



# ACIPS Newsletter

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We kindly invite you to share your recommendations and ideas for upcoming new projects, round tables or publications. In addition, please do not hesitate to advise us on how to create better communication between members and how to administrate our activities more efficiently.

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## Project

Advocacy Project for the Policy of the Optimal Student Participation in the Quality Control of Higher Education

Supported by:

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Dear ACIPS members and readers,

Welcome to the new issue of ACIPS Newsletter. We are pleased to update you on our ongoing activities, projects, and events.

We have developed a detailed summary of events, initiatives and activities of ACIPS from the past several months. Our goal is to keep you informed, updated, and involved in ACIPS's activities and to maintain a close relationship with ACIPS's supporters.

We hope you find the newsletter informative and its content useful.

Thank you for your continued interest in ACIPS!

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## NEW PROJECTS

### Advocacy Project for the Policy of the Optimal Student Participation in the Quality Control of Higher Education

Association Alumni of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (hereinafter ACIPS) members, researchers and analysts conducted a half-year policy research on student participation in higher education governance aiming to ensure the improvement in quality of the higher education system. Introducing the system of the quality, insurance and control and the optimal model of student participation in higher education represents one of the primal preconditions for implementation of the standards prescribed in the Bologna Declaration ratified in 2002. Therefore, the main purpose of this particular project will be to adjoin an advocacy aspect to the aforementioned study.

The purpose of the project is to, create awareness and to educate students' organization activists on importance of the introducing a model of the student participation in quality, insurance and control in higher education system. It also aims to assess lobbying capacities of student organizations and their willingness to adopt new ideas and cooperate with other relevant institutions and bodies.

## Project

“Support to promotion of reciprocal understanding of relations and dialogue between the European Union and the Western Balkans”

### In partnership with

European Institute in Sofia and  
Open Society Fund BiH

Project coordinator

Danijela Dugandzic

This will be achieved through conducting six workshops in six BiH university centers. In order to facilitate this process web-group will be initiated, brochure will be printed, and press conference and round table will be organized.

It is anticipated that this project will spawn local student initiatives within the student organizations to be able to carry out similar lobbying initiatives as well as other initiatives and campaigns independently of external help.

Note: to read the Policy please visit

[http://www.soros.org.ba/images\\_vijesti/stipendisti/eng](http://www.soros.org.ba/images_vijesti/stipendisti/eng)

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## NEW PROJECT

“Support to promotion of reciprocal understanding of relations and dialogue between the European Union and the Western Balkans”, supported by the European Commission

The project aims to promotion of reciprocal understanding between the EU and Western Balkans countries pursuing the following specific objectives:

- To widen the access and broaden the understanding of EU integration policies implementation of central administration and policy communities from WB countries to EU
- To provide continuous facilitation to the promotion of EU integration policies in the WB
- To share Bulgaria’s negotiation experience with central administrations and policy communities from WB countries
- To share experience with WB central administrations and policy communities on how Bulgaria has taken advantage from EC pre-accession and Community –action assistance
- To sustain and enlarge the existent regional networks for exchange of experience and information with regard to European integration process;

BH contribution to the overall regional programe will consist of drafting of the BH National reports on Trade liberalization (WTO, FTAs, SAA-Trade issues) and Competition and State aids will be produced as a part of this project and presented to the public by the end of November 2005. BH experts in Public

## Project

“Novi Pogledi” (New Perspectives)

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administration and Trade Liberalization will participate in the conferences held in Albania and Macedonia to share their experience with other experts from the region. ACIPS will host the public lecture in Sarajevo for academic community, public administration, civil society, students and media delivered by the first and second Bulgarian Chief Negotiator with the EU.

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## ONGOING PROJECT

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## NEWS/EVENTS

### Project: “Novi Pogledi” (New Perspectives)

The fifth issue of the magazine New Perspectives (Novi Pogledi) is available on [www.cps.edu.ba](http://www.cps.edu.ba), link ACIPS (Newsletters and New Perspectives).

