

# **DRAGANA SOTI ROVSKI MAYOR**

**NEW**

August 21, 2020

The members of the City of Nis Assembly elected Mrs. Dragana

tourism and we can offer a lot to potential investors, said Mayor Bulatovic. Jozsef Gaal said that there were interested Hungarian investors, ready to invest in spa tourism in Serbia and that they would be provided with the necessary documentation, and then concrete meetings were to follow. There is also a possibility of faculty-level cooperation in scientific fields, since the member of the Kecskemét delegation was Jozsef Karpati, the Head of the Cabinet of the Dean of John Neumann University in Kecskemét.

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## **PUPILS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL NJEGOS VISITED MAYOR**

October 16

Within the European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) the City of Nis Office of the Mayor organized the visit of the members of Pupils Parliament and senior classes of the Primary School Njegos to the City Hall. The pupils met with Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic and had the opportunity to get acquainted with the work of City of Nis management, to hear personally from

of schools and provision of digital textbooks for all pupils. The European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) is a pan-European event which aims at boosting local democracy and citizen participation. It is an initiative coordinated by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. Local authorities from all the 47 Member States of the Council of Europe, and their associations are invited to register and organize public events to promote and foster democratic participation at grassroots level. It is fundamental for an established and functioning local democracy to promote education for democratic citizenship among young people and children. Moreover, by engaging children and youth, local authorities will understand better their



# AMBASSADOR OF FINLAND VISITED NIS

October 9

Finnish ambassador in Serbia Mr. Kimmo Lahdevirta visited Nis. He met with Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic and the two officials discussed the possibilities of Finnish companies investing in IT in this area and improving cooperation in other areas with this Scandinavian country. Ambassador Lahdevirta said that Finland operates in Serbia through several companies, and especially emphasized the example of the brand Kone, which deals with the installation of lifts and escalators and has a business center in Serbia. After the meeting with the Mayor, the Ambassador Lahdevirta spoke about the priorities of the Finland chairing the EU Council in the second half of 2019. During the presentation of the priorities of the Finnish EU Presidency the Ambassador also emphasized the importance of enlargement of the Union as well as the unity of the entire continent. If we want to succeed in the future, I think we must all be together, not only EU member states but all European countries, said Ambassador Lahdevirta. Finland took over the rotating six-month presidency of the EU Council from Romania on 1 July this year.

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# **SLOVENIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS VISITING NIS**

September 18

The delegation of the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia visited Nis, where it met with Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic. In a cordial and friendly conversation, they exchanged views on the promotion of cooperation between the City of Nis and this former Yugoslav Republic. Mayor Bulatovic pointed out that cooperation was at high level, but that it could be improved further. He particularly referred to the establishment of air traffic on the Nis-Ljubljana route and the fact that the planes were mostly full, which greatly facilitated the further development of cooperation. On the Slovenian side, expressions of gratitude were expressed by Predrag Bakovic, the Member of Parliament and the President of the Friendship Group with Serbia.

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# **NEW INFORMATION CAMPAIGN WITHIN HELP PROJECT IN NIS**

September 16

A new cycle of information campaigns within the support for

employment and self-employment provided by Help s project Supporting Socio-Economic Stability in the Western Balkans 2019-2020 . The first in a series of presentations was attended by Ni s City Mayor Darko Bulatovic, Help s Manager for Economic Development Masa Bubanj and Chief of the Office for Local Economic Development and Projects Milan Randjelovic. Based on the new project for providing support in equipment, all young, unemployed with a sustainable business idea that will provide a regular source of income for themselves and their families can compete. Priority is given to crafts and services and processing in agriculture. The new project cycle brings the opportunity to support at least 30 new micro and small businesses with grants in equipment with an average value of 2,400.00, with regular business and professional training to increase the sustainability of business activities. The cost of direct costs for equipment to be supported in Ni s under this project is 72,000.00, with the City s participation of 40% In cooperation with the City, Help has so far supported 483 beneficiaries with grants for micro and small business equipment and seven cooperatives since 2005 through economic empowerment projects totaling 1.9 million. The sustainability of supported businesses is more than 80%

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## **MEETING WITH THE HEADS OF UNDP AND UNHCR IN SERBIA**

August 29

Ni s City Mayor Darko Bulatovic met with UNDP and UNHCR

representatives in Serbia about the assistance these organizations has been providing to the city in the implementation of projects of particular importance to national minorities. The meeting was also attended by Nis City Council Member for Social Care Issues Ms. Tijana Djordjevic Ilic and Assistant Mayor Goran Milosavljevi . Mayor Bulatovic emphasized the openness of the City of Nis to all projects



passengers went through the Ni s airport and that, according to current indicators, the number of passenger in August would reach 50 000. He added that in addition to 12 Air Serbia

