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Introductory speech

Dear readers,

The period from 01 June to 31 August 2016 is a period of intensive preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

European Integration Office is committed to ensure the smooth implementation of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of EU accession negotiations, in part of strengthening our national capacities and in part of providing support to the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

During the previous three months, we continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of EU accession negotiations and we also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of IPA.

We also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of cooperation with the civil society.

We also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of cooperation with the local self-governments.

We also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of cooperation with regional and international meetings.

We also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of cooperation with the Slovenian Parliament.

We also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of cooperation with the Slovenian Permanent Representation to the EU.

We also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of cooperation with the Slovenian Public Broadcaster.

We also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of cooperation with other stakeholders.

We also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of communication.

We also continued with the preparations for the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of other topics.

Enjoy reading!

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OFFICE

OVERVIEW OF CHAPTERS

EVENT THAT MARKED THE PREVIOUS PERIOD

JULY 2016

RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY: STEADY SUPPORT FOR MONETIZATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN FOREIGN ARMED FORCES

The Public Opinion Survey, which was carried out in June 2016 by the Ministry of Defence, showed that the support for the monetization of membership in foreign armed forces remains steady. Nearly every fourth respondent (24.4 %) is in favour of the monetization of membership in foreign armed forces, which is a slight increase compared to the previous survey. Nearly every fifth respondent (19.4 %) is against the monetization of membership in foreign armed forces, which is a slight decrease compared to the previous survey. Nearly every third respondent (32.4 %) is neutral and nearly every fourth respondent (23.8 %) does not know what to think about the monetization of membership in foreign armed forces.

The Public Opinion Survey was carried out by the Ministry of Defence in June 2016 on a representative sample of 1000 respondents.

AUGUST 2016

MEMBERSHIP RENEWED IN 11 MORE WORKING GROUPS FOR NEGOTIATIONS – NEW ENERGY FOR EU ACCESSION

The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Slovenia (Council of Ministers) has renewed the membership in 11 working groups for negotiations with the Republic of Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Montenegro, the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Kosovo, the Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein. The decisions on the renewal of the membership in working groups for negotiations in a total of nine (9) chapters, which are the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in two (2) chapters, which are the responsibility of the Ministry of Defence, were adopted at the session of the Council of Ministers held on 4 August 2016.

The renewed membership in working groups for negotiations will ensure the continuity of the work of the working groups and contribute to the dynamics of the negotiations with candidate countries and potential candidates for the upcoming year, which will mark the beginning of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

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ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS

JULY 2016

NEGOTIATING TEAMS WITH A CLEAR VISION OF THE ROADMAP FOR CLOSING OF THE CHAPTERS

The chief negotiators meet a new negotiating team of the Republic of Serbia in Belgrade

Twenty years ago the negotiation teams of the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Croatia were the only teams with a clear vision of the roadmap for closing of the chapters. Nowadays, the negotiation teams of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Montenegro, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Kosovo, the Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein have a clear vision of the roadmap for closing of the chapters. The negotiations in a total of nine (9) chapters, which are the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in two (2) chapters, which are the responsibility of the Ministry of Defence, were adopted at the session of the Council of Ministers held on 4 August 2016.

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JULY 2016

KOROC MEETS WITH HEADS OF WORKING GROUPS FOR NEGOTIATIONS: HIGH SUPPORT FOR EU ACCESSION AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE ENTIRE NEGOTIATING STRUCTURE

The Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy (Government Office) has organized a meeting between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the heads of working groups for negotiations with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Montenegro, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Kosovo, the Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein. The meeting was held on 4 August 2016 in the premises of the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy (Government Office).

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JULY 2016

CONSTITUTIVE SESSION OF MS 23 HELD: WE MUST SHOW FULL COMMITMENT, POLITICAL WILL AND PROFESSIONAL CAPACITIES

The constitutive session of the Working Group for Negotiations with the Republic of Serbia in Chapter 23 (Judiciary and Fundamental Rights) (MS 23) was held on 4 July 2016 in the premises of the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy (Government Office).

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CONFERENCES, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

JULY 2016

CHIEF NEGOTIATOR PARTICIPATED IN THE 20TH ECONOMIC FORUM IN KARPACZ

The Chief Negotiator, Mr Boštjan Koritnik, participated in the 20th Economic Forum in Karpacz (Poland) on 6 and 8 July 2016. The Economic Forum in Karpacz is one of the most important meetings of the Central and Eastern European Countries. The Economic Forum in Karpacz is a forum for exchange of ideas and information on the economic and political trends in the Central and Eastern European Countries.

