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# NIŠ CITIZENS CLEANED UP THEIR CITY

Around 10 thousand Niš citizens took part in action "Serbia clean-up" by which June 5th, World day of environmental protection, was marked.



Niš City Mayor Miloš Simonović together with the Nis City Administration officials and employes cleaning the near by hill – Bubanj

Employees from all city administrations and services, public utility companies, non-governmental organizations, pupils from primary and secondary schools, army members, scouts, employees from Železnica and Telekom, as well as numerous citizens took part In the Action of Niš clean-up. They collected waste on 30 different locations in the City and thus showed that they

had developed awareness about the environmental protection.

During the Action volunteers managed to clean-up memorial park Bubanj, green zone by the railroad going through the City, Nišava banks, access roads, primary and secondary school yards. As well, wild landfills from Sićevo and Jelašnica gorge were cleaned up.



Only a few hours after the beginning of "Serbia clean up" sacks full of garbage collected by volunteers could be seen anywhere.

The greatest part of the collected waste ended up on the City landfill but the great part will be recycled since Niš became one of the first cities in Serbia to organize selection and recycling of package waste.



Let's Clean Up Serbia Campaign

## CITY MARKED ITS CELEBRATION DAY

**City Celebration "St Emperor Constantine and Empress Helen" was marked with a liturgy in the Church of St. Constantine and Helena, held by His Holiness Patriarch Irinej with priesthood of Niš Eparchy and with a procession around the St Sava Park.**

The procession was led by Serbia Patriarch Irinej with the priesthood joined by Niš City Mayor Miloš Simonović, the Niš City Assembly president Mile Ilić, this year's host the City celebration- President of Medijana Municipality Mr Dragoslav Ćirković, other city officials, representatives of the Serbian Army as well as numerous citizens. The procession went through Niš streets followed by the Orchestra of Serbian Army.



Procession

After the procession, Patriarch Irinej cut the celebration bread. Next year, on behalf of the City of Niš, the host of the city celebration will be Goran Ćirić.

## CITIES FROM SOUTH-EAST EUROPE MET IN SOFIA

**Niš City Mayor Miloš Simonović participated at the meeting of Network of Associations of Local Authorities in South-East Europe (NALAS), held in Sofia.**



City of Sofia

Representative of local-self governments from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Croatia, Montenegro, Moldova, Albania, Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey and Serbia participated at the meeting dedicated to topics related to strengthening of political neutrality and independence in association of of local-self governments, role of associations in energy efficiency and financial crisis.

NALAS is a Network of Associations of Local Authorities in South-East Europe. The network gathers 15 associations representing around 4000 local self-governments, directly elected by 80 million citizens from the region. The NALAS Secretariat is based in Skopje.

**FINA Men's Water Polo World League 2010 Super Final**  
**13.-18. July 2010**  
**Outdoor swimming pool "Čair"**

## 7TH CONFERENCE OF SERBIAN ECONOMISTS

**7th Conference of Serbian economists entitled "Economic Development of Underdeveloped Serbian Regions and EU Integration" organized by Serbian Economic Association And Niš Economists Association, under the patronage of Niš City, took place in the Big Hall of Niš University.**

Niš City actively participated in this expert meeting. The topic of the Conference was recognized as one of the greatest challenges for our City and all the capacities of Local Self Government were included in the process of concrete problems solving.

The main topics of this gathering were the role of policy and diplomacy in economic development of the region, business reaction to political decisions, role of local-self government in economic development and one part of the conference was dedicated to Euroregion Niš-Sofia-Skopje.

Special attention was paid to the role of local-self government in the local-economic development.



7th Conference of Serbian Economists – Economic Development of Underdeveloped Serbian Regions and EU Integration

## NIŠ CITY SAFETY STRATEGY ADOPTED

**Niš City Safety Strategy was adopted with unanimous decision brought by Niš City Assembly.**

The development of Safety Strategy started in April 2009, when City of Niš and Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI), signed the Memorandum of Understanding. DAI is implementation partner of the program for planning and reacting in crisis situations and strengthening of economic safety (PPES).

Safety strategy has 4 specific tasks- economic, environmental, social safety and reacting in cases of emergency situations.

After the adoption of the Strategy by the City Assembly, it is anticipated to implement the project which would be defined by annex, but, as well, many other projects directly

deriving from the specific goals and actions set by this document.

Production of the document was financed by USAID, while the Faculty of Occupational Safety in Niš was in charge of developing it, together with the delegated work team consisting of 40 members.

Safety Strategy will enable far more reacting in emergency situations. In this way, Niš City will become a member of Association of European Safe Cities which will contribute to the increase of foreign investments in our City. The City of Niš was proposed for a member at the Association of European Safe Cities Conference.