We highly recommend that you read this issues and if you have any comments, ideas or questions please do not hesitate to contact New Perspectives editorial staff and write to [acips@cps.edu.ba](mailto:acips@cps.edu.ba)

### THE LAUNCH OF THE FIFTH ISSUE OF



### NEW PERSPECTIVES

Took place on  
Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. at 13.00  
in CIPS/ACIPS building

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## Project

“Novi Pogledi” (New Perspectives)

## PUBLIC DEBATE

Entitled "Region and the Relations in the Region"

Key speakers were:

Miroslav Zivanovic  
Dejan Vanjek  
Erol Mujanovic

The topic of a sixth issue is yet to be decided so we encourage you to contact the editor and send you articles for this issue.

Please contact [eldin@bhdani.com](mailto:eldin@bhdani.com) for more information on the next issue of NP.

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### PUBLIC DEBATE:

Initiatives for the improvement of the high education in BiH-  
fundamental precondition for the general public development  
July, 05, 2005.  
CIPS/ACIPS



Key speakers were:

*Doc.Dr Rajka Mandić, d.i.a. – Architecture Faculty, UNSA*  
*Srdan Arnaut – Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH*  
*Zoran Selesković – Rectorate UNSA*  
*Dženan Đipa – representative of the Student Union, Tuzla*  
*Dino Đipa – Prism Research agency*  
*Nejra Nuna Cengić – Centre for Postgraduate Studies*

Moderator: Haris Abaspahić, ACIPS Centre for Policy Research



## Project

“Novi Pogledi” (New Perspectives)

The debate concerned questions of high education reform, Bologna process, the impact of student unions on hastening the reform processes, current state of BiH's high education.

In addition, two researches have been presented, namely:

1. Politics of examining students at BiH Universities: testing the discrimination – Case for reforms?
2. Suitable model of student participation in the decision-making process and quality assurance, at Sarajevo University

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## ACIPS NEWS

### PUBLIC DEBATE:

“50 years of the European Movement – influence on the European integration processes”

with Mr. Henrik Kroner,  
the Secretary General of the European Movement International  
July, 29, 2005  
ACIPS/CIPS building



The aim of Mr. Kroner's visit was to present the initiative for establishment of the European Movement in Bosnia and Herzegovina. European Movement is an international organization open to all political, economic, social and cultural trends in civil society. Its objective is to "contribute to the establishment of a united, federal Europe founded on the respect for basic human rights, peace principles, democratic principles of liberty and solidarity and citizens' participation".



## Project

“Crossroad”



Supported by

The delegation of the European  
Commission in Bosnia and  
Herzegovina

Implementing organizations:

ACIPS <http://www.cps.edu.ba>

SUS BiH <http://www.sus.ba//>

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Its 41 national councils and 21 associate member associations work towards bringing together representatives from European associations, political parties, enterprises, trade unions and individual lobbyists. An opportunity to support the European Movement is given to all those who want Europe to progress towards a stronger, more democratic and efficient union with strong voice on the international stage.

During his stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. Kroner has visited EC Delegation to BiH, OHR and the BiH Directorate for European Integration where he discussed the possibility of establishing the European Movement of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Prior to his departure parties interested have agreed to create a national council.

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## ONGOING PROJECTS

### PROJECT “Crossroad”

This is an initiative for improving the economic situation in Sarajevo Canton region, targeting the student population as the future source of economic growth, aimed at encouraging and training students to establish their own enterprises and enable them to integrate more easily within existing companies. This is to be done through a number of seminars, workshops, consulting activities, case studies, job fairs, internships, scholarships and a web platform. CROSSROAD is supposed to be a human resources incubator (for members of Sarajevo University’s student population) for starting up new SME’s, as well as serving as a contact point between students and the businesses they will be integrated into after finishing their studies. CROSSROAD has been conceived of as educational, information and consulting centre and a place for ongoing encounters and cooperation between companies in Sarajevo Canton and the students of Sarajevo Uni.

