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IN FOCUS

BiH back on the EU integration track, Ambassador Wigemark says in presentation of the European Commission Country Report to BiH authorities



Head of the European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina and EU Special Representative, Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, officially handed over the 2015 European Commission Country Report to the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr Denis Zvizdić, on 10 November 2015. [More...](#)



EU to continue supporting development projects in Srebrenica, Ambassador Wigemark says during Investment Conference

Ambassador Wigemark recognised that the comprehensive set of reforms initiated in BiH is important for improving the socio-economic outlook of Srebrenica, and that the region will attract investors with good economic and investment opportunities. Wigemark said that the EU advocates regional cooperation, integration and equal treatment and prosperity for everyone, and he is looking forward to the day this region becomes part of the European Union.



Legal and financial framework for civil society in BiH needs to be further improved, 2015 Country Report highlights

No progress was made in improving mechanisms for dialogue and cooperation between government and civil society organisations, and the legal and financial framework needs to be further improved. This is one of the key findings of the 2015 Country Report that was in the focus of discussion on November 20 between the representatives of the EU and non-governmental and civil society organisations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

EU PROJECTS



EU supports access to justice for witnesses and victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The two day conference “Support to Witnesses/Victims in BiH” within the EU funded project “Ensuring Access to Justice for Witnesses/Victims through Strengthening Existing and Establishing New Witness Support Networks across Bosnia and Herzegovina” was opened on 12 November 2015 in Sarajevo.



Sixty – two EU funded housing units for socially vulnerable families

The results of the EU funded project “Social Housing System (SHS) – Development of an Integrated Model in Theory and Practice,” as well as the most important recommendations for an integrated sustainable model of social housing in BiH, were presented at the Final Conference held in Sarajevo on 11 November 2015.



EUSR supports Four Towns Youth Programme

The Office of the EU Special Representative in BiH supported the youth initiative Four Towns Programme which gathered 20 young people from Višegrad, Jelah, Bratunac, Tuzla, Srebrenica and Sarajevo from 1-5 November 2015. They worked together in Višegrad and Sarajevo and explored ways that arts and culture can be used to developing a more inclusive and creative future for youth.

News from the EU Info Centre



EU Info Centre exhibition and art performance mark Universal Children's Day

In order to mark the Universal Children's Day, the EU Info Centre in BiH organised an exhibition and art performance “I am a child once – I need a family too!” on 19 November. The photographs portrayed children growing up in foster families and homes for children without parental care. In addition, based on interviews made with three foster families, BiH actresses Arma Tanović, Maja Salkić and Dženita Imamović told an emotional story of three foster mothers, their personal experiences, challenges and motivations.



EU membership key for economic development of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Civil society representatives, the business community, academia and other local stakeholders participated in the panel discussion on the topic “Croatia's experience and interest as the newest EU member state” with the Ambassador of Croatia to BiH, H. E. Mr. Ivan Del Vecho organized by EU Info Centre in BiH on 23 November in Tuzla. All participating in the discussion used the opportunity to garner valuable insights about Croatia's EU integration process that will be applied in BiH along the country's path towards joining the EU.



EU Info Centre marked International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women with Photo Exhibition by French Artist

The EU Info Centre in BiH on the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and in collaboration with the French Embassy in BiH and the French Institute in BiH organised an exhibition of female nudes by young French artist, model and photographer Natalia Kovachevski titled “Être Humaine/Being a Human” on 24 of November. The exhibition of self-portraits by the French artist topples stereotypes and taboos caused by the appearance of nudity in society, proving in this way that nudity is not a prerequisite for profanity.

EU NEWS



Erasmus +: 2016 Call for Proposals

Thank to Erasmus+, students and doctoral candidates from partner countries can obtain EU-funded scholarships to spend part of their studies in Europe or to follow integrated master programmes.



What's new in the 2015 enlargement package?

The European Commission has made a number of changes to this year's enlargement package, compared to previous years. First, unlike in previous years when a new strategy paper was adopted each year, the Commission has adopted an overarching strategy on enlargement policy covering the period of its mandate.

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