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Introductory speech

The Bilten is a quarterly publication of the European Integration Office and spread the most important information on the EU integration process.

The Bilten is intended for all those who want to be informed about the EU integration process in a comprehensive and understandable way. The Bilten is a tool for informing the public about the EU integration process in Montenegro and the region, and it is also a tool for the EIO to inform the public about its activities. The Bilten is available in English and Montenegrin. The Bilten is distributed in electronic form and in hard copy to all interested parties, institutions and organizations.

In the coming three months since Montenegro received the status of candidate country, the EIO has been very active in the process of preparation of IPA component IV and preparation of the draft Decision on the establishment of the Coordination Mechanism for the management of IPA component IV.

We are convinced that the newsletter dedicated to the EU integration process will be read with great interest by our readers.

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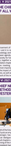
MORE JUNIOR PARTICIPATES IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES ON ACCESSION OF CROATIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION IN LUXEMBOURG



Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration participated in the intergovernmental conference on accession of Croatia to the European Union held in Luxembourg on 24 April 2009. The conference was chaired by the Czech Republic, which is the current President of the Council of the European Union.

EVENT

THE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR HELD A MEETING WITH THE HEADS OF ALL WORKING GROUPS FOR EU NEGOTIATION CHAPTERS

The Chief Negotiator Aleksandar Pejović held a meeting with the heads of all working groups for EU negotiation chapters on 29 April 2009. The meeting was attended by the heads of working groups for chapters 1 Free movement of goods, 2 Freedom of movement of workers, 3 Right of establishment and freedom to provide services, 4 Free movement of capital, 5 Public procurement, 6 Company law, 7 Intellectual property law, 8 Competition policy, 9 Financial services, 10 Information society and media, 11 Agriculture and rural development, 12 Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, 13 Fisheries, 14 Transport policy, 15 Energy, 16 Taxation, 17 Economic and monetary policy, 18 Statistics, 19 Social policy and employment, 20 Enterprise and industrial policy, 21 Trans-European networks, 22 Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments, 23 Judiciary and fundamental rights, 24 Justice, freedom and security, 25 Science and research, 26 Education and culture, 27 Environment, 28 Consumer and health protection, 29 Customs union, 30 External relations, 31 Foreign, security and defence policy, 32 Financial control, 33 Financial and budgetary provisions and 34 Institutions.

EU ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS

EVENT

EU MOVING ON THE TOPIC OF FUNCTIONING OF THE JUDICIARY AND PROSECUTION OF CORRUPTION

The Chief Negotiator Aleksandar Pejović and the Minister of Justice Miodrag Vujošević held a meeting with the representatives of the European Commission on 29 April 2009. The topic of the meeting was the functioning of the judiciary and prosecution of corruption.

EVENT

MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE HELD IN BRUSSELS

The Sub-Committee on Transport, Environment, Energy and Regional Development will be held in Brussels on 29 April 2009. The Montenegro side having sent beforehand its comments on the draft Decision on the establishment of the Coordination Mechanism for the management of IPA component IV, the Sub-Committee will discuss the draft Decision and the Montenegro side will inform the EC representatives about the activities undertaken in the process of preparation of the Decision.

EVENT

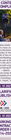
SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL MARKET AND COMPETITION

The Sub-Committee on Internal Market and Competition was held in Brussels on 29 April 2009. The Sub-Committee discussed the draft Decision on the establishment of the Coordination Mechanism for the management of IPA component IV, the Decision on the establishment of the Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development, the Decision on the establishment of the Sub-Committee for Transport, Environment, Energy and Regional Development, the Decision on the establishment of the Sub-Committee for Internal Market and Competition, the Decision on the establishment of the Sub-Committee for Justice, Freedom and Security, the Decision on the establishment of the Sub-Committee for Financial Control, the Decision on the establishment of the Sub-Committee for Financial and Budgetary Provisions and the Decision on the establishment of the Sub-Committee for Institutions.

CONFERENCES, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

EVENT

ADVICE TO THE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, DRAGANA MARKOVIĆ, PARTICIPATES IN THE SEMINAR "EU, CISM AND THE WTO: ADVICE TO THE CHIEF NEGOTIATORS AND THEIR TEAMS" IN BRUSSELS



The Chief Negotiator, Dragana Marković, participated in the seminar "EU, CISM and the WTO: Advice to the Chief Negotiators and their teams" in Brussels on 27 April 2009.

EVENT

PANEL DISCUSSION: BREDIMENSIONALITY OF SOCIETY – CHALLENGES AND RISKS

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the panel discussion "Bredimensionality of society – challenges and risks" on 29 April 2009. The panel discussion was organized by the Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

EVENT

PANEL DISCUSSION: "HOW TO FULFILL OBLIGATIONS IN CHAPTERS 23 AND 24?"

