

European Commission Roma Policy Coordinator Marta Garcia Fidalgo Visits Roma Settlements in Nis

October 25

Roma Policy Officer in the European Commission, Marta Garcia Fidalgo and Project Manager for Social Inclusion and Minority Rights at the EU Delegation to Serbia, Mrjana Maksimovic paid a half-day visit to Niska Banja City Municipality and the project Establishing Housing and Financial Autonomy of Roma Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons through Cooperation on the Local Level funded by the European Union, and implemented by the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, the Roma League and the City of Niska Banja. During her visit to Niska Banja, the Roma Policy Coordinator and Project Manager got acquainted with the project and the results achieved, but also visited three families from the readmission group. She ended her visit with a visit to the first Roma Cultural Center in the Balkans, which opened in May this year. There is a lot of work being done to integrate Roma through the documents, but it is very important to know the situation in the field. My general impression after today is that there are many more problems and needs, but I will leave with the impression that there are people here in the political sphere and in the donor community who are willing

They want Roma integration to become an important part of the political agenda. In the political sphere, we can make a connection between Roma integration and EU accession because we want those politicians who are not very interested in the Roma issue but are in favor of EU accession to understand that Roma integration is one of the conditions for this, said Fidalgo.

MAYOR SUBMITTED THE REPORT TO THE NIS CITY ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

August 10th

Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic submitted a two-year report on his work and the work of the City Council to the members of Nis City Assembly. The most significant result was the stabilization of city finances, regular settlement of all financial obligations, and repayment of debts from the previous period in the amount of 2.6 billion dinars without taking any new loans from the banks, neither for current liquidity nor for the allowed bank overdraft. Also, according to him, this period was marked by the great support from the President of the Republic and the Government, both in financial and investment segments, facilitating the city to become a major regional center of this part of our country, through the implementation of the projects such as: completion of highway corridors, reconstruction of the railway line, investment in the airport, completion of the Clinical Center, activities on the construction of a roundabout and reconstruction of the railway line from Nis to Dimitrovgrad, a

facades. Bulatovic pointed out that both the President and the Government were in Nis several times, as well as numerous ambassadors, whose visits aimed at providing support for the development of this part of Serbia. New jobs, employment, a better standard of our fellow citizens, more satisfied people, this is all what we striving for, Bulatovic said. The Mayor said that there were things he was not satisfied with: The debts that we inherited from the previous period, which we had to return, burdened us, and at the same time we had to settle regularly the current bills and financial commitments. Until this moment we have successfully dealt with this, and I am confident that we will continue to solve these problems successfully. Never before has the City of Nis had such big investments, big projects. In solving the communal problems for Hum, Brenica and other parts of the city, in the next year, we will allocate at least one billion dinars more than this year, and that is why we need more project designers. We have allocated 6.5 million dinars for projects design outside the jobs entrusted to the Institute for Urban Planning, so that we would be more prepared for the projects that are ahead of us, the Mayor concluded.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE BOMBING OF NIS IN 1941

April 7th

In memory of the victims of the bombing of Nis on April 8th, 1941, the flower wreaths were laid on the Memorial at the Old Nis cemetery. 400 citizens of Nis lost their lives in the ruins caused by the bombing by fascist Germany. On the behalf

of the City of Nis the tribute to the victims of that day was

UNIVERSITY OF NIS ACADEMIC CHOIR CELEBRATES 45TH ANNIVERSARY

November 20

Persons with Disabilities and the Association of War-Disabled

to be a good host and preserve initial scientific and

for children and students of Ni s preschool institutions and schools. *Outdoor Science Classroom* will complement the work of the Center Science Club. The Installations in the outdoor classroom are unique because they are interactive encouraging visitors to participate.

The City of Ni s will always support such projects and I sincerely hope that this is a good start of something much more complex and larger, where students and all those interested will find their own scientific playground as Councilor Krstic said during the opening ceremony.

DOCUMENTARY ON HIPPIE VALLEY IN NIS SOON

Ni s City Council Member Jelena Mitrovski met with the team that has been working on the preparation of the documentary dedicated to the Hippie Valley in Ni s. The producer of the film is Mr. Oliver Paunovic, General Manager of the Ni s City Marketing Center and the film director is Mr. Bobi Rajkovic.

Triglav. Back in the seventies Vladimir Nazor Street was for everyone Hippie Valley. The tourists who visited Nis at those times were confused by the number of young people strolling every night or just hanging out.

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