## RECEPTION FOR DELEGATION FROM UNIVERSITY IN UKRAINE

**Niš City Mayor Miloš Simonović organized a reception for the delegation from Lugansk University from Ukraine, which is in the official visit to Niš University on the occasion of the Day of University in Niš.**



Reception for the Ukrainian University of Lugansk Delgation

Ukraine University and Niš University signed the Memorandum on Cooperation, which implies education of our students at the University in Ukraine.

Ten graduates from Musical High School will continue their education at this prominent University. Regular scholarship for a year at this University is 7.500\$ and Niš Students will pay only 1500\$

The agreement between two universities is made at the highest academic and state level, because Niš graduates received invitation from Ukraine Ministry of Culture, state universities from Kiev and Lugansk, Institute for culture, art and music culture.

According to the Mayor Miloš Simonović, signed Memorandum on Cooperation between two universities is the beginning of cooperation which will offer Niš students a chance to educate in Ukraine in many areas, at favourable conditions.

## DELEGATION OF RUSSIAN MINISTRY FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS VISITED NIŠ

**Delegation of Russian Federation Ministry for Emergency Situations met Niš City Mayor Miloš Simonović and City Council member in charge of Crisis situations Žarko Ranković in order to discuss and agree upon concrete issues related to the establishment of Niš Center for Emergency Situations Management.**

Delegation of the Ministry for Internal Affairs, led by Minister's Assistant and Emergency Situations Sector Chief Predrag Maric also participated at the meeting.

According to the Deputy Minister for Emergency Situations of Russian Federation, General Pavel Plat, this meeting represents a concretization of Russian-Serbian Agreement on the establishment of Center for Emergency Situations Management, signed last autumn, during the stay of Russian President Dmitri Medvedev and Minister for Emergency Situations of Russian Federation, Sergej Shoygu in Serbia.

Niš is the right place for the establishment of such a Center for it is located on a very important geo-strategic position and on the other hand, is capable of providing complete infrastructure for the operation of the Center, said the Mayor Simonović.

According to his words, the City of Niš, in partnership with United States Agency for International Development (USAID), produced the Safety Strategy which was adopted by the City Assembly, at the beginning of June and thus it became the first city in Serbia to have such an important strategic document.

City Council member in charge of Crisis situations Žarko Ranković said that the City of Niš will apply for the admission in Association of European Safe Cities of Europe, after the Safety Strategy is adopted and Protocol on Cooperation in Crisis Management between Niš and Vienna is signed.

Delegation of Russian Ministry for Emergency Situations visited International Airport "Constantine the Great" where the Niš Center for Emergency Situations Management should be located, as a logistic base for protection and rescue operations in Serbia and in the region.

## NIŠ 2013 HOST TO EUROPEAN FOLKLORE

**In June 2013 Niš will host European Festival of Serbian Folklore of Diaspora, after being selected for organizer by the Jury.**

More than 2500 dancers will participate at the festival that will last for 2 days.

This Festival is of a great importance for the promotion of Niš City in the international frameworks. Around 1500 visitors more are expected to visit

the City of Niš as escorts to dancers. Bearing in mind that this Festival will take place in 2013, this manifestation will be an ideal opportunity for the guests from Diaspora to find out more about cultural and historical inheritance of Niš City and Milan Edict.

## PUBLIC DEBATE- AGENDA 21 AND PUBLIC DEBATE ON LAP FOR CHILDREN DRAFT

**Representatives of all cultural institutions, NGOs and Niš Citizens had a chance to take part in the public debate on Agenda 21.**

This is a document which globally advocates for the establishment of basis for the responsibilities of cities and local governments for cultural development. After Novi Sad, Niš will be the second city in Serbia to adopt this strategic document. Agenda 21 was produced by a mutual agreement of cities and local self governments worldwide for the protection of their commitment to human rights, cultural diversity, sustainability, active democracy and creation of the conditions for peace.

Official adoption of this document is very important for Niš for it implies initiatives, together with citizens, to make the culture a key actor in local policy, providing possibilities for our city to create a long-term vision of cultural development. More on: [www.agenda21culture.net](http://www.agenda21culture.net)

The Debate on LAP for children - Niš tailored for children, was held on June 10th 2010.

The City of Niš recognized the importance of common planning of children protection in the local community as a possibility to improve care for children and to give more adequate response to children and families' needs in the community. LAP for the Children will contribute to implementation of the National Action plan and policy for the children on local level.

Niš City LAP for the Children, which is the result of Multi-sector Council work, represents a strategic document of the City which defines policy towards children.