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## Ambassador Wigemark, Head of the EU Delegation and EUSR, visited Samac and Brčko Dictrict BiH



In Šamac, Ambassador Wigemark met with Mayor Savo Minić and Municipal Assembly Speaker, Predrag Marinković, to discuss European integration related issues and hear local viewpoints. Together with the Mayor, Ambassador Wigemark officially opened the Municipality building in Šamac, rehabilitated under the EU Floods Recovery Programme.



**Functioning and sustainability of BiH public** broadcasting system discussed at EU conference

The conference focusing on achieving EU standards in the functioning and sustainability of the public broadcasting system (PBS) in Bosnia and Herzegovina took place in Sarajevo on 8 October 2015. Hosted by the Delegation of the EU to BiH/EU Special Representative and BH Journalists Association, the conference aimed to initiate a focused dialogue and identify actions to strengthen the service in the context of the country's efforts along the EU path.



**Business Incubator, boost for local** entrepreneurship, opens in Ljubuški

A business incubator backed by the European Union was officially opened on October 23 in the business zone Zvirići in Ljubuški. It will host some 20 start-ups and create a network of business services through the mentorship programme for at least 200 prospective entrepreneurs.

### EU PROJECTS



## **EUSR supports major regional** conference on leadership and

create new jobs, as well as with improve work and development conditions for existing employees. This year it gathered some 200 experts in the field of leadership, talent management, human resources management and labour law.



#### The first public debate on the introduction of probation services in BiH in Mostar

the region to develop human Europe "Harmonisation of BiH, expressed his support for European standards'' organised the first public debate Do It! in Bosnia and Herzegovina. on the introduction of probation in BiH which was held in Mostar on 16 October 2015.



### EUSR supports 'Let's Do It' treeplanting initiative

Ambassador Lars-Gunnar The aim of the conference is to The Joint Programme of the Wigemark, Head of EU Delegation encourage employers in BiH and European Union and Council of and EU Special Representative in resource management in order to sanctions policies and practices this year's forestation activity organized by the movement Let's Thousands of volunteers planted seedlings all across the country on 24 October.

# News from the EU Info Centre =



**EU Info Centre marked European and World** Day against Death Penalty with art performance and discussion

To highlight the importance of the World and European Day against Death Penalty the EU Info Centre organised art performance. Artists combined simultaneous reading of the last speech by the Greek philosopher, Socrates before his execution and painting of a human silhouette which evolved on the canvas illustrating human despair.



French film "Envoyez la facture "continues series of cultural events in the EU Info Centre

The new European Union programme for the cultural and creative sectors, Creative Europe cofinanced the French film "Envoyez la facture/What's the Damage" with which the EU Info Centre continued the series of cultural events on the October 29. The screening was followed by an open discussion about French the European cinema with representatives of the French Embassy and the French Institute in BiH.

# EU NEWS =

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European Commission will competitiveness by investing almost 16 billion EUR in research and innovation in the next two years under Horizon 2020, the EU's research and innovation funding scheme.

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### **EU approves additional 17 million EUR to help** Serbia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia cope with refugee influx

The European Commission on October 9 has detailed its support of 17 million EUR to help Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia cope with the unprecedented refugee flows in these countries ahead of the High Level Conference on the Eastern Mediterranean-Western Balkans route taking place on October 10 in Luxembourg.

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