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your recommendations
and
ideas for upcoming new
projects, round tables or
publications. In addition,
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better communication
between members and
how
to administrate our
activities
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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 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. In this row below new ACIPS project are shortly described. We hope you find the newsletter informative and its content useful.

Thank you for your continued interest in ACIPS!



**Association Alumni of the
Center for
Interdisciplinary
Postgraduate Studies and
ACIPS Center for Policy
Research in cooperation
with Open Society Fund
BiH and the European
Institute from Sofia, had
organized a round table
under title: "European
Perspectives of Balkans"**

14th of November 2006

**Round table "European Perspectives of Balkans"
within "New Perspectives" project**

The main speakers at the round table were:

Stela Vasić-Centre for Security Studies

Emir Hadžikadunić – International University of Sarajevo



This round table was part of a regional project **„Strengthening Reciprocal Knowledge and Understanding between the European Union and Western Balkans“** in which, besides Bosnia and Herzegovina, are also involved Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia and Albania, with the purpose of developing national reports on European perspectives of the Balkans. Studies of the experts from BiH were presented on this round table. **Stela Vasić** spoke on **„Liberalization of the Schengen visa regime for BiH citizens“**, and **Emir Hadžikadunić** on **„Perspective of the Balkans in the European Integrations – View from BiH“**.



28th of November 2006

Round table

Back to BiH: Education and Employment



Prior to the finalizing the documentary film titled "Back to BiH: Education and Employment", the Association Alumni of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (ACIPS) with the OSCE had organized a roundtable, highlighting difficult and often frustrating situation students in this country are confronted with. The main component of this initiative is a short documentary based on students` experiences, which often borders with the absurd. The intended purpose is to share these personal experiences of a struggle to get a recognized diploma, to enroll at another university in purpose of pursuing a postgraduate or Ph.D degree program, or to find a job, more or less in line with the education obtained, after graduation.



The documentary film
"Back to BiH: Education
and Employment" was
broadcasted at BHT1,
Saturday 27th January
2007



“Under the Red Carpet”

Dennis Gratz

5th of December 2006

Dialogue about the book

The main speakers were:

Dennis Gratz, the Author of “Under the Red Carper”

Nenad Veličković, the Editor

Namir Ibrahimović, Literature Professor



Within the project, “New perspectives”, Association Alumni of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (ACIPS) had organized a public discussion about publishing in B&H – **Dialogue about the book “Under the Red Carpet”**. Dennis Gratz, the author of the book, is a member of ACIPS, he received his MA in field of Human rights and Democracy, and currently he is pursuing a Ph.D. degree at the University of Hamburg, Germany. He is the author of many poem collections, novels, scientific works and short movies.



9th of December 2006

ACIPS
General Assembly



At the General Assembly of the Association Alumni of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (ACIPS), activities of this organization for the past year were presented and election of new six members of the Steering Board and President of ACIPS was conducted. After presentation and adoption of ACIPS President, Steering Board, Political Council, New Perspectives and Financial reports, voting process and proclamation of newly elected members and president followed. Ivan Barbalić had received another mandate, and will remain President of ACIPS for another two years.

Six members of the Steering Board elected at the Assembly are: Dina Duraković, Faris Čengiđ, Lejsa Hećimović, Sanel Huskić, Una Bejtović-Mehmedović and Dennis Gratz.



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The European Commission's
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18th of December 2006, UNITIC Business Center

Seminar on National Development Plan of BiH
“Strengthening Government Capacity for the
Preparation of a National Development Plan for
Bosnia and Herzegovina”



The main speakers at the seminar were:

Osman Topcagic, Director, Directorate for European Integration of the Council of Ministers of BiH;

Dimitris Kourkoulas, EC Head of Mission – BiH;

Dirk Reinermann, Country Manager, BiH, World Bank;

Valdis Birkavs, Former Prime Minister of Latvia and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Latvia;

Andre Lys, Delegation of the EC to BiH;

Halil Ibrahim Akca, Deputy Undersecretary, State Planning Organization (DPT)/Government of Turkey;

Roumen Borissov & Constantine Palicarsky, Consultants, Wise & Wise Ltd.

Azemina Vukovic, Directorate for Economic Planning of the Council of Ministers of BiH;

Haris Abaspahic, ACIPS Center for Policy Research;

Goran Dostic, ACIPS Center for Policy Research;



Bosnia and Herzegovina is currently in the phase of negotiations with the European Union for concluding the Stabilization and Association Agreement. The process of the EU accession itself requires capacity of local administration to systematically plan and implement single strategies and policies in this context. Every country that went through the EU integration process have developed and implemented a National Development Plan (NDP) in order to speed up the definition and realization of the country's development priorities.

„Model for development of EU pre-accession funds absorption capacities in Bosnia and Herzegovina“ is the name of the ACIPS Center for Policy Research study presented at this seminar.

This seminar was jointly organized by Directorate for European Integrations of the Council of Ministers of BiH, The World Bank Institute, The World Bank Country Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Delegation of the European Commission to Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as ACIPS Center for Policy Research.

21st of December 2006

Public lecture titled:
“Entering the Partnership for Peace and Regional Perspectives for the Safety”

Lecture held by:
Macedonian Minister of Defense, Lazar Elenovski



Within the project „New Perspectives“ ACIPS organized a public lecture held by Macedonian Minister of Defense, Lazar Elenovski. He described Macedonian experiences of entering partnership for peace and all the benefits and disadvantages this membership brings. Also, the lecture helped all participants to recognize the importance of entering this partnership and eventually becoming a member of NATO.





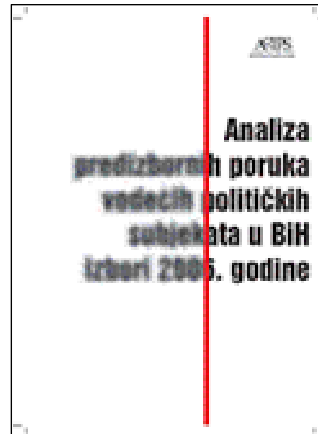
Centers for Civic
Initiatives



**„Monitoring of pre
election activities of
the leading political
parties in B&H“**

ACIPS publishing activities

As a result of the researches within the recent projects ACIPS has issued two publications.



**“Analiza predizbornih poruka vodećih političkih subjekata u BiH-Izbori 2006.”/
“Analysis of the pre election campaigns of leading political subjects in B&H- Elections 2006”;**

Sarajevo 2006, publisher ACIPS, done by the group of authors.

This study encompasses results of the comprehensive research undertaken by ACIPS research team. The subject of research were public appearances (TV/six TV stations; newspapers/7 daily newspapers; public speeches; billboards; TV adds, etc.) of the leading politicians during the period of the most intensive pre election campaign. ACIPS team of experts analyzed their agendas, and most emphasized parts of these agendas, in relation to the goals and demands citizens recognized as the most important ones.



**„East, East Program
Partnership Beyond
Borders“/ Thrust
Building Initiatives for
European Union**



“Odnos države i nevladinih organizacija u procesima pridruživanja EU u Hrvatskoj, Srbiji i BiH: Kroz partnerstvo do uspjeha”/ “The state and NGO’s in the EU Accession Process in Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina: through partnership to success”;

Published by ACIPS, Sarajevo 2006

Three policy papers (case studies) presented in this book are dealing with potential ways of cooperation among state institutions and NGOs in the processes of euro integrations in the three countries.

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