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Together with the regions from Italy, Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia the Regional Representation of Republic of Srpska set up a partnership on Adriatic Ionian macro region. A workshop and debate organized by the conglomerate in Brussels addressed a new framework for cross-border cooperation. A partner in the conglomerate from the Re-



public of Srpska was Agency for Development of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises. Common challenges and opportunities linked to EU Enlargement as well as successful cooperation and projects implemented by the partner regions were prevailing as a motive of the discussions by different participants from the regions and the EU institutions.

REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA REPRESENTATION HOLDS RECEPTION FOR 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAYTON

Held in the Press Club Europe in Brussels this was an excellent opportunity to remind people of the Dayton Peace Accord's significance in stopping the war and establishing the current political system in Bosnia and Herzegovina and as the most fundamental foundation for any reform or constitutional change, said in his announcement Mr. Mario Djuragic, Director of the Representation in Brussels. A guest of honor, Mrs. Zeljka Cvijanovic, the Minister for Economic relations and Regional Cooperation in the Government of the Republika Srpska addressed the audience and appealed that the peace had no alternative and it was the time the OHR leaves and give Bosnia and Herzegovina a chance to finally step out towards real sovereignty and responsibility for its own destiny.



REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE ARLEM - ECOTER



Republic of Srpska Representative in ARLEM – Local and Regional Authorities of the Union for the Mediterranean participated in the work of the Committee on Economic, Social and Territorial Affairs (ECOTER). General assessment of economic and social perspectives in the Mediterranean and technical and vocational training in the region were the main topics to be discussed at the meetings of the ARLEM Commission ECOTER during 2012. At the start of the new ARLEM mandate from August 2012, Ivan Jakovčić (Istria/HR) and Luc Van den Brande (Flanders/BE), co-chairs of the Commission, passed on their duties to their successors, Peter Bossman (Piran/SI) and Lütfü Savas, Mayor of Antakya (TR).

THE RS WINTER TOURISM ADVERTIZED IN BRUSSELS



Republic of Srpska Representation in Brussels and Tourism Organization of the Republic of Srpska run a campaign of tourism promotion in public places throughout this European capital. This was a project aimed at a better promotion of the RS tourism potentials in this market but also remembrance



of the mountain of Jahorina which hosted Winter Olympic Games athletes in 1984. Creative advertising with a unified tourism offer through a collage of the attractive elements of Srpska'a tourism were placed on buses as well as metro stations and mostly in the so-called European district of Brussels.

VETERINARY INSTITUTE FROM REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA AT BRUSSELS INNOVA 2012 FAIR



At the world fair on intellectual property, research and new technologies “Brussels Innova 2012/Eureka”, Public Institution Veterinary Institute of the Republic of Srpska “Vaso Butozan”, www.virsvb.com, presented their own intellectual property in the area of trademarks and was awarded a medal for creativity.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVES IN A STUDY VISIT AT VOKA



As a member in the project NET – Networking, Education, Teaching the Chamber network in Bosnia and Herzegovina, representatives of the Republic of Srpska Chamber of Commerce visited VOKA – Flanders' Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Ghent. During a study visit, a week long, they exchanged experiences with their counterparts from VOKA and got familiar with its activities. The visit was an opportunity to compare different models of strategic management at the Chambers' level and gain a new knowledge about them.

REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES FOREIGN INVESTMENT



The government of Republic of Srpska has launched a new website highlighting opportunities for foreign investors interested in doing business in RS. The site, www.investsrpska.net, serves as a portal for all investment-related information. Encouraging foreign direct investments is one of the RS government's key development strategies; the government has already entered into several joint ventures with foreign firms in the energy and infrastructure sectors, and seeks

to increase foreign investment over the next four years. The main contact point for investors is the Ministry of Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation, led by Minister Željka Cvijanović. The Ministry's Economic Cooperation Sector stands ready to provide all necessary information to foreign investors concerning investment opportunities, legal regulations, institutions available to investors, as well as any other necessary information.

REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA SUBMITS THE 8TH REPORT TO THE UNSC

President of the Republika Srpska sent a letter to UN Secretary General and submitted the 8th report on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) to the UNSC in order to assist the Council with its deliberations on BiH during a session which took place in November 2012. The full content of the report is available at www.rep-srpska.eu.

REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA TOOK OVER THE PRESIDENCY OF SEPCA



Serbian Republic took over the presidency today, the Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association (SEPCA), and the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee chaired by the director of the Republic of Srpska po-

lice Mr. Gojko Vasic, was held in Banja Luka.

The idea of the functioning of the Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association is that cooperation at the level of director proves that freedom to all subordinates to cooperate, without limitation, and no particular formality as it was in the past.

RWE SIGNED EUR 460M DEAL TO BUILD HYDRO POWER PLANTS

Joint venture project of 4 hydro power plants “Gornja Drina” was signed between representatives of the German company RWE from Essen and Power Utility of the Republic of Srpska. The project includes four hydro power plants “Buk Bijela”, “Foca”, “Paunci” and “Sutjeska”. Director General of “Power Utility of the Republic of Srpska”, Ms. Branislava Milekic said that the installed capacity of the four plants will be 260 MWh and annual electricity production up to 760 GWh.

ITALY’S METALLEGHE INVESTS EUR 30M IN METAL PROCESSING FACILITY

An Italian firm plans to expand its investment in a metal processing facility in Mrkonjic Grad, Republic of Srpska. Metalleghe has been operating in the Republic of Srpska since 2004. The new investment will comprise the construction of a furnace and supporting facilities that will increase overall production at its Mrkonjic Grad facility, which exports metals to several European states.

REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA SIGNS UP FOR SOUTH STREAM PIPELINE



The President of Republic of Srpska, Mr. Milorad Dodik, has signed an agreement with the Russian company Gazprom to build a part of the South Stream pipeline network. Dodik said the contract also entails building gas power plants, with potentially enough generating capacity to make Republika Srpska one of the most important power producers in the region. Gazprom and the government of Republika Srpska will form a joint company in the next year, after which the exact path of pipelines will be determined and construction work will begin.

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