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Commissioner Hahn: “Good and quick progress is in our joint interest”

In the visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina on 21 March 2016, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Johannes Hahn called for continued reform efforts to further deliver on the necessary steps towards the European Union.



EU continues to assist job creation in BiH flood affected areas

The official launch of the EU Programme for Local Development and Employment took place on March 17 2016 in Sarajevo. The Programme is a follow-up of certain activities of the EU Floods Recovery Programme in economic recovery of flood affected areas and will also support the local economic development and local NGOs with a social development recovery assistance.

EU PROJECTS



Effective public administration system adhering to EU regulations is crucial for EU membership

The EU funded project “Training in Administrative Procedures in Bosnia and Herzegovina” saw its closing conference on 30 March 2016 in Sarajevo. The project contributed to a reformed, efficient, transparent and service oriented public administration and aimed for organising systematic training programmes delivering good and efficient practices of public administration at all government levels.



Transparent allocation of public funds is a critical issue in the Western Balkans region

The two-day regional conference “Transparent Allocation of Public Funds – EU good practices and models” concluded on March 31 in Jahorina. It was jointly organised by the EU Project of Technical Assistance for Civil Society Organisations (TACSO) in BiH and TACSO by VESTA with the aim to examine good models and practices for ensuring transparency of public funding for the civil society.

News from the EU Info Centre



EU Info Centre awards four BiH fine arts students with a study visit to the Brera Academy in Milan

The final exhibition displaying 48 artworks created by students from the BiH fine arts academies was opened in Banja Luka on 30 March 2016. The exhibition is the result of cooperation between EU Info Centre (EUIC) and all four BiH Fine Art Academies: the Academy of Art in Banja Luka, the Academy of Fine Arts in Sarajevo, the Academy of Fine Arts in Trebinje and the Academy of Fine Arts in Široki Brijeg. Four students, one from each academy, were awarded for the best artworks with a 3 day study visit to the prestigious Brera Fine Art Academy in Milan.



EU Info Centre screens documentary film about the former Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki

The EU Info Centre in cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in BiH organised a film screening of the documentary dedicated to the life and work of the former Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, in Sarajevo, on 17 March. This was followed by a discussion with Konstanty Gebert, a Polish journalist, Jewish activist and writer, who was Assistant to Mazowiecki when he was the Special Rapporteur of the UN Commission on Human Rights on the territory of the Former Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

EU NEWS



European Youth Award: Digital creativity improving society

The European Youth Award (EYA) is a pan-European contest to motivate young people, social entrepreneurs and start-ups to produce digital projects with positive impact on society. It demonstrates their potential to create innovative solutions with Internet and mobile technology addressing the goals defined by the Council of Europe and Europe 2020.



Commission proposes new Emergency Assistance instrument for faster crisis response within the EU

On March 02 the European Commission has proposed an Emergency Assistance instrument to be used within the European Union to provide a faster, more targeted response to major crises, including helping Member States cope with large numbers of refugees.

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