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We are looking forward to working with you in 2020 towards the integration in Europe!
Suzana Grubješić Steps Down as Secretary General of EMinS

At the session of the Executive Board of the European Movement in Serbia held on October 14, 2019 the irrevocable resignation of Suzana Grubješić as Secretary General of the organization was noted. Executive Board on this occasion express their gratitude to Ms. Grubješić for their engagement so far and her dedicated work in advocating Serbia’s European integration. EMinS continues its regular activities in accordance with the adopted plan for improving program, organizational and personnel framework.

Ivan Vujačić Elected New President of the Forum for International Relations

Professor Dr. Ivan Vujačić was elected as the new President of the Forum for International Relations of the European Movement in Serbia, at the meeting held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Ivan Vujačić is a professor at the Faculty of Economics and a guest professor at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Belgrade. He was the ambassador in United States from 2002 until 2009.

EU Enlargement: Mixed Messages and Emotions before Facts
Decision makers have to find a better way to communicate the EU to the citizens – participants concluded at the discussion at the Not Another Enlargement Conference, that has marked the end of the project EnlargEUrope. European Union has been sending mixed messages to the countries of the Western Balkans which has significantly impacted the trust of the citizens in the process of European integration.

Regional Cooperation in the Western Balkans – Is There a Civil Society Pillar?
The authors engage in drafting a paper that would contribute to the overall debate on the effectiveness of regional organizations and initiatives in the Western Balkans by analysing the role of civil society in the expansion and consolidation of regional cooperation through inclusion in the work of regional organizations and initiatives. The paper goes into detail in mapping and elaborating the involvement of CSOs and their regional networks in the core work of these institutions.

Call for Applications: Winter School in Dubrovnik 2020
The Jean Monnet Network Consortium led by the New York University of Tirana, is pleased to announce an exciting and timely Winter School program, under the title Democratization and reconciliation strategies in South-East Europe: redefining ineffective policies. Winter School is part of the Jean Monnet project Democratization and Reconciliation in the Western Balkans. It will take place in the city of Dubrovnik, at the University of Dubrovnik (University campus), 9-16th February 2020. Call for Applications and Application Form.
Belgrade Security Forum Calls for Re-Engagement of EU in the Western Balkans

The future of the Western Balkans is in the EU, which will not be complete without the Western Balkans. It is in the security, political and economic interest of the EU to integrate the WB into its membership.

The global credibility of EU is at stake in the enlargement process. By failing to deliver on its promises once Western Balkans countries deliver historic compromises and necessary reforms, the EU is supporting anti-EU forces promoting nationalism and the unaccountable behavior of political elites. Freezing the accession process is counter-productive and irresponsible; it threatens the fragile peace in the Balkans. Therefore, the BSF calls for the opening of accession talks with North Macedonia and Albania and awarding visa liberalisation to the citizens of Kosovo without further delays. If the European Union intends to take the path of geopolitical thinking and acting, the Western Balkans is the first step on this path.
Take a look at the Info Kit that was prepared by the **Coalition for Solidarity Economy Development**. In 2019 the Coalition led civil society advocacy efforts in the field of Social Entrepreneurship which resulted in a **Proposal Draft Law on Social Entrepreneurship** submitted to the relevant Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Policy.