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IN FOCUS

European Union Info Centre in BiH – open for business



The official Opening of the European Union Info Centre (EUIC) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) took place on June 2 at the European Union (EU) Delegation building in Sarajevo in the presence of representatives of local authorities and the international community. Speaking at the event, Ambassador Peter Sorensen, Head of the EU Delegation to BiH and EU Special Representative... [More...](#)



EU assistance for flood relief

On 27 May, the Director General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Enlargement, Christian Danielsson, accompanied by the Chief Coordinator of the EU for the Recovery Needs Assessment, Ricardo Zapata Marti, visited Doboj which is one of the cities most affected by the worst floods ever recorded in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). [More...](#)



Forum for Prosperity and Jobs in Bosnia and Herzegovina

A two-day long Forum for Prosperity and Jobs took place in Sarajevo on 26 and 27 May. The Forum aimed to identify measures that will attract investment, broaden access to economic opportunity, spur the creation of jobs and enhance social protection. [More...](#)



Interview: Irma Omerović, President of Young European Federalists in BiH

Young European Federalists (JEF Europe) is a political organisation active in more than 35 countries in Europe which gathers around 30 000 members on local, regional, national and European level. [More...](#)

EU PROJECTS



World War One Centenary: "Sarajevo Heart of Europe" project presented

The Foundation 'Sarajevo, Heart of Europe' on May 28 presented the projects that have been selected to mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, with the aim of sending a message of peace, reconciliation and solidarity around the world from Sarajevo. Sarajevo will host a number of European cultural, sport and educational events as well as multidisciplinary workshops to analyse the consequences of the outbreak of the First World War.



Memorandum of Cooperation to boost small enterprises signed with 9 BiH Municipalities

The Head of the Delegation of the European Union (EU) to BiH and EU Special Representative, Ambassador Peter Sorensen, and Mayors of Bihać, Brčko, Istočno Novo Sarajevo, Laktaši, Ljubuški, Novi Travnik, Mostar, Orašje and Teslić signed on June 2 a Memorandum of Cooperation with the aim of establishing a formal partnership/mechanism of cooperation between these municipalities and the EU funded project for support to small and medium sized enterprises.

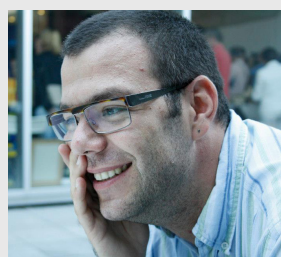


Orientation training for coordinated Recovery Needs Assessment for Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Coordinated Recovery Needs Assessment following the devastating floods in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) started on 29 May in Sarajevo. This is a joint effort of the United Nations, the World Bank, and EU Member States with the BiH authorities in the lead. A team to coordinate efforts during the Recovery Needs Assessment has been set up by the Delegation of the EU to BiH/EUSR.

VOX POPULI

In your opinion, how can Bosnia and Herzegovina avoid devastating consequences of floods in the future and how should the EU help with that?



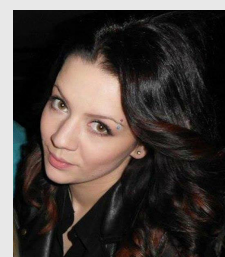
Darjan Bilić

Sarajevo



Azra Bašić

Bugojno



Maja Memić

Banja Luka

EU NEWS



European Parliament election, 2014

From 22 to 25 May 2014, elections to the European Parliament (EP) were held in the European Union. It was the 8th parliamentary election since the first direct elections in 1979, and 375 million people from 28 countries were eligible to vote.



EU - Western Balkans: In Vienna about next steps in enlargement

Building a common future in Europe is a journey that has not come to an end, Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Štefan Füle, said in Vienna on 3 June. In a speech delivered at the Western Balkans Conference Vienna 2014, he spoke about the enlargement of the EU in the context of the Western Balkans and next steps to be undertaken in this successful project fostering peace and stability.

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