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FIRST MATCHES IN RECONSTRUCTED SPORTS ARENA ČAIR IN OCTOBER

The works on the reconstruction of the Sports Arena Čair are almost finished getting ready for the biggest championships.



Arena Čair Ready for Biggest Sports Events

Final works are being carried out: the installation of parquet, tiles, isolation, chairs as well as electro-installation works. Niš City Team in charge of Arena Čair reconstruction regularly presents the reconstruction works dynamics to Serbian Handball Federation. The presented report confirms that the planned dynamics has been respected and that the suggestions made by EHF for the

improvements of the facility itself have been incorporated into new Arena design. EHF Delegation is expected to visit Niš so as to confirm that the reconstructed sports hall satisfies all the conditions for the organisation of Men's EHF EURO 2012 scheduled for January 2012. According to the reconstruction project, Sports Arena Čair will have completely new interior, wider capacity, new air-conditioning system, stairways,



reconstructed dressing rooms, medical block and telescopic stands. It will be fully equipped to host the biggest sports events.

The first match to be played in new sports hall is between the senior women's handball national teams of Serbia and Greece on October 19, 2011

within EHF for 2012 Championship in Holland. Also, Serbian Handball Federation asked from Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic to schedule the matches on first Nations Cup competition day at Nis Sports Arena Cair. Nations Cup matches will be played in Nis, Vrsac and Belgrade from

November 3 to November 6, 2011 between Czech, Hungarian, Croatian and Serbian national teams. These matches will be a test before Men's EHF EURO 2012 scheduled for January 2012.

PHOTO GALLERY - SPORTS ARENA ČAIR



Arena Čair – New Stands



Arena Čair – New Stands



Arena Čair – New Stands



Arena Čair - New Entrances



Arena Čair - New Entrances



Arena Čair New Exterior

PRODUCTION STARTS AT SHINWON

Korean company SHINWON opened its gate for first 100 workers in their new production facility in Donje Medjurovo.

The company also announced that they planned to hire 500 workers which was 200 more than originally planned. This new factory is important since the entire production value chain, from raw materials coming from Bor mines to final delivered products intended for export primarily, will be rounded up locally. The company management expressed great satisfaction with the efficiency of local

city administration units in the process of issuing necessary permits. On the occasion off new factory starting to work, Mayor Simonović said that it was extremely important that foreign investors showed they trusted the City of Nis and its management. He said that only good investments opened good quality jobs and created good future for Niš citizens.



First 100 workers employed at Shinwon

MAYOR HELD ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE

For last three years the City of Nis managed to regain the investors' trust and to become a serious partner on the road to faster economic development.

All this was made possible by taking seriously the problem of equipping infrastructurally the land properties to be offered to potential investors. We have created positive business climate for initiation of big investment project which directly influence the problem of unemployment", said Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic at the press conference held on the occasion of marking three-year performance of this public office. All that has been done within the jurisdiction of local self government is in accordance with the plan that Mayor Simonovic proposed in his inauguration speech on the day of taking over the office.

"It was not easy. Only if you set ambitious goals before yourself, you can achieve the ones actually possible, the ones which I presented in my speech held before the member of Nis City Assembly and the citizens of Nis. Many politicians who did this job before me were in a position to boost the development of this city in many areas. They missed their chances out of different reasons - out of ignorance, lack of concern, or out of need to put personal benefit before the benefits of our citizens. We decided not to miss a single chance", said Mayor Simonovic.

"Finally, after 20 years, the City created favourable climate for investing in this part of Serbia. The City of Nis managed to attract foreign investors in these times of global economic crisis and it managed to become the most attractive destination in Serbia for the construction of new factories and production facilities. We have become the city with most direct investments. The interest of investors in Niš is the direct consequence of the changed attitude of local self government towards potential investors."



Annual press Conference

"We have undertaken some big infrastructural projects. We have ventured into reconstructing the main traffic road in the city and into constructing new city boulevards. We were determined to reconstruct completely the city zone with the heaviest traffic that everybody shrank back from. Regarding other infrastructural projects, the reconstruction of Cair Sports Hall and Stadium is set as top priority. This is the first time the sport hall is being reconstructed since it was built 20 years ago. No investment has been made into Cair Stadium for last 30 years. Niš City will get contemporary sport complex with reconstructed Stadium and Arena Čair and constructed open air swimming pool. Other important successfully implemented projects are the construction of 7 new kindergartens, and 9 out-patient health care centers. How important these projects are can be best assess by the fact that last new kindergarten was built 20 years ago."

