



European Movement in Serbia 2/2019



Europe Day 2019: Democracy Alive

This year the Europe Day celebrates democracy and participation and promotes European elections. In Serbia the Europe Day will be marked by a series of events organized by the European Movement in Serbia, the European Union Delegation in the Republic of Serbia and the EU Info Center. Our EPuS - Subotica, EPuS - Lazarevac and EPuS - Leskovac will also join in with organization of street actions, workshops and panels in their local communities.

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, May 9, at Cvetni trg square at 8:00 pm for the open air screening of the award-winning film by the Italian director Paolo Verzi, **Magical Nights (Notti Magiche, 2018)**, as well as to visit our stand in the European

Village at Nikola Pašić Square on Saturday, May 11, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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Agreement on Automatic Diploma Recognition to Boost Regional Mobility

Education policy in the Western Balkans is marred by incompatibility of the education system with the labor market needs, as assessed at the conference “Education Policies and the Labor Market in the Western Balkans” organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the EMinS' Social-Economic Forum. The quality of education is an important factor that influences the lack of synchronization of education and the labor market. Brain-drain, migration of highly qualified workforce is still an all-encompassing difficulty for all states in the Western Balkans. This is why the panel pointed towards the reform of the schooling system and towards the need for state bodies to develop mechanisms to adjust to the economy of knowledge. However, there are notable steps forward in regional cooperation and very relevant for all six countries and their progress towards the European Union. These pertain to the agreement on automatic recognition of



European Classes in Zaječar and Kuršumlja: EU is Mobility and Peace Say Youth

Two more editions of European classes within the project [EnlargEUrope](#) were held in two high schools in Zaječar and Kuršumlja led by the EMinS Youth Forum activists. Topics included benefits for youth in the EU enlargement process, challenges the EU faces and the future of the European integrations. Students had the chance to discuss with peer educators on what exactly is the process of European integration, how far Serbia got in the process, what European Union means to them, as well as their prejudices towards it. They were very open to sharing opinions and experiences, but also to gaining new knowledge. They said that they lack this kind of content in their curriculums and showed interest to participate in similar activities in the future. Students in Kuršumlja stated that in their view the EU represents the area of peace, unity and innovation. European Classes will continue in May in Požega.

qualifications which is to be signed in Poznan in the scope of the Berlin Process.

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European Movement in Serbia and the Forum for International Relations of the European Movement in Serbia have the honor of inviting you to international conference “The Great Enlargement – Lessons for the Western Balkans”, to be held on May 7, 2019, at Media Centar, Terazije 3.

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Decisions are adopted by the votes of minimum six members.
The term of office of all members shall cease if the HJC fails to enact a decision within 60 days from the day of the first decision making about the budget proposal, enactment of regulations, proposals relating to election or cessation of office of judges and court presidents and on other matters stipulated by law.

Decisions are adopted by the votes of minimum six members of the High Prosecutorial Council, at the session attended by minimum seven members of the High Prosecutorial Council.
The term of office of the members elected into the HPC shall cease if the HPC fails to enact a decision within 60 days from the day of the first decision making about the budget proposal, enactment of regulations, proposals for election or cessation of office of the Supreme Public Prosecutor of Serbia, proposal relating to election or cessation of office of public prosecutors and deputy public prosecutors and on other matters stipulated by law.

Status, organization and tasks of the Judicial Academy are regulated by law.
The laws are adopted by the National Assembly by majority vote of 126 deputies.

**The proposed amendments would put judiciary under direct control of the ruling majority in the National Assembly,
GIVEN THAT 126 DEPUTIES ARE SUFFICIENT FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROL.**

By the even number of members and 5:5 ratio, the majority in the National Assembly may block the work of the High Judicial Council at any time and therefore the work of judiciary.
Judges will have to choose, they will either accept the positions of the ruling majority or the HJC will be dissolved. Members of the HJC may not be re-elected.

Prosecutors will be a minority in the body ensuring the independence of prosecutors, whereas the majority will be composed of representatives of the ruling majority in the National Assembly.
The decisions will be made by the members elected by the National Assembly, the only condition being the presence of one prosecutorial member.
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Entry into judiciary is conditioned by the completion of the Judicial Academy. This institution will be under the control of the ruling majority in the National Assembly and the latter will also elect the majority of the Judicial Academy managing body members.
There are no safeguards as to the Academy's independence from the executive and legislative powers.
Subsequent election of judges will be done by the candidates already selected upon enrolling at the Academy.

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Take a look at our [info graphic](#) on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Serbia pertaining to judiciary. We argue that the amendments do not provide for the necessary independence of judiciary and should not be adopted.

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