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#### IN FOCUS =

# Parliaments in BiH sign cooperation framework in the EU integration process



The "Concept of mechanism of cooperation of parliaments in BiH in activities related to the EU integration process" that was signed in Sarajevo on 26 January 2016 by the representatives of parliaments in Bosnia and Herzegovina will enable more efficient work of the legislative bodies on EU matters. The signing ceremony was part of the final conference of the EU-funded Twinning project "Enhancing the role of Parliaments in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the EU Integration context".



Transparent public procurement is a cornerstone of the EU integration process, EU conference highlights

The EU funded project "Strengthening the public procurement system in Bosnia and Herzegovina", that contributed to the improvement of the public procurement legal framework and enhanced its efficiency and transparency saw its final conference on 25 January 2016 in Sarajevo. The project also assisted the implementation of the new Law on Public Procurement that was adopted in late April 2014.



Fight against corruption to remain a priority for BiH on the EU path, Sarajevo conference concludes

The BiH Agency for prevention of corruption and coordination of the fight against corruption (APIK) and EU-funded project hosted the conference "Opportunities and challenges in the fight against corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina" in Sarajevo on 18 January 2016. Apart from presenting project's achievements, the conference was an opportunity to discuss further development of anti-corruption policy and procedures in BiH, as well as the preparation and implementation of strategic anti-corruption documents at all levels of government.

#### **EU PROJECTS** =



Digitization of Goražde Municipal Court's archives: A new milestone in computerizing in BiH judiciary

An official ceremony was organised in the Municipal Court in Goražde on 15 January 2016 to mark the successful completion of the process of digitizing its archives, and hand over the digital archive management system to the Archive of the Bosnia-Podrinje Canton.



# With Support of Germany and EU, Banja Luka Introduces Urban Water Supply and Sewerage System

The Urban Water Supply and Sewerage System, whose construction was supported by Germany, the European Union and the City of Banja Luka, was officially inaugurated in Tunjice in Banja Luka on 18 January 2016. The system, worth 19.1 million Euro, will now secure an environmentally sound and sustainable water supply at socially acceptable costs, contributing to the improvement of living conditions of the local population.

### News from the EU Info Centre



# EU Info centre announced winners of the competition "My Travel through Europe"

The event saw a high-level of competition among talented Bosnian-Herzegovinian youth who submitted their works. The commission selected 12 finalists based on their writing style and the creativity of the text and citizens voted for their works through the EUIC website until January 10 2016.



# EU Info Centre hosted exhibition "Reconciliation through History Education"

The exhibition is based on the research of the newspapers published within the territory of today's 13 countries and was created within the EU funded project "Reconciliation through History Education". The project is implemented by the National and University Library of Republika Srpska and the Agency for Cooperation, Education and Development (ACED).

### EU NEWS



## Wroclaw and San Sebastian: European Capitals of Culture in 2016

Wroclaw (Poland) and San Sebastian (Spain) are the European Capitals of Culture in 2016. The cultural programme officially started on 17 January in Wroclaw in the presence of Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport; and on 23 January in San Sebastian.



#### SMEs in South-eastern Europe to benefit from €250 million in EU-guaranteed loans

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in seven countries in South-eastern Europe – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Romania and Serbia – will get easier access to risk capital.

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