



Regional School of Public Administration (Phase 1)

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1. Steering Committee Activities

- Consultations between BIH SC member and substitute member regarding legal experts' meeting in Paris took place.
- In the light of forthcoming ReSPA meeting of Schools and Institutes of Public Administration in the Western Balkans to be held in Tirana, coordination activities were undertaken with BIH Civil Service Agency.

2. ReSPA Publications

- The second part of the BIH contribution for the second regional ReSPA publication on attractiveness of civil service in the Balkans is under preparation and will be delivered to the coordinator of this task as soon as finalized.
- The BIH contribution to the E-Newsletter, "New Law on Salaries for Bosnia and Herzegovina Civil Servants", has been delivered.

3. ReSPA Events

- Three (3) BIH representatives participated in the seminar Management of Education and Training in Public Administration and Local Government, organized in co-operation with the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government (EKDDA) held in Greece.
- One (1) BIH participant will take part in the 15th Intensive Seminar on the European Union, organized by the College of Europe in Bruges, from 30 June to 18 July 08.
- Signature of the Letter of Intent on the establishment of the Regional School of Public Administration took place in Slovenia on 12 June 2008.

4. Other Issues

- The draft international agreement establishing ReSPA is still in the phase of consultations with the relevant ministries.
- The long awaited Agreement on Stabilisation and Association between our country and the European Union was signed on June 16, 2008.
- Bosnia and Herzegovina Justice Sector Reform Strategy 2008 – 2012 was adopted at the 53rd session of Council of Ministers of BiH, held on 26 June. This Strategy was created as part of a joint effort between key justice sector institutions in BIH on the future directions of reform. The main aim of this strategy is to provide strategic guidelines for addressing key issues such as the judicial system, the execution of criminal sanctions, access to justice, the support to economic growth and coordination, management and accountability of the sector, over a five-year period. In order to contribute to the strategy implementation process the Ministry of Justice has produced Guidelines for the strategic planning and at the moment the Ministry is preparing its institutional medium-term strategic plan which incorporates all relevant programmes envisaged by national JSRS.

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