF THE BALKANS

Republika Srpska Representation in Brussels presented main facts and figures as well as tourism hot spots from Republika Srpska during the Week of the Balkans organized by the College of Europe in the Belgium city of Bruges.



REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA OPENS ITS REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN VIENNA

The representative office was opened by President of the Republic of Srpska Mr. Milorad Dodik, in the presence of the Prime Minister Mr. Aleksandar Džombić, several ministers from the Republic of Srpska Government and the others. The Minister for Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation Mrs. Zeljka Cvijanovic said that the Representative Office in Vienna, as elsewhere, will have the primary duty to promote the interests of the Republic of Srpska, to promote the contacts between the institutions with the countries in which the Offices already exist, to promote investments and work on building a positive image abroad. Beside in Vienna, the Representative Offices of the Republic of Srpska operate in Belgrade, Stuttgart, Moscow, Jerusalem and Brussels.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA COOPERATES UNDER TAIEX PROGRAM

The Ministry of Interior of Republic of Srpska (MoI RS), supported by European Commission TAIEX, organized a two – days seminar titled “Fight against cyber terrorism”. The event was held in Banja Luka and gathered more than 40 representatives of police and prosecutor bodies from the region but also from the EU member states.

Jan Kerkhofs, Deputy Public Prosecutor of the Belgium Ministry of Justice, said that cyber terrorism, as a global threat, should be dealt with united

forces of all police structures within the EU, and added that he sees this initiative of the MoI RS as a very valuable tool for exchange of knowledge and experience in terms of countering cyber terrorism.

The Republic of Srpska Ministry of Interior does its continuous efforts in providing training for law enforcement in BiH and the region with the benefit of taking the best

European practice, fostering good cooperation and therefore reaching good results in security area.



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Republic of Srpska Motorways
Public Company

Public Company “Republic of Srpska Motorways”, invites for the First Stage Proposals from

Contractors for the Design and Construction of the Banja Luka – Doboj Motorway, section Prnjavor – Doboj: 35km of the length. The following works are to be funded by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development – EBRD. The deadline for the First Stage Proposal is April 27, 2012. For more information look at the Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union from March 6, 2012 under S45 or the internet site www.autoputevirs.com.