CAIR STADIUM RECONSTRUCTION SECOND PHASE

The second phase of Cair Stadium Reconstruction projects has begun.



Čair Stadium Reconstruction Second Phase

This phase envisages the construction of concrete stands on the stadium East, South and North side. Preparatory works on the East side Stands which had been out of function for previous 15 years were finished. The main reconstruction conceptual design envisages all-seater stadium with 6966 seats on the East side stands, 9037 seats on South and North side stands and 2154 seats on West side stands. Reconstructed stadium will have the capacity of 18 151, with additional 120 seats for VIPs and 50 seats for media. 925 million dinars will be needed for complete reconstruction. After the reconstruction in line with FIFA standards Niš Stadium will have a completely new look. Niš City will get contemporary sport complex with reconstructed Stadium and Arena Cair and constructed open air swimming pool.

NEW KINDERGARTENS

Seven new kindergartens for day care of 1300 children have been built in Niš for last three years.

Niš has become recognizable for its intention to make education services available to every child, no matter where he or she lives whether it is the city or village. Constructing village kindergartens represents a significant improvement in equalization of living conditions in the city and in the village area, which is one of the priorities for Niš City management.

The works have been completed on the second kindergarten in rural area in the village of Gornji Matejevac. This new kindergarten in Gornji Matejevac will accommodate 90 children. Elaine Laycock Foundation from England supported financially the construction of this second village kindergarten as it had done with the first one in Gornja Toponica.



New Kindergarten

EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL SME NETWORKING

Niš City Mayor Miloš Simonović and LEDIB Programme Director Karsten Lund signed the contract on the implementation of the project External and Internal SME Networking.

The overall project objective is the support to the improvement of SME competitiveness on national and export markets by improving the local business environment through direct involvement of private sector representatives in creation of Niš City LED and SME development policies and activities. The total project value is 1.490.000,00 RSD out of which LEDIB would provide 1.250.000,00 RSD while the City would provide 240.000,00 RSD.

City of Niš has made significant changes and improvement in field of local economic development in last few years. By implementing this project all the instruments currently available will be used to improve the business climate in the city, improve internal SME networking among local businesses,



New Joint LEDIB and Niš City Project

improve networking of local companies and FDIs from the region and improve the cooperation and between the City of Niš, local business community and FDIs.

NIS RAILWAY BY-PASS

EU Delegation in Serbia announced that the public call for the preparation of the Niš City Railway By-Pass Project documentation would be launched in September.



The project documentation will include the technical documentation (together with feasibility study, expense analyses, environmental assessment impact analyses, conceptual project design and tender dossiers) for the construction of new railway track which will go around the city. In July this year, the Head of the EU Delegation in Serbia, Ambassador Vincent Degert and Serbian Vice-premier Bozidar Djelic signed a financial agreement between the European Commission and the Serbian Government on the National Programme for the Republic of Serbia for 2011 for the implementation of 23 projects worth €178.5 million.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENTS WORKING TOGETHER

The first meeting of the Inter-Municipal Forum of the Cities of Niš and Leskovac and Municipalities of Merosina, Doljevac and Gadzin Han was held at Nis City Hall within the USAID Sustainable Local Development Project.

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the above mentioned cities and municipalities, the Inter-Municipal Forum is constituted by the city mayors and municipality presidents.

The meeting of the first Forum was dedicated to adoption of the Action Plan up to December 2011 regarding the needs of the local communities, priority projects and activities within inter-municipal cooperation. Three following priority initiatives were stressed at the meeting: solid waste management projects, Green Zone Project in Leskovac and joint municipal presentation and promotion through the establishing of the joint office in Brussels.

This new five-year-long USAID programme worth \$22 million has the objective to support long-term

economic and social development of the communities in Serbia linking into partnership local self-governments, business communities and non-governmental organisations in order to secure the resources, empower and enable local self-governments, increase citizens' participation creating favorable business climate.

The project will cooperate with at least 37 partner local self governments and other local and regional development and youth organisations, NGOs, business communities. On national level, the project will cooperate with respective ministries and republic agencies, lobbying organisations and expert associations whose activities contribute to the project itself.