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the panel discussion "How to fulfill obligations in chapters 23 and 24?" on 29 April 2009. The panel discussion was organized by the Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

EVENT

CHIEF NEGOTIATOR PARTICIPATES IN THE CONFERENCE "NEW CHIEF NEGOTIATORS – NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE EU"

The Chief Negotiator, Aleksandar Pejović, participated in the conference "New chief negotiators – new challenges for the EU" held in Brussels on 27 April 2009.

EVENT

AGENDA OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL "EUROPEAN INTEGRATIONS AND THE APPLICATION OF EUROPEAN VALUES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the Regional School "European Integrations and the application of European values in the Western Balkans" held in Brussels on 29 April 2009.

IPA

EVENT

INVITATION PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PROGRAMMING OF THE IPA IN CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMMING GROUP – HUNGARY

EVENT

ORTHORAM OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC AND DANUBE REGIONS – ROME, 27 APRIL 2009

The Forum was organized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance. The Forum brought together regional organisations and institutions from the Adriatic and Danube regions.

EVENT

OFFICIAL PROMOTION FOR ASSOCIATES ENGAGED WITHIN THE IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME CROATIA-MONTENEGRO, ADRIATIC-MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMME AND ALBANIA-KOSOVO PROGRAMME

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the promotion for associates engaged within the IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Montenegro, Adriatic-Mediterranean Programme and Albania-Kosovo Programme.

EVENT

FIRST TAB OF EUROPEAN PROJECTS

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the promotion of the first tab of European projects on 29 April 2009. The promotion was organized by the Ministry of Economy, Department for Development of Small and Medium Enterprises and Entrepreneurship.

EVENT

SEMINAR ON DEPUTY'S EXPERIENCE IN STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY FOR USE OF EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the seminar on deputy's experience in strengthening the capacity for use of European structural and investment funds held in Podgorica on 29 April 2009.

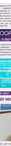
EVENT

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF CROSS-BORDER IPA PROJECT "CLEANER ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHER LIFE PERFORMANCE – CLEAN LIFE"

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the presentation of results of cross-border IPA project "Cleaner environment and higher life performance – Clean Life" held in Podgorica on 29 April 2009.

EVENT

CLARIFICATIONS AND PRESUSCRIPTION FROM THE INFO DAY PUBLISHED



EVENT

MARKING THE BEGINNING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS CONTRACTED THROUGH THE SECOND CALL WITHIN IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME CROATIA-MONTENEGRO 2007-2013

Marking the beginning of implementation of projects contracted through the second call within IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Montenegro 2007-2013 was held in Podgorica on 29 April 2009.

EVENT

THE THIRD CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS WITHIN THE IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME CROATIA-MONTENEGRO 2007-2013 – PRIORITY AXIS 2

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the presentation of the third call for project proposals within the IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Montenegro 2007-2013 – Priority Axis 2 held in Podgorica on 29 April 2009.

COOPERATION WITH THE CIVIL SECTOR

EVENT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR COOPERATION WITH THE CIVIL SOCIETY

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the annual conference of the National Coordinator for Cooperation with the Civil Society held in Podgorica on 29 April 2009.

EVENT

CHIEF NEGOTIATOR OPENED THE 12TH SCHOOL OF EU LAW

The Chief Negotiator, Aleksandar Pejović, participated in the 12th School of EU Law held in Podgorica on 29 April 2009.

COOPERATION WITH LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS

EVENT

THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COOLAUTHA COMMITTEE BETWEEN THE LOCAL COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the meeting of the Joint COOLAUTHA Committee between the Local Committee of the Regional and Municipal Authorities held in Podgorica on 29 April 2009.

EVENT

LOBBIES ORGANIZED IN KOTOR

The Minister for European Integration, Gordana Đurović, participated in the lobbies organized in Kotor on 29 April 2009.

OTHER

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ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER OF THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OFFICE PUBLISHED

The Bilten, the newsletter of the European Integration Office, has been published.

EVENT

BEST ARTISTS SELECTED IN THE COMPETITION FOR TELEVISION

The winners of the contest for television, radio and the best journalistic work on the topic of European Integration have been selected. The contest was organized by the European Integration Office and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Media.

EVENT

BEST ARTISTS SELECTED IN THE COMPETITION "MY EUROPEAN FRIEND"

The winners of the contest "My European friend" have been selected. The contest was organized by the European Integration Office and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Media.

EVENT

CONGRATULATIONS ON EUROPE DAY: TOGETHER WE TWO!

Congratulations on Europe Day: Together we two!

EVENT

AGENDA OF THE EUROPEAN HELPER COMPETITION

The winners of the European Helper competition have been selected.

EVENT

AGENDA: WITH THE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION FOR EUROPEAN HELPER, "WEDO AS A PARTNER IN BUILDING"

The winners of the competition for European Helper, "WEDO as a partner in building" – Bijelo Polje.