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IN FOCUS

New Head of EU Delegation/EUSR to Bosnia and Herzegovina appointed



On 19 January the Council of the European Union appointed Mr Lars-Gunnar Wigemark as EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He will also take over the role of the Head of the European Union Delegation in BiH.

Lars-Gunnar Wigemark is currently serving as the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Pakistan and has 30 years of experience in the Swedish and European diplomatic services. He has held a number of foreign postings, including Moscow and Washington DC, and has worked on a wide range of issues among others heading the Unit for Security Policy in the Commission and in development cooperation and management. [More...](#)



Joint visit to BiH by Ministers of foreign affairs of Germany and United Kingdom

German Foreign Minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, and his British counterpart, Phillip Hammond, visited Sarajevo on 16 January 2015 to secure support for reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina that, if implemented, will greatly improve life for all citizens of the country and unlock the next stage of its path towards EU accession. [More...](#)



EU Floods Recovery Programme reaches major milestone: 1,000 private homes rehabilitated with EU funds

The first weekend of 2015 marked the completion of rehabilitation of 1,000 private homes under the EU Floods Recovery Programme across the flood-affected areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina. [More...](#)



Mirza Ustamujic's impressions on EUVP

Mirza Ustamujic in January visited Brussels and Strasbourg in the framework of the EU Visitors Programme (EUVP), which aims to enable young leaders, potential leaders in government, politics, media and other fields from countries that are not EU members to visit EU institutions, and increase mutual understanding between professionals from outside the EU and their EU counterparts. [More...](#)

EU PROJECTS



End of the project of the EU support to the forest and fisheries sector in BiH

The current situation in the Forest and Fisheries sector in BiH was presented in Teslic on January 22 at the Final Conference of the EU funded project "Preparation of IPARD Forest and Fisheries Sector Reviews in Bosnia and Herzegovina".



End of the EU project of support to the Indirect Taxation Authority BiH

The results of the EU funded Twinning project "Further harmonisation to EU practices and Acquis on customs and taxation" were presented at the final conference held in Banja Luka on 28 January.



EU support to the regional development of Una Sana Canton

The results of the EU funded project of support to capacity building of the Development Agency of the Una-Sana Canton were presented at its final conference held in Bihać on 29 January.

VOX POPULI

During their recent visit to BiH aimed at kicking-start the stalled EU reform plan, Ministers of foreign affairs of Germany and United Kingdom urged local leaders to grasp what they called a unique opportunity. Do you think that the BiH political leaders will make the most of this generous offer?



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EU NEWS



2015 European year for development

Four years after the adoption of the Agenda for Change (the European Commission's blue-print to refocus its development aid to make sure that it reaches those sectors and countries which need it most), 2015 is the ideal time for donors and stakeholders to come together to look at what has been achieved so far, and most importantly, what still needs to be done.



European capital of Culture: Call for Applications from candidate /potential candidate countries

Its aim is to celebrate the diversity of cultures in Europe and to highlight the common features they share, thereby promoting mutual understanding, intercultural dialogue as well as increasing citizens' sense of belonging to a common cultural area.

QUESTIONNAIRE

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