ACIPS is acting as a partner organization to SUS BiH and is directly involved in implementation of the training program for young entrepreneurs. ACIPS is responsible for selection of the lecturers and development of the curricula for the educational part of the program.

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This program consists of 8 modules covering following issues: SME’s in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Management, Advertising and promotion, Finance, accounting, and access to credits, Business administration, Market research, Business Law – Basic, Business

Please visit Crossroad  
web site at

[www.crossroad.ba](http://www.crossroad.ba)

## Project

### “Establishing Centre for Policy Research”

Supported by

Open Society Fund BiH  
UNDP  
Japanese government

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Plan.

The program will provide students with all theoretical and practical background of what marks a successful entrepreneur. It would give the insight into all relevant entrepreneurship components as well as the requirements for the establishing an enterprise.

The training for the First Crossroad Business Module, entitled “Small and Medium Enterprises in BiH” was organized and successfully completed in July 2005. At present, the Second Crossroad Business Module, entitled “Management” is being prepared.

For additional information please call 033 266 440 or email to [info@crossroad.ba](mailto:info@crossroad.ba)



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## ONGOING PROJECTS

### PROJECT “Establishing Centre for Policy Research”

ACIPS is a co-founder of an independent Center for Policy Research together with Open Society Fund BiH and UNDP (project started in May 2005)

Building upon local human capital around ACIPS network ACIPS, CIPS, Government of Japan (GOJ), UNDP BiH and OSF BH enter into new stage in their efforts to strengthen policy-making process in BiH by establishing independent Center for Policy research. Establishment of an independent policy research center (the Center) that would provide recommendations directed at sustaining the reform policies will enhance democratic values and practices, and contribute to the positive changes in the overall development of the country. By making its research findings widely available, the Center will contribute to development of an open discourse on the important issues of public interest.

During the reported period the Centers’ offices are fully equipped, the project director is selected, the process of statute and other internal acts development is in the progress, the team for strategic planning is selected, aiming to create mission, vision, long term objectives and exact research areas of the Center.

## Project

### “ICTY Internship Program”

Supported by

Open Society Institute NY

<http://www.soros.org/>

The Swiss Embassy

<http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda>

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## COMPLETED PROJECTS

### PROJECT “ICTY Internship Program”



Started in June 2004

The ICTY Internship Program was designed for graduate and postgraduate students from BiH. It provided an excellent opportunity for future B&H law experts and lawyers to gain invaluable experience and strengthen their specialization interests. In addition, the program intended to contribute to the legal means against war crimes and gross human rights violations.

Nine students have completed their internships in ICTY and gained new knowledge in international humanitarian law, international criminal law, and human rights law and will have acquired an insight into the procedures of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. The ICTY Internship program ended in June 2005.

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*Students who completed their internship in January 2005 continued in the same direction and undertook internships in the Registry of War Crimes and Organized Crime, the Court of BiH and one of them is now working for ICTY as a legal assistant.*

#### NOTE:

*To find out more about the internship in The Court of BiH please email to [oko@registar.gov.ba](mailto:oko@registar.gov.ba) or call + 387 33 283 630*

## Project

“Creation of the Optimal Regional Incubating Policy for the Sarajevo Macro Region”

Team leader

Haris Abaspahic

## PROJECT “Creation of the Optimal Regional Incubating Policy for the Sarajevo Macro Region”



*This project is supported by the Delegation of the European Commission in BiH.*



The aim of the project was to identify and propose an optimal business incubating policy for the region. The study identifies and analyzes size, structure and needs of the SME sector and potential start-ups. Furthermore, it focuses 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 in European Countries, the study proposes a policy concerning the optimal number, type and size of incubating centers in the region. The project is funded by EC under the EU RED fund.