The expected results are new jobs and investments, access to EU



City Mayors and Municipality Presidents in Municipal Forum

pre-accession funds, professionalism in running the municipality administrations, increasing the budgets for capital investments, increasing the youth competitiveness before entering the labor market, greater involvement of business communities in the local economic development projects.

SME BUSINESS GATHERING

Regional Development Association South organised business gathering of small and medium sized enterprises focused on available programmes for financing and providing support to SMEs in Republic of Serbia.

More than 70 SMEs which are export oriented from the area of Nisava, Toplica and Pirot Districts took part in this event with the goal to improve the inter relations, exchange the experiences and learn about good practice examples. This gathering was also an excellent opportunity for SMES to find out more about support programmes offered by following institutions and agencies: Serbian Investment and Export Promotion Agency - SIEPA, RS Export Credit and Insurance Agency - AOFI, Fund for Innovations, National Agency for Regional Development -

NARR, Enterprize Europe Network - EEN, Western Balkans Sustainable Energy Financing Facility - WEBSEFF Programme, EBRD - Turn Around Management & Business Advisory Services (TAM/BAS) Programmes. All these programmes offer grants or subsidized credit lines to SMEs so that they could improve their competitiveness, export and innovative business approach. Nis City Mayor Milos Simonović welcomed the SMEs representatives gathered at this event and spoke about the role of Nis City in providing support to SME sector.



Available Financing Programmes for SMEs

SAFE HOUSE OPENED OFFICIALLY

First Regional Safe House has been opened officially in Nis with the attendance of RS Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Rasim Ljajic and Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic.

The Regional Safe House is 388 m2 big and it can accommodate 25 women with children. It will operate as a residential shelter for persons who are in a violent or potentially violent environment and it will provide a comprehensive set of services for the victims and their children.

On this occasion Mayor Simonovic expressed his pleasure that adaptation and furnishing of this facility had been finished after 2 years. He pointed out that the City of Nis will commit itself to build the society free of domestic violence.

According to Minister Ljajic the domestic violence rate was increasing in our country and facilities like that one

were needed even more.

Many donors helped. Mr. Bricolage donated the building material worth 500.000RSD. RS Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs donated 1.000.000 dinars which enabled the reconstruction works. The company Philip Morris gave 1.35 million dinars while OTP Bank gave 500.000. The female employees at Societe Generale Bank have donated the money which they receive each year as a present for Women's Day. Rotary Club Medijana organised painting auction and collected 100.000 dinars. The NGO Love Thy Neighbour donated the kitchen equipment and cutlery. The Company DM donated 100.000 dinars collected



Living Room in Safe House

at the sale organised on the occasion of opening new store. Nis City Assembly Members donated their per diem for Regional Safe House in Nis.

2011 – 2016 NIS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PROPOSAL PRESENTED

2011 – 2016 Nis City Tourism Development Strategy Proposal was presented to the general public.

The Strategy represents clearly defined vision of tourism development and strategic directions for creating and promoting tourism products via specified action plan and city tourism promotion projects. Marketing plan, Nis City tourism competitiveness plan and model of tourism growth represent the strategic plan integral parts. The Strategy has been prepared in accordance with valid National Strategy for Tourism Development.

It identifies seven tourism products which should be developed further in the course of following five years: city breaks, medical tourism, business tourism, MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions) tourism, special interests, events, round trips, mountains (since Nis City area

covers Mountain of Suva Planina and ski resort Bojanine Vode). The Strategy states 113 projects divided into three key areas: the development of tourism infrastructure, marketing development by the development of small and medium sized enterprises in this particular field. The Commission will be formed to monitor the implementation of the projects defined in the Strategy.

The preparation of Nis City Tourism Development Strategy has been financed by Danish International Development Agency by its LEDIB Programme. The technical support and methodologically defined process of strategic planning has been implemented by Development Consulting Group from Belgrade and Nis Tourism Organisations.



Tourist Info Center



32 FLATS FOR SERBIAN MINISTRY AND DEFENCE AND SERBIAN ARMED FORCES

32 set of keys to new flats were presented to Serbian Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces members at the ceremony attended by RS Minister of Defense Dragan Sutanovac and Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic.

