

# The European Perspective

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

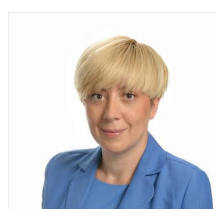
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## IN FOCUS

### The European Union is committed to help BiH recover from the devastating floods.



"Thank you all!" - tweeted European Enlargement Commissioner Stefan Füle after the Brussels Donor Conference for Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. He thereby expressed his gratitude for the almost 1.85 billion euro pledged at the conference. [More...](#)



#### Edita Djapo's impressions of the EU Visitor Programme

Mrs. Djapo in July 2014, she visited Brussels and Strasbourg within the framework of the EU Visitors Programme (EUVP). EUVP's aim is to enable young current or emerging leaders in government, politics, the media and other key fields from non-member countries to visit the institutions of the European Union. [More...](#)



#### EU Info Centre stages performance: The European future of Bosnia and Herzegovina

With a promotional walk through the centre of Sarajevo and a joint performance in front of the National Theatre of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a group of 50 boys and girls delivered their messages and expressed their wishes for a European future for Bosnia and Herzegovina. [More...](#)



#### Participation in Creative Europe – good news for BiH cultural actors

On 22 July, Bosnia and Herzegovina signed the Agreement on BiH participation in the EU programme 'Creative Europe'. By signing this Agreement, BiH participates in the European creative space, while the country's cultural and creative actors will obtain access to the 1.5 billion euro from the 'Creative Europe' fund. [More...](#)

## EU PROJECTS



#### Substantial support coming to small and medium sized enterprises in Bosnia and Herzegovina

"Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) are the engines of the economy of the future and, as such, they embody the potential for growth", said the Head of European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina and EU Special Representative, Ambassador Peter Sorensen, at the presentation of the Enterprise Expansion Fund (ENEF) held in Sarajevo on July 7. ENEF is a component of the Western Balkans Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility (EDIF) to which the EU contributed 60 million euro overall.



#### EU continues to support the strengthening of the public procurement system in BiH

The EU funded project "Strengthening the public procurement system in Bosnia and Herzegovina" was officially presented on July 10 at the Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo. The project will last 24 months and will assist in the implementation of the new Law on Public Procurement adopted at the end of April 2014.



#### EU and UNDP support flood affected communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The signing ceremony of the Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) between six BiH municipalities that suffered damage in the recent floods, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), marked the beginning of the fourth phase of the 2 million euro EU funded project "Reinforcement of Local Democracy IV (LOD IV)".

## VOX POPULI

**The International Conference for flood relief confirmed solidarity with the country by collecting pledges of aid of 809.2 million euros. Do you think this money will be spent transparently?**



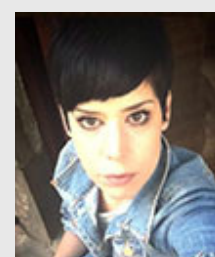
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## EU NEWS



#### European Parliament has elected Jean –Claude Juncker as next President of the European Commission

With 422 votes in favour, the European Parliament elected Jean-Claude Juncker in a secret ballot on 15 July as President of the new European Commission who will take office on 1 November 2014 for a five year term.



#### Lithuania to adopt Euro in January 2015

The General Affairs Council meeting of 23 July celebrated Lithuania's entry into the euro area. Ministers also discussed the Italian presidency work programme and the mid-term review of the Europe 2020 strategy.

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