

# FUND FOR TALENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

June 29<sup>th</sup>

Niš City Mayor Darko Bulatovic and the Minister of Youth and Sports in the Government of Serbia Vanja Udovicic, today, awarded the scholarships to the best students of the University of Niš, who received Fund for Talents scholarships. This year, the scholarships will be awarded to a total of 1,300 students in Serbia, with 400 of them being at the postgraduate studies. In Niš, 197 most talented students from Niš University received the scholarship, 30 of them with an average grade of 10. "It is very important that, from year to year, the scholarships from the Ministry of Youth and Sports are getting bigger and more students are being awarded. Following the activities of the Ministry and the Government of Serbia aimed at young talented people, the local self-government, strives to, in the true sense of the word, valorize the gem that it has, seeks to enable the opening of new jobs so that these young people can stay here. As a significant project that we are implementing with the state, I would also like to mention the construction of the most modern Scientific Research Center in the Balkans, and, by the implementation of this project the state shows how interested it is in the future of our young people who are the future of us all", Mayor Bulatovic said. He stressed that the City of Niš was also trying to allocate more funds from the city budget for scholarships for a larger number of secondary school and students. Minister Udovicic stressed that the Ministry had made enormous efforts to provide adequate scholarships for the most talented young people in Serbia. "I am extremely pleased that, today, scholarship amounts to 30 thousand dinars and that this amount is bigger than last year", Minister Udovicic said. On this occasion Minister praised the activities of the City of Niš in the field of youth policy.

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# **NIS ENERGY BALANCE PRESENTED**

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Nis City Deputy Mayor Milos Bandjur met today with the Assistant Minister of Mining and Energy Mr. Miloš Banjac who attended the presentation of the energy balance of the City of Nis for 2017 and awarded the certificate to the course participants regarding the application of information systems in the city's energy management. The City of Nis established the institution of the Energy Manager in 2017. The two officials discussed the measures that could contribute to the efficient use of energy and their realization. It is estimated that cooperation and exchange of experiences on the establishment of an organized energy management system with other municipalities and cities from the country and abroad, with scientific institutions and public enterprises is very important.

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# **PUBLIC HEARING ON GENDER EQUALITY DRAFT LAW**

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The public debate on the draft of the new Law on Gender Equality was held today attended by the State Secretary at the Ministry of Labor, Veterans and Social Affairs, Ms. Stana Bozovic and Nis City Deputy Mayor Milos Bandjur. Preventing

discrimination against women in employment, the right to equal pay, promotion and improvement, banning the media from promoting prejudice and stereotypes towards women, are only part of what the new Law on Gender Equality offers. The draft law has also raised the rankings for political parties, as it is predicted that at least 40% of the candidates of the less represented sex should be included in the electoral lists. Also, public authorities are obliged to take special measures to ensure gender representation when proposing permanent Serbian delegations in international bodies and appointments of the collegial republic and other bodies. An important segment is dedicated to suppressing violence against women, which, thanks to the activities of all competent authorities, is no longer a "taboo" topic in our society. The draft law devotes a great deal of attention to the suppression of gender discrimination in the field of labor, which provides equal opportunities for employment, promotion, and training.