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Brankica Janković and Marko Somborac Win Contribution of the Year to Europe for 2018

Commissioner for Protection of Equality **Brankica Janković** and comics artist **Marko Somborac** are this year's winners of the **Contribution of the Year to Europe** award. The award was established in 2002 by the European Movement in Serbia and the International European Movement, and it is given every year for the speech, book, concrete action or attitude of an individual, organization or group of citizens who have significantly contributed to the process of European integration and the promotion of European ideas and values in our country.

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EU Glossary for Better Understanding of the EU and European Integration

Debate **Let's Talk about the EU** organized in the scope of the **EU2Me** Project saw the participation of Ambassador Sem Fabrizi, Head of the EU Delegation and prof. dr. Ivanka Popović, Rector of the University in Belgrade. **Ambassador Fabrizi** underlined that the EU was committed to helping education in Serbia while cooperating closely with Serbian institutions in the process. "The EU is a symbol of faith and trust between people, translated into specific ideas and projects. This is why it is important to understand what the EU is," Fabrizi said while presenting the EU Glossary, the first such edition in Serbian language. "There is an enormous responsibility upon us to ensure the development of our country and to have all the rights and opportunities as other parts of Europe. It is up to your generation to ensure we get to that end", said **Rector Popović** to students in the audience.

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Conference on Regional Cooperation and Bilateral Relations in the Western Balkans

European Movement in Serbia (EMinS) Secretary General **Suzana Grubješić** said that the current bilateral disputes in the region of the Western Balkans were proof that bilateral cooperation was not on par with regional multilateral cooperation.

Opening a conference titled **The Dynamics of Regional Cooperation and Bilateral Relations in the Western Balkans** on December 4, Grubješić warned that the flames of ethnic nationalism could be reignited in the region. "The Western Balkan region needs the support and guidance of the EU the most, but we should also ask ourselves how devoted the region is to EU integration", Grubješić said. Friedrich Ebert Foundation Belgrade Office Director **Max Brandle** stressed that regional cooperation and improving bilateral relations were an important step in the European integration of the Western Balkans.

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Development of WB Not Possible Without Large-Scale Investments

The need for investing in the region is vast, while EU companies are currently the biggest investors, **Mihailo Crnobrnja** said at a conference, **Investment in the Future of the Western Balkans – People, Infrastructure, Reforms**, organized by the EMinS and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. “Investments need to be planned because they do not pertain to a period of 5 or 6 months, but are conducted over decades. This is why it is important to abandon the orthodox idea of neoliberalism which puts the market at the center,” he said.

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Serbia and Montenegro as front runners, anniversary and legacy of the Bing Bang enlargement and different aspects and of EU citizenship .

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