



REPUBLIKA SRPSKA REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS **NEWSLETTER**

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REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA PARTICIPATES AT OPEN DAYS 2014



12th European Week of Regions and Cities **OPEN Brussels** **DAYS 6 - 9 October 2014**

As a continuation from the last year, Brussels' representative offices from Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina set up a partnership on Adriatic Ionian macro region and participated in Open Days 2014. A workshop and debate organized by the conglomerate in Brussels focused on economic development in order to revitalize the region. The four priorities, Blue

Growth, Transport and Energy, Environmental quality, and Sustainable tourism were discussed during the sessions among participants from the participating regions and EU institutions. A partner in the conglomerate from the Republic of Srpska was Agency for Development of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises.

CONSORTIA FROM REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA ADVANCE IN EEN MEMBERSHIP



Business Support on Your Doorstep

A proposal under the Call "Enterprise Europe Network 2015 – 2020" submitted by consortia from Republic of Srpska which consists of Republic Agency for the Development of SMEs, Chamber of Commerce and Industry Republic of Srpska, University of Banja Luka, University East Sarajevo and Innovation Center Banja Luka has been favorably evaluated by the EC – Executive Agency for Small and Medium – sized Enterprises (EASME). The aim of this call was to establish the Enterprise Europe Network for the period 2015-2020 in geographic areas where no Enterprise Europe Network consortia have emerged yet. The Network aims to contribute to the objectives of the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium – sized Enterprises (COSME) program by facilitating access to European and international markets for European SMEs and by providing growth – oriented, integrated business and innovation support services that help strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of European enterprises. The Network primarily addresses European SMEs that seek to exploit new opportunities in the Single Market, but also in third countries.

REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA AND BRUSSELS CAPITAL COOPERATE IN EURODYSEE PROGRAM



Republic of Srpska continues its active participation in the Eurodysee program for young people. This time in partnership with a Belgian region of Brussels Capital a youngster from the Republic of Srpska was provided an opportunity to carry out traineeship for six months at European Young Innovators Forum in Brussels. It is meant for young people to widen their professional knowledge and foster their transition into labor market.

AER DELEGATION VISITS BRČKO



The President of the Assembly of European Regions – AER, accompanied by several AER members, took the opportunity to visit representatives of Brčko district within the Republic of Srpska.

Welcomed by Mr. Djordja Kojić, Assembly Speaker, Mr. Anto Domić, Mayor of Brčko, and their respective deputies, AER representatives had a discussion in the district's assembly altogether with representatives from the business community. President Mrs. Hande ÖZSAN BOZATLI and Vice-President Mr. Jean-Claude GAYSSOT presented AER activities of interest to the region. It has been decided that an exchange of expertise in the area of regional branding should be organized. A visit to the district's port followed. In order to help this once thriving port to restore some of its former glory the port authorities of Samsun – Turkey will share their expertise and good practices with Brčko.

NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA ELECTED

The citizens of the Republic of Srpska voted in October 2014 and elected their President and the members of the National Assembly. In the meantime a new government has been approved and the highest political positions fulfilled. New leadership for a mandate 2014 – 2018 is as follows:

- Mr. Milorad Dodik, President of the Republic of Srpska
- Mr. Nedeljko Čubrilović, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska
- Mrs. Željka Cvijanović, Prime Minister of the Republic of Srpska

REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA SIGNS A LETTER OF INTENT TO OPEN A NEW ENTERPRISE CITY – FIRST IN THE BALKANS



Prime Minister of the Republic of Srpska Mrs. Zeljka Cvijanovic and Managing Director of the Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project of Babson Global from Boston, Shanker Singham, signed in Banja Luka a Letter of Intent to establish an Enterprise City. Prime Minister Cvijanovic stated that the Letter of Intent referred to cooperation regarding the establishment of the entrepreneurs' city in the Republic of Srpska at the location which would be identified in the forthcoming period. As Prime Minister said, the aim of this cooperation was to create such business environment that would motivate foreign and domestic investors to invest stressing that Babson College of which Babson Global was a part, was the leading educator in the USA in entrepreneurship and development of entrepreneurs' initiatives.

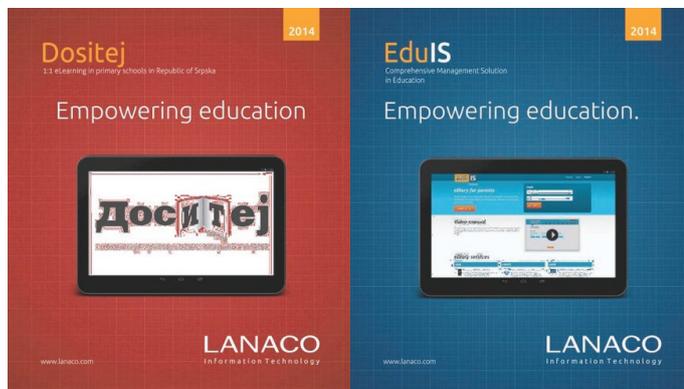
REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ARLEM PLENARY SESSION



Republic of Srpska's representative attended the sixth Plenary Session of the Euro Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly – ARLEM in Antalya, Turkey. During the session ARLEM's draft annual report on the territorial

dimension of the Union for the Mediterranean, a draft report on the role of local and regional authorities in managing migration in the Mediterranean and a draft report on waste management at local and regional level in the Mediterranean region were presented, discussed and adopted. The Assembly that brings together 80 members from the EU and its 15 Mediterranean partners who are representatives of regions and local bodies also adopted the work program for 2015.

LANACO'S PROJECTS IN THE CAMBRIDGE BOOK OF EXCELLENCE



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