

DAY OF LIBERATION OF NIS IN SECOND WORLD WAR MARKED

October 14

By laying flower wreaths at the Monument to Liberators at the central city square and at the memorial complex Bubanj, the anniversary of the liberation of Nis in the Second World War was marked. City of Nis delegation, led by Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic paid their respects together with the delegations of the Serbian Armed Forces, the Ministry of the Interior, the Nisava District and the Association for the Conservation of the Traditions of the Liberation Wars of Serbia. Nis was freed on October 14, 1944, when the 22nd Division of the People's Liberation Movement entered the city and attacked the German troops from the south.

CITY OF NIS PROMOTES EUROPEAN LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK

The European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) is a pan-European event which aims at boosting local democracy and citizen

people and authorities is key to the good functioning of democracy, and local authorities play a crucial role in strengthening public confidence in the democratic system of governance. Open government is a simple but powerful idea that government will work better for people if it is transparent, participatory and accountable. These three concepts have now become the cornerstones of good democratic governance. Through this practice, citizens can understand and influence the workings of the authorities and hold them accountable. The main purpose of open government is to ensure better decision making, greater public trust, reduced corruption and more effective public services. Open government includes various practices, such as open data initiatives, access to information laws, political rights, whistleblower protection, public consultation and engagement processes, among many other. Since the right of

mechanism which enables young people to take an active role in decision making, and for networking and inter-sectoral cooperation of institutions dealing with the young people. The presentation will be followed by the debate in which the members of the Youth Council and Youth Office will try to provide information and answers to the questions of the general public.

City of Nis Office of the Mayor organizes the visit of the members of the pupils parliament and senior classes of the primary school Njegos to Nis City Hall. They will have the opportunity to see what the Mayor does, how he makes decisions and ask him questions. The Mayor will provide information what the local government is doing for children and how problems are being solved or new activities being implemented.

Youth Office of the City of Nis is organizing the Youth NGO Fair in order to enable them to present their activities to the young and the way of cooperating with the local authorities and attracting young people to take part in their projects. The local government is supporting the young by supporting the work of youth NGOs. Youth Office improves youth politics in the area of education, sports, free time, increasing employment, information, health, culture, gender equality, preventing crimes and violence. Some of the services which the Youth Office provides are: financing youth projects, providing career guidance, organizing internships, supporting volunteering, providing free seminars for increasing youth competences, informing the young, etc. Youth Office administrates the Public Call for financing projects for the young intended for the civil sector each year. Since 2012 until now there have been more than 160 projects financed through youth NGOs.

Open data can be viewed as raw material that enables the creation of practical solutions in the public and private sectors and forms a new generation of entrepreneurs and social innovators. City of Nis Office for Local Economic Development and Projects will present the concept of Open Data, good practice examples in Serbia and worldwide, as well as examples of reuse of those sets of data in order to create an added value and better and more transparent services provided to the citizens. The general public will also have the opportunity to have the insight into the open data of the City of Nis, as the result of the project Open Data Appear on the Map which has been realized within the national program r

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Switzerland supported the introduction of digital platforms to modernize the work of local parliaments. Nis City Assembly Speaker Rade Rajkovic and Nis City Mayor Darko Bulatovic met with UNDP Resident Representative Francine Pickup and Swiss Cooperation

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.

RECEPTION FOR JOY OF EUROPE

2030 AGENDA

NIS

September 20

City of Nis marked the European Mobility Week with traditional program on main city square. This European initiative encourages cities to introduce sustainable transport measures and urges people to change traffic behavior opting for alternative modes of transport instead of cars. European Mobility Week is a manifestation promoting alternative modes of transport in relation to motorized transport using fossil fuels. The aim of the European Mobility Week is to make efforts to reduce the use of passenger cars and to improve conditions for public transport, movement of cyclists and pedestrians through promotional events and the implementation of at least one sustainable measure of sustainable urban mobility.

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.

