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Newsletter

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Dear ACIPS members and friends,

We hope that the New 2005 brings you plenty of joy, good health and success and that we will improve our mutual cooperation and network.

In December 2004, ACIPS moved to the new premises and got new offices, full of light and excellent working energy. For all mentioned reasons and as we can already see this New working Year will be both pleasant and prosperous. We set new goals for all of us employed here, most of which are targeted to our members and our partners, planning to channel our activities and projects in a way that you find them useful that you will and have confidence that we will make a difference when acting in public sphere. We also wish to have information flow, between us, so we encourage you to share your ideas, suggestions and thoughts and to send them to ACIPS whenever you fell that there is something you wish to share.

This issue of ACIPS Newsletter provides information about ACIPS activities, projects and future plans.

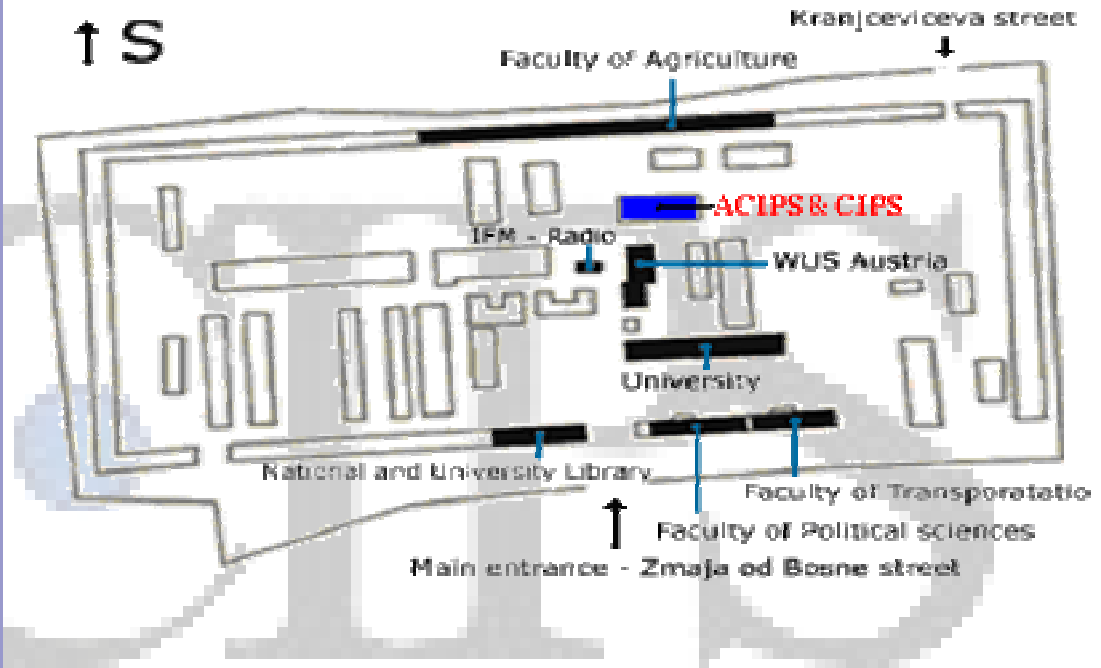
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**Check out our
new offices:**

**ACIPS and the
Center for the
Interdisciplinary
postgraduate
studies moved to
a new building.
Our new address
is:**

Tito barracks, Blue House, next to WUS Austria,



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Current projects and activities:		<p>European Integrations – Opportunity for development of BiH</p> <p><i>This project is supported by the Open Society Institute (OSI) and consists of two major activities that are related to one another. One is the Conference with the title <i>European Integration – Opportunity for development of BiH</i> and the second one is <i>Publishing and promotion of the book called “From Dayton to Brussels”</i></i></p> <p>The aim of this conference is to open public discussion about the current stage of the European Integration Process of BiH. What necessary political measures need to be adopted and implemented in order to reach the PAF aid (to come to the status of an EU member candidate) and which measures can be immediately taken in order to enable such local capacities so that they can respond to complex policies and procedures included in this process. Moreover, the absorption capacities of the wide range of domestic institutions and individuals should be radically developed aiming to make them technically capable to use PAF once BiH is allowed to have access to those funds</p> <p>Publishing of the first issue of the book “From Dayton to Brussels”, by Emir Hadzikedunic, ACIPS member, is the first book from the ACIPS Edition. This book will be promoted at the above mentioned conference.</p> <p>The process of preparation for the conference and promotion of the book are ongoing. We will soon inform you on the date and place of the conference and look forward to seeing you there and that you will take an active participation.</p>

