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The Governing Board of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Ambassador of Sweden Mr. Jan Lundin visited Nis and met with the Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic and the representatives of the City of Nis Office for Local Economic Development and Projects to discuss sustainable urban development. Nis is the first city in Serbia that the Sida Board visited, as Sweden is supporting the preparations of building a wastewater treatment plant in the Nis. The Swedish support to Serbia, including the development cooperation, is based on Serbia's commitment to the EU integration process. The Swedish Government is evaluating the results of the current cooperation strategy and assessing further support to Serbia after 2020. Today the development program is 11 million euro per year and covers the areas of democracy and rule of law, economic integration and environment and climate. "Sweden and Serbia have a long history of cooperation, including development cooperation. The Board wants to know more about priorities for cooperation today – and in the future. In Nis we have a good example of cooperation. Together with the Ministry of Environment, the City of Nis and the EU we join forces to build a waste water treatment plant. Sustainable urban development is necessary to secure the health of citizens, the rivers, air and soil and economic development. The project in Nis includes close cooperation between the Ministry of Environment, local

authorities and representatives in the City of Nis within the Swedish PEID project (Priority Environmental Infrastructure for Development). The PEID project will support the preparation of the conceptual design and the tender documents for the waste water treatment plant and collectors. Under the IPA2018 programme, the EU has planned to fund the construction of the Nis waste water treatment plant for approximately 43 million euro” as Ms. Yvonne Gustafsson, the Chair of Board, said. Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic expressed his great gratitude to the Swedish Development Agency for donations and great work on this, for the City of Nis, an extremely important project. “I would like to thank Ambassador Lundin and the representatives of the Swedish Agency for many meetings and discussions we have had related to the project and expressed sincere desire that it really succeeded. We are close to the final stage of the project. The City of Nis has fulfilled all obligations to this day, as well as the project team, and we expect that everything will continue according to the agreed dynamic plan, to the satisfaction of all of us, because together we are implementing the largest ecological project in this part of Europe, “said the Mayor of Nis. With the waste water treatment in Nis, it is estimated that Nisava River will be cleaner for 11.000 tons of sludge and solid waste annually which will give better health for all citizens and reduced risks of diseases.

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The 2019 European Women Basketball Championship, commonly called EuroBasket Women 2019 will be the 37th edition of the continental tournament in women's basketball, sanctioned by the FIBA Europe. The tournament will be co-held in Serbia and Latvia from 27 June to 7 July 2019. By symbolic countdown the official promotion of the European Championship for women in basketball started. Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatović pressed the button marking the beginning of the countdown to EuroBasket Women 2019 which would start in Nis for exactly 100 days. "By symbolically starting these watches, we remind ourselves and the citizens that we have begun counting for the last 100 days until EuroBasket Women 2019. I would like to cordially welcome all the guests to the imperial Nis, and for our basketball players I wish great matches, victories and winning of gold!" as Nis City Mayor said.