This set of the flats is part of the Contract on the Land Property Exchange between RS Ministry of Defence and the City of Niš. This contract specifies that the land property with the total area of 170 hectares within the military complex at Niš airport and the land property with the total area of 15 hectares within the military barracks Bubanjski heroji will be transferred into ownership of Nis City. In return, the City of Niš is obliged to hand over to Serbian Ministry of Defense 32 already constructed flats and 21% of all the flats which will be built on the location of military barracks Bubanjski heroji. The model of cooperation between the Republic of Serbia Army and the City of Niš on the

project of converting military owned land property for civilian purposes is the representative example of the cooperation between the RS Ministry of Defence and local self-governments.

On this occasion Minister Sutanovac said that the City of Nis management of the land property conversion project was the example of good practice and he thanked Mayor Simonovic for his initiative and dedication to the contract realisation. He added that this property exchange was the biggest project that the Ministry of Defense implanted with a self government.

Mayor Simonović added that the City would launch the tendering process to find potential investor for



RS Minister of Defense
Dragan Sutanovac

the land property at the location of former military barracks Bubanjski heroji. The city would get new business and residential complex while 21% of total residential area will go to Serbian Ministry of Defense.

NEW BOILING ROOM AT NIŠ CLINICAL CENTER

Prof. Dr. Zoran Stankovic, Republic of Serbia Minister of Health signed at Nis Clinical Center the Contract on the Construction of new Energy System in CC Nis (construction of new boiler-room) and the Contract on Reconstruction of Public Buildings in Serbia (6 clinics in CC Nis) with the representatives of companies "Energoprojekt Equipment a.d." and "Gradnina" within the project "Energy Efficacy in Serbia" financed World Bank Development Credit.

The official contract signing was attended by high city officials and other distinguished guests.

Replacing the old and constructing the new boiler-room will significantly reduce the emission of harmful gases (sulfur and nitric oxides), precipitation of soot and dust, as well as the emission of carbon dioxide by approximately 50 %. The Contract for the

construction of new boiler-room is worth 471 million RSD. As a part of a project "Energy Efficacy in Serbia", up to now, in Clinical Centre Nis, old joinery has been replaced, heating system reconstructed and other construction and mechanic work performed in accordance with the technical documentation in 13 clinics at the Clinical Centre Nis. Total cost of these works is 135.5 million RSD.



New Energy System in CC Nis

DIOCESE OF NIŠ BISHOP JOVAN ENTHRONED

At the Divine Liturgy which was served by His Holiness Patriarch Irinej at Nis Church of Holy Trinity, Serbian Patriarch Bishop Jovan (Puric) was enthroned.

The ceremony was attended by high church officials, Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic joined by his associates and other distinguished guests from the city and whole country.

His Holiness Irinej, Serbian Patriarch addressed the church community of Nis and all the faithful of the Diocese of Nis and said on that occasion, that it was a great day for that diocese where he had ruled for several decades and that it was the great day also for the Serbian Orthodox Church and all Orthodox Church of Christ, because one more Bishop was elected. His Holiness Irinej, Serbian Patriarch gave a scepter to His Grace Bishop Jovan of Nis and wished him a long life and work in love, and especially to administer in goodwill the Nis City Eparchy.

Then the Bishop Jovan of Nis delivered a speech in which he pointed out that those were the times to recognize the achievements of contemporary Christian especially the one living in the city. "Those achievements should be liberated from



Holy Trinity Church in Nis

moral, religious and full of penance morality and they should be recognized for the varieties of virtue. The virtues of modesty and heart purity can be used to describe my predecessor. These are the virtues that we need the most and only by exercising those virtues we can help ourselves and the ones we love", said Bishop Jovan.

FRENCH INSTITUTE DIRECTOR ON A FAREWELL VISIT TO NIS

Ms. Pascale Delpech, the director of the French Institute in Belgrade, came on a farewell visit to Niš, since she would be leaving this position at the French Institute soon.

Niš City Council Member Miodrag Radovic met with Ms. Delpech. On this occasion Nis City Charter of Gratitude was presented to Ms. Delpech for all the efforts and personal commitment she had dedicated to making cultural connection between France and Niš closer and stronger. Ms. Delpech said that she was extremely satisfied with the cooperation

established with the City of Nis. She thanked city authorities for executing efficiently all the agreements and joint plans and added that she would be watching closely in the future what would be going on in Niš hoping that that already established cooperation, especially in the area of culture, between our city and France would advance.

