



REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS **NEWSLETTER**

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MINISTER OF INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA IN BRUSSELS

The Minister of Interior of the Republika Srpska, Stanislav Čađo addressed the audience in Brussels at a conference dedicated to the fight against terrorism, by exposing the theme «Terrorism and its impact on political stability and economic trends.»

The Minister also met with the EU officials, Mr. Miroslav Lajcak, Head of the EU European External Action Service (EEAS) department for relations with the Western Balkans,

Eastern Partnership and Russia; Paola Pampaloni, Head of the Unit for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in the DG Enlargement and Luigi Soreca, Director General for International Affairs at DG Home Affairs; Kees Klompenhauer, Civilian Operations Commander EU. During the talks with the EU officials, the Minister informed them about the general situation in the Republika Srpska and BiH, with special emphasis on the security situation.

REPUBLIKA SRPSKA PARTICIPATES IN OPEN DAYS 2011



**9th European Week of
Regions and Cities**
Brussels 10-13 October 2011

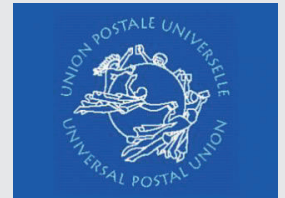
Republika Srpska is participating in Open Days 2011 – the European Week of Cities and Regions – which will be held from the 10th to 13th October.

Open Days is the biggest annual event on regional and urban

development and this year has attracted 213 regions and cities from 34 countries across Europe. The event is organized by the Committee of the Regions and the European Commission's Regional Policy Directorate – General. Republika Srpska has joined the group Adriatic – Ionian Macro Region together with the regions from Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina co-participating. This is the third consecutive time that Republika Srpska has participated in Open Days.

UPU ASSIGNED IMPC CODE TO THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) awarded the Postal Traffic Company of the Republika Srpska its own International Mail Processing Center (IMPC) Code. This code means that the



Republika Srpska post offices are registered in international postal traffic as an independent operator who can enter into international agreements with other operators and to transfer mail independently.

NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA ELECTED

The citizens of the Republika Srpska voted in October 2010 and elected their President as well as the members of the National Assembly for next four years term. In the meantime a new government has been formed.

The current leadership is as follows:

- **Mr. Milorad Dodik**, President
- **Mr. Igor Radojičić**, Chairman of the National Assembly
- **Mr. Aleksandar Džombić**, Prime Minister

PRESIDENT DODIK MET WITH RUSSIAN PRIME MINISTER PUTIN

Republika Srpska delegation led by the President, Mr. Milorad Dodik held a meeting with the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir Putin during his official visit to Republic of Serbia. Mr. Dodik said he was glad that Russia shares the same view with the Republika Srpska on the Dayton Accords and the need for transformation of the Office of the High Representative in BiH – OHR. He also expressed the view that people of the Republika Srpska will decide in a referendum about the eventual inclusion of BiH into NATO and their decision will be binding for politicians from the RS.



Mr. Dodik stressed that Russia is the largest foreign trade partner of the Republika Srpska thereby they discussed a number of Russian investment projects in Republika Srpska primarily in the oil sector but the “South Stream” project also.

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POSTERS FROM THE REGIONS IN AER PREMISES

Republika Srpska Representation in Brussels and the regional representations of Alsace (FR), Andalucía, Cataluña, Valencia (ES), Hampshire (UK), Olomouc (CZ), Steiermark (AT), Wallonia (BE) have supplied the AER office in Brussels with posters showing natural beauty, cultural and historical heritage of the each region. The Posters will be a permanent part of the interior of AER in Brussels.

REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ARLEM PLENARY SESSION

Republika Srpska's representative attended the second Plenary Session of the Euro Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly – ARLEM in Agadir, Morocco. During the session the ARLEM reports on ‘urban development’ and ‘local water management’ as treated topics in 2010 were discussed and adopted. The Assembly that gathers 84 members from the EU and its 16 Mediterranean partners who are representatives of regions and local bodies holding a regional or local authority mandate also adopted the work program for 2011.



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



A seminar on Financial Investigation and Detection of Proceeds from Crime as well as a Workshop on Current state of law and practice of data protection in the field of police and judicial cooperation with the support of TAIEX, European Commission was organized by the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Srpska in its capital Banja Luka. With involvement of the experts from Baden-Wurttemberg police and EU experts the events were an opportunity to present European experiences, study cases and legal framework in this field and to make the comparison with the legislation and practice in Bosnia and Herzegovina.