



# REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS **NEWSLETTER**

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## VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT - ENRD

Representatives of  
the Republika  
Srpska  
Representation  
visited the



European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) in Brussels  
and met with Mr Mark Redman, Head of Department for  
Training, Networking and Cooperation.

The ENRD will continue to supporting Republika Srpska during  
a preparatory process for the use of IPARD funds. Republika  
Srpska will use all means at its disposal and initiate pilot  
activities in order to implement the best practices already  
developed at the EU level.

## REPUBLIKA SRPSKA PARTICIPATES AT ECOTER SESSION

Head of the Republika Srpska Representation in Brussels,  
Mr Mario Djuragic, participated in the first session of the  
Committee on Economic, Social and Territorial Affairs  
(ECOTER) of the Local and Regional Authorities of the  
Union for the Mediterranean (ARLEM). Rural development  
has been chosen as the main topic of the ECOTER's focus in  
2010. The study entitled 'Urban development in the  
Mediterranean' was a major subject of discussion during  
the session. A special guest of the ECOTER's session was  
Mr. Joseph Mifsud, President of the Euro-Mediterranean  
University (EMUNI). The University was established in 2009  
as a network of Universities from 37 countries and its  
creation was one of six priority areas for the Union for the  
Mediterranean.

## ADVISOR FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPOINTED AT THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REPRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water  
Management of the Government of Republika Srpska  
has appointed an expert for agriculture and rural  
development at the Republika Srpska Representation in  
Brussels. The main role of the new appointee is to:  
establish and maintain contact with relevant Brussels-  
based organizations; get an insight about the  
procedures, conditions and challenges in accessing EU  
funds; promoting rural development as well as locating  
best-practices and innovative approaches necessary to  
encourage rural development in Republika Srpska.

## NEW SECTION ON THE REPRESENTATION WEBSITE

The website of the Republika Srpska Representation in  
Brussels has been complemented by a new section entitled  
'Agriculture and Rural Development'. This new section  
includes basic information on Agriculture in Republika Srpska,  
main features of the rural parts of the region, important  
projects in agriculture and rural development (such as ARDP,  
IFAD, EU IPA) and the successful case studies in agriculture and  
rural development in Republika Srpska.



## SETTING UP THE IMS - MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICE IN REPUBLIKA SRPSKA:

The Republika Srpska's Inspection Management System (IMS) has been developed by the the Republika Srpska Inspectorate as a result of the three integrated international projects, USAID - SPIRA (Streamlining Permits and Inspections Regimes Activity), USAID - ELMO (Enabling Labour Mobility) and the World Bank - ARDP (Agriculture and Rural Development Project). The Inspection Management System automates the inspection control planning processes by using the analysis and risk assessment methods. It also runs a process of inspection visits by implementing the dynamic management model for documents, cases and the processes of the office keeping management procedures.

## €11 MILLION MOTOR OIL FACTORY TO BE BUILT IN REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

Republika Srpska's Prime Minister Mr Milorad Dodik and Mr Brandon Tupanjac, representing the investors, have together announced the construction of a factory for the processing and packaging of motor oil in Bileća in Republika Srpska. Total investment is planned to be around 11 million USD with forecasted annual income of around USD 160 million. The factory should be completed by the end of 2011 and will initially employ around 100 people.

## THE BRIDGE ON THE SAVA RIVER OPENED

President of the Republic of Serbia, Mr Boris Tadić, and the Prime Minister of Republika Srpska, Mr Milorad Dodik, opened the bridge on the Sava River at Sremska Raca which will help connect the Republic of Serbia and Republika Srpska in the future. The investment is worth €13 million. A new bridge, 440 meters long and 11 meters wide is of the great economic and regional significance.



## SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION VISITS REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

The Secretary General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO/OMT), Mr Taleb Rifaia visited Republika Srpska and met representatives of the Ministry of Trade and Tourism of Republika Srpska. During the visit, Mr. Rifaia had the opportunity to get familiar with the most successful tourism projects in Republika Srpska and the potential sites for investment in tourism. According to a UNWTO press release, the Secretary General was particularly thrilled by the people's hospitality, but also with the untouched nature and beauty of the forests and rivers of the Republika Srpska. The result of the visit is the involvement of the Republika Srpska in existing programs supporting UNWTO countries.



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