AMBASSADOR OF SOUTH KOREA ON A FAREWELL VISIT TO NIS

His Excellence Ambassador of South Korea Mr. Kim Jonghae paid a farewell visit to City of Nis.



Ambassador of South Korea on a Farewell Visit to Nis

On this occasion Mayor Simonovic thanked the Ambassador for excellent cooperation during his mandate in Serbia and for faith he entrusted in the City of Nis and its management. Opening of the Korean Company Yura branch in Niš was the first big investment step in speeding up the economic development in the city which has been economically forsaken for past twenty years and it marked new beginning for Niš economy. Ambassador Jonghae expressed his hopes that successful cooperation with Nis City would be continued in the future.



Nis City Charter of Gratitude for Ms. Pascal Delpech

NIS CITY DELEGATION IN IZMIT - MARKING NICOMEDIA EDICT OF TOLLERANCE ANNIVERSARY

Upon the invitation from Izmit City Mayor Nevzat Dogan, Nis City delegation attended the celebration of Edict of Nicomedia 1700th anniversary.

The celebration in Izmit is final event within the project Art Carnuntum Cities of Tolerance Project led by Pier Bordin, the head of Petronell Carnuntum from Austria. Project Art Carnuntum Cities of Tolerance gives for the first time insight into the dimensions of the new order and the results of the historic events that took place at Carnuntum and changed the world and culture forever.

1700 years ago, on November 11, 308 A.D. the Conference at Carnuntum took place under the leadership of the former emperor Diocletian. The decision was made that was very important for mankind: by establishing Tetrarchy (Rule of Four), the power over the Roman Empire was redistributed. The rulers of the East were now Galerius as Augustus and Maximinus as Caesar; the West was ruled by Licinius as Augustus and Constantine as Caesar. In the name of the Four Tetrarchs appointed

in Carnuntum, Galerius issued the Nicomedia Edict of Tolerance (today the City of Izmit) on April 30th, 311, which was extended by Constantine the Great and Licinius through the „Edict of Milan“ in 313, thus granting religious liberty to all creeds.

On the occasion of celebrating Nicomedia Edict anniversary, the City of Izmit was officially proclaimed the City of Tolerance. The celebration was attended by many distinguished guest, the Mayors of friend cities, the representative of the diplomatic community in Istanbul. This celebration was a good opportunity for City of Izmit to honor its partners and friends. Thus, Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic was declared City of Izmit honorary citizen. Nis city delegation conveyed the invitation sent by Mayor Simonovic to Izmit City Mayor Dogan for a visit to the City of Nis which is preparing to celebrate the anniversary of Edict of Milan signing.

DISCUSSION AT COMMITTEE OF REGIONS

Niš City Representative Office together with the representatives of European Economic and Social Committee and Committee of Regions was invited to participate at the panel discussion held at the Committee of Regions within the training programme organised by the College of Europe in the framework of the European Integration Scholarship Programme-Serbia.

In the framework of this panel discussion, the City of Nis was given the opportunity to present in general the activities of Nis City Representative Office in Brussels with focus on the social policies and social programmes that the City of Nis implements. The other panelist were Mr. Cveto Stantic, EESC member (Employers' group, Slovenia), President of the EESC Western Balkans contact group Ms. Aki Ishiwa and Ms. Lorenza Badiello from the Representation of the Emilia-Romagna Region in Italy and Mr. Dino Elezovic Head of Sarajevo Canton-Representation Office (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

46th FILM FESTIVAL

After the official handing out of the keys and spectacular fireworks, 46th Niš Film Festival dedicated to the achievements of the actors in the contemporary Serbian movie was opened.

Miloš Simonović, Niš City Mayor handed over the keys to this-year president of the Festival Jury Ljiljana Stjepanovic and thus handed over the city symbolically to the actors. Official programme included 10 movies competing for official festival awards.

Just before the official opening on the Summer Stage, the actors and numerous guests gathered at the reception in the Niš City Hall, hosted

by the Mayor of Niš, Miloš Simonović. RS Minister of Culture Predrag Markovic said on this occasion that he was impressed with the special bonds that existed between the actors and Nis audience and that this special energy should be preserved even after the festival days. "Movies should live not only during the festival days" said Minister Markovic.



NISVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL

From August 11 to August 14, 2011, Niš was the venue of International Jazz Festival with 28-year-long tradition.

400 musicians from more than 15 countries performed at the festival. 250 volunteers from all over Europe were involved in the festival organisation. This presently most visited jazz festival in South East Europe has consistently defended the European values of multiculturalism and patiently nurtured the musical tastes of individual. From the festival's very beginning it has been based on presenting the traditional jazz forms together with their fusion with the ethnic from different part of the world, especially from the Balkans. Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic organised the reception for the musicians after holding first official festival press conference at Nis City Hall. On this occasion Mayor Simonovic said that Nisville outgrew the local festival boundaries. RS Ministry of Culture recognized the national importance of the festival.

"Nišville Festival has become a brand for this region of Serbia. The City of Nis tries to assist the festival both materially and organizationally. The leaders of jazz world and the growing interest for this kind of music prove that

Nisville Festival is not just intended for promoting the City of Niš, but also Serbia. Cultural events of this kind are the best message to the neighboring countries and Europe and I am convinced that the musicians are the best ambassadors who will present the spirit of the nation and their country. City of Nis welcomes artists, musicians, music admirers and guests from around the globe".

The traditional life achievement award was presented to Misa Blam. The famous trumpet player Tom Harrell was presented with festival special award for authentic musical expression. Aleksandar Zivkovic, the oldest active jazz music impresario in Serbia, received the Nisville award for his lifelong contribution of promotion of jazz music in Serbia.

This year a part of the programme was dedicated to the legendary Roma singer from Nis Šaban Bajramović on the River Stage with the free performances of the musicians paying tribute to well-known musician. Traditionally, there were free workshops held by festival participating artists and those workshops gathered young



Candy Dulfer at Nisville Jazz Festival Again

students from all over the country who had a chance to gain new knowledge and experience through the direct contacts with great names of world jazz scene. Also, the photo exhibition entitled Serbian Soul Bre prepared by Ivan Grlic portraying Serbian most famous musicians could be seen during the festival.

Among the side track programmes, Movie Stage screening movies, features films and documentaries with jazz themes was organized as well as book promotions with similar topic.

VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL OVER EUROPE AT NIŠVILLE

Niš City Mayor Miloš Simonović and Nišville Jazz Festival Director Ivan Blagojević visited the volunteers at Niš Fortress during the final preparations for the festival opening.

500 candidates applied to volunteer at the festival this year. 200 volunteers from 63 cities and 9 countries have been selected to work in 9 different sectors: assistants to team leaders, host to the public, host to the musicians, PR, press officers, logistic and field support, security and workshop organizers. Mayor Simonović welcomed these young people to Niš saying that Nišville Jazz

Festival would not be possible without the help of the dedicated volunteers who donate their time, energy and creativity every year to produce this authentic event. He added that EU designated 2011 as the European Year of Volunteering and volunteering represented an active expression of civic participation which strengthens common European values such as solidarity and social cohesion.



Volunteers from all over Europe at Nisville

RECEPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING CAMP PARTICIPANTS

Reception was held at Nis City Hall for the participants of the international volunteering camp engaged in the project Eco Urban Art at the Constantine's Crossroads focused on the sustainable development, promotion of urban living environment, Nis City cultural heritage and traditional hospitality.

The project is being implemented by Association of Citizens Green Key with the support of Young Researchers of Serbia.

From August 4 to August 14, 20 young volunteers from Serbia and Korea, France, Spain, Italy, Russia and Poland are here in Nis preparing the mosaic with the motifs from the times of Constantine the Great. The mosaics prepared from recycled materials will be placed at Saint Sava Park.

Nis City Council Member Miodrag Radović who welcomed the volunteers from Europe on the behalf of Nis City said that Nis City was not only the crossroads of old roads but the hub of tolerance and having volunteers from all over the world here in the city only proved that.



Eco Urban Art Projects Volunteer at Nis City hall

MOSAICS IN THE CITY CENTER

Two new floor mosaics, two-meter-wide and three-meter-long, in the main city street are the gift of the International Summer Art Workshop entitled Streets of Mosaics - Nais Road organised by the Faculties of Art from Belgrade and Nis and supported by the City of Nis and corporate responsible companies.

