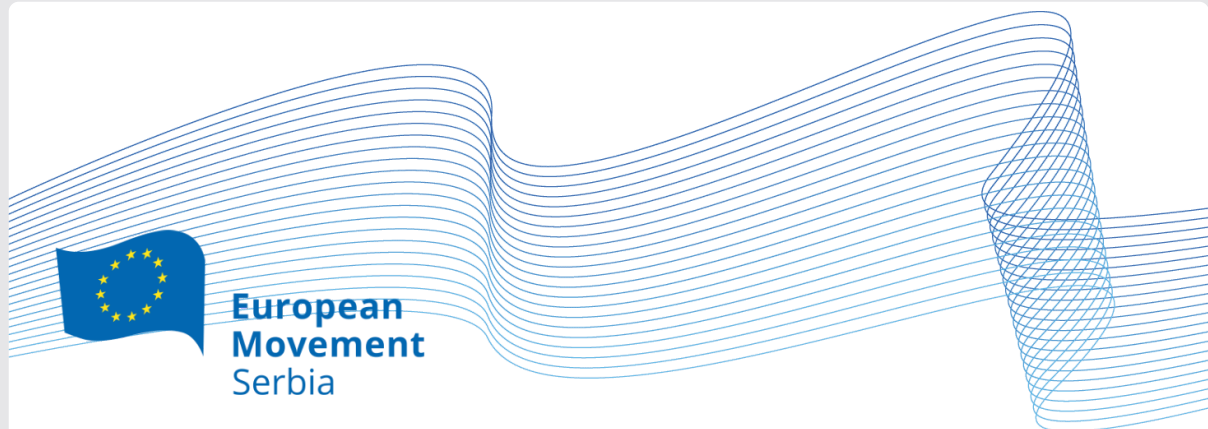


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## European Movement in Serbia 1/2020

Contribution of the Year to Europe for 2019 awards have been awarded to the Rector of the University of Belgrade, **Ms. Ivanka Popović** and judge of the Belgrade Court of Appeal, **Mr. Miodrag Majić** at the ceremony held in Belgrade last week.

The award was established in 2002 by the European Movement in Serbia and the International European Movement and it is awarded annually for a speech, a book, a specific action or standpoint by an individual, organization or group of citizens which has significantly contributed to the European integration process and the promotion of European ideas and values in our country.

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### Serbian CSOs: Integrating the Western Balkans: Completing

### European Movement in Serbia Elects New Management

At the regular annual assembly of the European Movement in Serbia (EMinS) held last week, new leadership of the organization was elected. Former Vice-President **Ms. Jelica Minić** has been entrusted with a two-year term in office of President of the Movement, while the Vice-

## Future Europe

In anticipation of the European Commission's proposal of the new enlargement methodology and contributing to the debate about the future of EU integration of Western Balkan countries, a group of leading Serbian think tanks and civil society organizations specialized in EU integration presented its own recommendations to the European Union.

The document titled [Integrating the Western Balkans: Completing Future Europe](#) represents a set of recommendations aimed at improving the effectiveness of the EU integration process of Western Balkan countries and reconfirming the sustainable and tangible EU perspective of the region.

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Presidents remain [Mr. Vladimir Medak](#) and [Mr. Aleksandar Simurdić](#), joined now by Prof. [Ivan Vujačić](#), President of the Forum for International Relations and [Mr. Goran Lapčević](#) of the European Movement in Serbia – Kruševac.

The new Secretary General is [Ms. Zvezdana Kovač](#), former director of the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe (CDRSEE).

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## United by Diversity: Founding CSO Network for Interculturalism and Cultural Diversity

Absence of contact with peers from different cultural backgrounds within Serbia contributes to the lack of knowledge among youth on cultural diversity and interculturalism. Over 40% of youth in Serbia says the fact they are Serbian fully describes their identity and one fifth believes the loss of identity is an inevitable consequence of the EU membership. On the other hand, educational system in Serbia does not encourage interculturalism, nor does it offer sufficient information on topics of interculturalism and cultural diversity. In addition, there is no network of youth CSOs and CSOs in Serbia working in the field of interculturalism and cultural diversity.

EMinS new projects aims to do just that - build capacities of the youth organizations and civil society to foster cultural diversity and connect in an effort to influence the decision makers to create enabling policies.

Project [United by Diversity](#) is implemented by [EMinS](#) with partners [European Movement in Serbia – Leskovac](#), [Forum of Civil Action \(FORCA\)](#), [Local Democracy Agency Subotica \(LDA\)](#), [Timok Youth Center](#) and is cofinanced by the European Union.

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