

# The European Perspective

Newsletter of the Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina

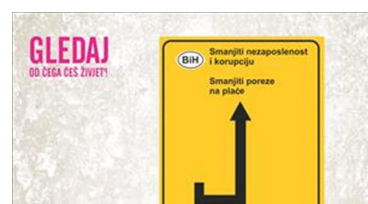
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## IN FOCUS

### EU to host donor conference for flood-stricken Balkans



The European Commission will host a Donors' Conference in Brussels on 16 July to mobilise further support to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia in the after-math of the recent floods. The conference will be co-organised with France and Slovenia. [More...](#)



### Focus on Forum for Prosperity and Jobs in BiH: Business Environment and Investment

Economic transition is still underway in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Unfortunately, after nearly two decades of moving towards a liberalised free-market and capital-driven business model, the economy still shows signs of weakness. [More...](#)



### BiH joins Horizon 2020 programme

On 1st July, five Western Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia), and the Republic of Moldova secured full access to the European Union's new seven-year research and innovation programme, Horizon 2020. [More...](#)



### EU Info Centre competition: My travels through Europe

Describe details of your journey in Europe and win the prize of your choice. BiH youth have until 31/08/2014 to apply by e-mail at [info@EUIC.ba](mailto:info@EUIC.ba) where they should send photos and a brief narrative description of a journey in Europe. [More...](#)

## EU PROJECTS



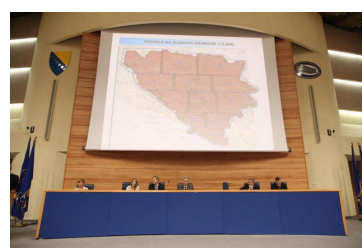
### Free Preparation for QMS certification of SMEs in BiH started

The opening event of the EU funded project "EU Support for the Introduction of Quality Management Systems - EU QMS BiH" was held on June 5th in Sarajevo. A promotional campaign will be organised with the aim of encouraging small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in BiH to participate in a quality certification process.



### „Connecting Creatively“ – schools, cinema, theatre and museums together for a centenary celebration / general overview of the EU funded projects for Sarajevo 2014

On 16th June, the British Council in BiH organised a presentation of four projects under the umbrella name "Connecting Creatively" at the Historical Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

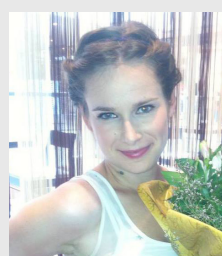


### Ambassador Sorensen and Minister Novic launched digital orthophoto maps of BiH

On 2nd July, the Head of the EU Delegation to BiH/EU, Special Representative Ambassador Peter Sorensen, and BiH Minister of Civil Affairs, Sredoje Novic, officially launched the new digital orthophoto maps of BiH at the final conference of the EU funded project "Spatial information services for BiH - phase two - Digital orthophoto maps".

## VOX POPULI

Albania recently became an official EU membership candidate. This leaves BiH and Kosovo\* as the last places in the Western Balkan without official status as membership candidates. In your opinion, are the October elections an opportunity for the country to move forward on its path towards membership of the EU?



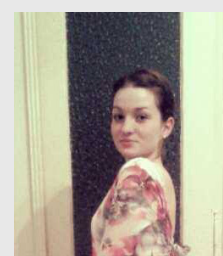
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## EU NEWS



### Trade preferences for the Western Balkans extended by 5 more years

The European Commission has on June 26 adopted a proposal for a Regulation extending autonomous trade preferences to countries and territories participating in or linked to the EU's Stabilisation and Association Process.



### EU candidate status for Albania

At the General Affairs Council meeting on 24th June in Luxembourg, Ministers from the EU Member States agreed – based on the recommendation by the European Commission - to grant EU candidate status to Albania.

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