Mosaics are inspired by the motifs from Mediana archeological site and they represent the replicas of the famous fragments from this location. Students from Art departments of national and foreign universities participated in this workshop. These traditional summer art workshops are held in different places each year. Nis has been chosen this year due to its atmosphere which blends East and West.



Mosaic in City Center

NIŠ ON EUROPEAN ROAD

Niš City Mayor's Office for European Affairs together with Media Center Nis organised the exhibition of photographs entitled Niš on European Road at European Corner.



Niš on European Road

The exhibition was prepared on the occasion of celebrating Europe's Day and organizing second film festival entitled Days of European Film. The festival was organised by French Institute from Nis, Nis Media Center and Nis Cultural Center. This particular exhibition presents how the citizens of Nis see European integrations and European spirit of the city itself. Media Center Nis organised a contest inviting the photographers and citizens to submit their photographs which show in an interesting, creative, funny and ironic way their opinion about Nis as European city. The jury (Sasa Djordjevic a photojournalist from Beta Agency), Dusan Mitic Car (a photojournalist from Daily Newspaper Vecernje Novosti and Juliana Nikolova a photojournalist from new agency from Sofia, Bulgaria) selected 30 photographs out of 50 submitted and eventually chose the contest winners. The most beautiful and the ugliest part of Nis were the inspiration as well as unfinished building facades, broken traffic signs, old and new cars, traffic jams in the streets. The photographs also showed the city cul-de-sacs, long staircases, tourists in the streets of the city center.

4th INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL

Mr. Miomir Randjelovic, Nis City Council Member, met at Nis City Hall with the participants of 4th International Student Folklore Dances Festival organised by Student Cultural Center.

This is the traditional city manifestation held for the fourth time in our city with more than 400 participants from 6 countries from the region. According to Mr. Randjelovic this festival represented excellent opportunity for presentation of national tradition and identities expressed through national folklore dances of the dance groups coming from Greece, Cyprus, FYROM, Bosna and Hercegovina, Republika Srpska and Bulgaria. It is worth mentioning that the City of Niš will be the host of European Festival of Serbian Diaspora Folklore Dance Groups in 2013.



Traditional Folklore Dances from the Region in Niš for 4th Time

SONGS AND DANCES OF WORLD NATIONS

International Festival of Creativity - Songs and Dances of World Nations was held in Čair Park on the plateau in front of the Children Cultural Educational and Recreational Center.

The festival was organized by Russian NGO – Agency for International Projects in Culture, Education and Sports with the support of Niš City and Children Cultural Educational and Recreational Center from Niš. The first festival day was held in Belgrade, the second in Niš while the third one would be held in Budva.

The main festival objective is nourishing friendship between Serbian and Russian people, promoting Russian art, establishing creative contacts between national associations. Nis City Council Member Dusica Davidovic pointed out on this occasion that manifestations of this kind was good opportunity to show and share traditional close relations and similar culture between two nations. City of Niš will continue to supports the



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manifestations of this kind since the promotion of cultural values and maintenance of the close cooperation with the countries from the region and whole Europe is one of the Nis City priorities.

DAYS OF PORTUGAL IN NIS

Local Democracy Centre LDA in partnership with the Embassy of Portugal in Belgrade, Nis City Office for European Affairs in Nis, Institute for Cinematography and the Audiovisual Arts in Lisbon, City Municipality Mediana and Student Cultural Centre Nis organized Days of Portugal in Nis.

The colorful program of cultural events will be presented at various locations in Niš in the period from July 18 to July 27. Activities were prepared by LDA volunteers from Portugal involved in the project of international cooperation between Serbia and Portugal entitled Share Yourself which was supported by the European Commission through the Youth in Action programme - European Voluntary Service and it included the exhibition Embrace Lisbon at European Corner, screening of Portuguese documentaries and presentations of the European Commission programme - Youth in Action.

WORDS THAT HURT

European Corner in cooperation Local Democracy Center and Center for Development of Civil Resources organised the photograph exhibition entitled Words That Hurt.

The exhibition presented the selected photographs which recorded the hate speech examples on the walls in our city. This exhibition emphasized the importance of promoting human rights and tolerance and it tried to draw the attention of the general public to the horrible consequences that hate speech could cause inspiring them to take more active role in hate speech elimination process. Respecting human rights is one of the key values on which EU is based and towards which each society should strive.