During the reported period the project is successfully finalized. All desk and primary research activities are fruitfully completed. All public debates are successfully organized. The first draft of the study is created and approved by Advisory Board members. The study is presented to the wider public and distributed to the SMR Municipal Mayors, SERDA and REDRIN Agencies and other relevant stakeholders in the region.

The project is officially finished and promoted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The study is available on the CIPS/ACIPS website. [www.cps.edu.ba](http://www.cps.edu.ba)

## Project

“Breaking the barriers”

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## ACIPS PROJECTS

Project: “BREAKING THE BARRIERS”



*This project is supported by Heinrich Böll Stiftung in BiH.*

The project „Breaking the barriers” consisted of three one day long conferences, held in three cities: Banja Luka, Mostar and Sarajevo.

Conference consisted of two parts: theoretical and practical part. In the first part, the participants were introduced to concepts of constituency and ethics, group and individual rights inside the EU, as well as basic mechanisms for protection of human rights.

The second part of the conference was more interactive, based on workshops activities and learning through various games and role plays. Topics discussed in this part were as follows: prejudice and stereotypes deeply embedded in our society, as well as necessity to face the realities of our xenophobia so we can face the EU future, and at the end positive practices on how to build trust within the local community were shared with participants.

The program was unique for all conferences.

The most essential conclusion of the conferences was the obligation to encourage young people to take an active role in decision making processes, acting as NGO activists, members of the political parties or activists newly founded movement.

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## PAST EVENTS

11 July 2005

Together with the European Commission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, ACIPS organized a public discussion with Mr. Ollie Rehn, EU Commissioner for Enlargement on police reform.

Time: 09:00, Monday, 11 July 2005

Place: ACIPS/CIPS premises, Zmaja od Bosne 8, Marshal Tito barracks (blue building)

Mr. Ollie Rehn, EU Commissioner for Enlargement on police reform studied economics, international relations and journalism at [Macalester College, Saint Paul, USA](#). He took a [master's degree](#) in political science from the [University of Helsinki](#) in 1989, and a [PhD](#) from the [University of Oxford](#) in 1996 on the subject of "Corporatism and Industrial Competitiveness in Small European States".

He began his political career as a city councilor in [Helsinki](#) in 1988. He was vice-president of the [Centre Party](#) from 1988 to 1994, having been president of its youth wing from 1987. Elected to the [Finnish Parliament](#) in 1991, Rehn led the Finnish delegation to the [Council of Europe](#), and was a special advisor to the [Finnish Prime Minister Esko Aho](#) from 1992 to 1993. He left the Finnish Parliament in 1995 to become an [MEP](#), aligned to the [liberal group](#).

In 2003 he became an advisor to the Prime Minister on economic policy, a position he held until his appointment to the European Commission the following year.

**NB! Unfortunately the event was cancelled due to poor weather conditions!!**

16 – 19 August 2005

Pathways to Reconciliation & Global Human Rights/ 4<sup>th</sup> International conference in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo 16<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2005.

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/globalism/conferences/humanrights>

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## FUTURE EVENTS

6 and 7 October 2005

FIPA/ European conference/ "Dialog and partnership in order to take up the development challenge of Bosnia and Herzegovina",  
6 and 7 October 2005. ,  
Apply via CIPS/ACIPS, limited nr. of participants

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## BH FRONT

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## Suggested web sites

Project "THE GATE"

For all human rights activists, researchers, workers and others we proudly present newly established portal

[www.ljudskaprava.ba](http://www.ljudskaprava.ba)

The project implemented by INFOHOUSE BiH and Human Rights Center of the University of Sarajevo

<http://www.mladi.info/>

<http://www.infohouse.ba/>

<http://www.genderit.org/>

[http://www.hrc.unsa.ba /](http://www.hrc.unsa.ba/)

<http://www.buybook.ba/>

<http://www.witt-project.net/>

<http://see.oneworld.net/>

<http://www.sarajevo-x.com/>

<http://www.infobar.ba/>

[www.entereurope.hr](http://www.entereurope.hr)

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