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ACIPS is a co-founder of the independent Center for Policy Research together with UNDP

*This project is supported by **the Open Society Institute** and **the Japanese Government** both having enough confidence in our expertise and trust that we will together with them enable the establishment of the first independent Think Tank (Socioeconomic Policy Institute)*

This project aims to strengthen capacities of civil society and BH government in policy literacy on socio-economic issues through high-quality research, analysis, policy recommendations and dialogues.

By providing support to the establishment of a first the project specifically aims *inter alia* at:

providing support through research and policy recommendation activities on issues adequate and coherent to long-term development of BiH; encouraging Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and citizens to take part in policy discussions in order to form public opinions with more informed and balanced policy options; providing youth politicians and their policy advisors with socio-economic findings to encourage issue-based political debates.

Building upon local human capital around networks of intellectual advocates of a new generation – the Alumni Association of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Postgraduates Studies of the University of Sarajevo (ACIPS), the project facilitates proper priority settings through participation of citizens and CSOs in policy decision, implementation and monitoring process of the PRSP and MDGs, believing that such participation will result in socio-economic policies that reflect the public.

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«Developing the optimal regional incubating policy for the Sarajevo macro region»

*This project is supported by **the European Commission** and will last for 4 month.*

The aim of this study is to identify and propose the optimal business incubating policy for the region. The study will identify and analyze size, structure and needs of the SME sector and potential start-ups. Furthermore, it will focus on activities and capacities of local and regional governments to support SME development. Finally, based on this research and analysis of existing models of business incubators, the study will propose a policy concerning the optimal number, type and size of incubating centers in the region.

During the first three weeks of the project implementation, the project staff structure was established. Preparatory activities and the basic research have been done and the implementation of the project activities is taking its planned direction.

“CROSSROAD”

*Crossroad project is supported by **the European Commission** and ACIPS will implement this project in partnership with SUS BiH.*

is an initiative for improvement of economic situation in Sarajevo Canton region, targeting student population as future bearer of economical growth, aimed to encourage and train students to found their own enterprises and enable them to integrate easier within existing companies. This is to be done through number of seminars, workshops, consulting activities, case studies, job fairs, internships, scholarships and web platform. CROSSROAD is supposed to be human resources incubator (for members of Sarajevo University's student population) for starting

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up new SME's, as well as contact point between students and business subjects they will be integrated into after finishing their studies. CROSSROAD is conceived as education, information and consulting centre and place for constant encounters and cooperation between companies in Sarajevo Canton and students of Sarajevo University.

«**ICTY Internship Programme**»

This project is supported by **the Open Society Institute NY** and **the Swiss Embassy** continues with the implementation. Three students completed their internship in ICTY and the new group of four left for Den Haag on the 5th of January. The project progress is more than satisfactory, both for the interns and ACIPS staff. The selection process for the new group of students already begun so you can still apply for this internship. The deadline for the application is 1. February 2005. For more info contact Danijela Dugandzic

“**Novi Pogledi**” (New Perspectives)

This project is supported by **the Open Society Fund**

The fourth issues of the magazine New Perspectives (Novi pogledi) is in preparation. New editorial staff is organized and our editor already received most of the articles for this issue. Having in mind that the New Perspectives crew is completely new we expect that this issue will bring positive changes both in design and the content.

You will receive your copy of New Perspectives via email and hopeful enjoy reading articles by your colleagues and friends.

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BH Front		<i>We highly recommend you to subscribe to our mailing list called BH front. It gathers more than 400 members who share news, information and job offers between each other. This is also a great way to stay in touch with you alumni colleagues. To become a member just send an email to law@cps.edu.ba</i>

- Finally, we are kindly inviting you to come up with fresh ideas for new projects, round tables or publications. Also, please advise us on how to create better communication between members, as well on how to administrate our activities more efficiently.

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We are also taking this opportunity to invite you to the grand opening of the Center for the Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies in our new premises. If you are interested please send an email to law@cps.edu.ba

The opening is on 8th of February 2005
At 17:30, Blues house, Zmaja od Bosne 8

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