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IPA

JULY 2016

FOURTH RESTRICTED CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS UNDER THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN TRANSNATIONAL PROGRAMME (ADRION) LAUNCHED

The Fourth Restricted Call for Project Proposals under the Adriatic-Ionian Transnational Programme (ADRION) was launched on 4 July 2016. The Fourth Restricted Call for Project Proposals under the Adriatic-Ionian Transnational Programme (ADRION) was launched on 4 July 2016. The Fourth Restricted Call for Project Proposals under the Adriatic-Ionian Transnational Programme (ADRION) was launched on 4 July 2016. The Fourth Restricted Call for Project Proposals under the Adriatic-Ionian Transnational Programme (ADRION) was launched on 4 July 2016.

AUGUST 2016

EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY – VISIT TO "VLADV AVTOM" ON CAVOR

On 5 August 2016 the European Cooperation Day was celebrated in the Municipality of Tolmin. The European Cooperation Day was celebrated in the Municipality of Tolmin. The European Cooperation Day was celebrated in the Municipality of Tolmin. The European Cooperation Day was celebrated in the Municipality of Tolmin.

JULY 2016

THIRD CALL FOR PROPOSALS WITHIN THE CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME MONTENEGRO – ALBANIA 2014-2020: CLARIFICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

The Third Call for Proposals within the Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Albania 2014-2020 was launched on 4 July 2016. The Third Call for Proposals within the Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Albania 2014-2020 was launched on 4 July 2016. The Third Call for Proposals within the Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Albania 2014-2020 was launched on 4 July 2016. The Third Call for Proposals within the Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Albania 2014-2020 was launched on 4 July 2016.

COOPERATION WITH THE CIVIL SECTOR

JULY 2016

ART COMPETITION FOR CREATING A POSTER "EUROPEAN UNION OF THE FUTURE"

The European Integration Office organized a competition for creating a poster "European Union of the Future" on the occasion of the beginning of the school year 2016/2017.

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CREATIVE HUB OPENED IN KOTOR WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE EU

With the celebration of the Kotor Creative Hub (KCH) on 4 July 2016 in the presence of the Minister of Culture of Montenegro, Mr Aleksandar Saša Ivanović, and the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, Ms Aneta Rusi, the Kotor Creative Hub (KCH) was officially opened. The Kotor Creative Hub (KCH) was opened with the support of the European Union and the Government of Montenegro.

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JULY 2016

CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION TO STRENGTHEN ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUZI

The Municipality of Tuzi organized the Project Kick-off Meeting on 4 July 2016. The Municipality of Tuzi organized the Project Kick-off Meeting on 4 July 2016. The Municipality of Tuzi organized the Project Kick-off Meeting on 4 July 2016. The Municipality of Tuzi organized the Project Kick-off Meeting on 4 July 2016.

COOPERATION WITH LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS

JULY 2016

EUROPE DAY ORGANIZED IN BELEO POLJE

The Europe Day was celebrated in the Municipality of Beleo Polje on 4 July 2016. The Europe Day was celebrated in the Municipality of Beleo Polje on 4 July 2016. The Europe Day was celebrated in the Municipality of Beleo Polje on 4 July 2016. The Europe Day was celebrated in the Municipality of Beleo Polje on 4 July 2016.

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JULY 2016

TV SHOW "EU FOR YOU" STARTED

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AUGUST 2016

CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON THE OCCASION OF THE EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

The Contest for High School Students on the occasion of the European Day of Languages was organized by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. The Contest for High School Students on the occasion of the European Day of Languages was organized by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. The Contest for High School Students on the occasion of the European Day of Languages was organized by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. The Contest for High School Students on the occasion of the European Day of Languages was organized by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

JULY 2016

THE SIXTEENTH ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER OF THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OFFICE PUBLISHED

The sixteenth issue of the newsletter of the European Integration Office published on 4 July 2016. The sixteenth issue of the newsletter of the European Integration Office published on 4 July 2016. The sixteenth issue of the newsletter of the European Integration Office published on 4 July 2016. The sixteenth issue of the newsletter of the European Integration Office published on 4 July 2016.

JULY 2016

THE EIGHTH EDITION OF EUROKAZ PUBLISHED

The eighth edition of EUROKAZ published on 4 July 2016. The eighth edition of EUROKAZ published on 4 July 2016. The eighth edition of EUROKAZ published on 4 July 2016. The eighth edition of EUROKAZ published on 4 July 2016.

AUGUST 2016

WINNERS OF THE #EVAPORTEUROPE COMPETITION PRESENTED WITH AWARDS

The winners of the #evaporteurope competition presented with awards on 4 August 2016. The winners of the #evaporteurope competition presented with awards on 4 August 2016. The winners of the #evaporteurope competition presented with awards on 4 August 2016. The winners of the #evaporteurope competition presented with awards on 4 August 2016.