



Coordination Body of the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja

# **Information on the Coordination Body's Activities**

(June-December 2010)

In accordance with the set priorities and goals, the Coordination Body, in the aforementioned period, achieved considerable success in the following fields:

**a) In the field of politics** – The Agreement on Multiethnic Government in Bujanovac was signed. In addition to Minister Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, the said agreement was also signed by Saip Kamberi, President of the Municipality of Bujanovac, Riza Halimi, Leader of the Party for Democratic Action, Jonuz Musliu, Leader of the Party for Democratic Progress, Mejdi Zeciri, Leader of the Democratic Union of Albanians, Sasa Pesic, Trustee of the Democratic Party – Coalition for “European Sebia – Boris Tadic” and by Stojanca Arsic, a representative of the group of citizens “Stojanca Arsic, PhD, and Miodrag Milkovic, PhD”.

**b) In the field of the economy** – At the beginning of December 2010, a session of the Coordination Body's Presidency was held, which was attended by Dragijana Radonjic-Petrovic, the new Coordination Body's Vice President, who is State Secretary of the Ministry of the Economy and Regional Development. Economic situation in the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja was analyzed at the said session, since the solution of economic issues in these municipalities is the priority in the Coordination Body's work. In view of the above, an agreement was reached to hold a meeting between businessmen of these municipalities and Director of the Fund for Development at the beginning of 2011.

**c) In the field of infrastructural investments** – With the aim of strengthening the economy of the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, the Coordination Body, in 2010, invested 229,278,000 dinars in the infrastructural projects.

In the municipality of Presevo, 91,948,590 dinars were invested in reconstruction of the city center, as well as in asphaltting and renovation of roads in the villages of Reljane, Miratovac, Cakanovac, Aligerce, Oraovica, Norca and Slavujevac, in asphaltting of the local Zujince-Bustranje road, in adjustment of the river-bed in the village of Rajince, in reconstruction of a line of communication in the village of Crnotince, in reconstruction of streets in the “Railroad Station” colony, in renovation of the “Abdula Krasnica” community center, which is for the needs of the Radio and Television of Presevo and the faculty, and in building the upper part of the secondary technical school “Presevo”.

In the municipality of Bujanovac, 100,341,068 dinars were invested in power-supply improvement in “Sector 6”, in asphaltting the roads that go through the village of Biljaca and in asphaltting the Lucane-Dobrosin road, in improved road maintenance in the villages of Dreznica, Sveta Petka and Kustica, in replacement of joinery in the “Branko Radicevic” elementary school, in construction of a block in the “Sezai Suroi” secondary school, in agricultural activities and in construction of the “Zbevac” water supply.

In the municipality of Medvedja, 39,241,650 dinars were invested in construction of the local Petrilje-Mrkonje road, in construction of a promenade and two streets, in construction of the Medvedja – Crni vrh section of the road, as well as in maintenance of local and Roma settlement roads in the territory of the municipality.

6,381,184 dinars were earmarked in the National Investment Plan (NIP), 2,996,728 dinars for the municipality of Presevo and 3,384,456 dinars for the municipality of Medvedja.

**d) In the field of integration** – Over this period, the Coordination Body announced two competitions for allocating the funds for civil society projects, as well as for providing assistance to the most vulnerable social classes and the media. The Project Selection Board includes a representative from each of the three municipalities, as well as three representatives of the Coordination Body's Office. At the competitions announced in this period, the Coordination Body approved 9,844,028.73 dinars for civil society projects, as well as 3,615,260.10 dinars for projects related to providing information. A total of 13 projects were supported by the Coordination Body in the said period.

The Coordination Body, in co-operation with the republican institutions, enabled the opening of 62 working places in the customs, tax authorities and inspection bodies. This was a big step forward in the sphere of integration of minority communities in South Serbia, because the possibility for their representation in the republican institutions was opened up.

Also, scholarships for secondary school students from the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, as well as the funds for purchasing school equipment for first graders from these municipalities, were provided in 2010.

The Coordination Body allocated two million dinars to vulnerable persons in each of the three municipalities.

The Coordination Body supported the establishment of the Albanian National Council, which deals with the issues of language, information, education and culture of this ethnic community. Cooperation between the Albanian National Council and the Coordination Body, primarily the one in the sphere of solving the education - related issues, was established.

In co-operation with the Protector of Citizens (Ombudsman), the Coordination Body supported the opening of the Protector of Citizens' offices in Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja.

**e) In the field of education** – A special Working Group (WG) for Providing Conditions for the Opening of Institutions of Higher Education in Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja was set up. The said WG is tasked with recognizing the possibility of opening institutions of higher education in South Serbia. The special WG consists of representatives of the Ministry of Education, the Coordination Body, the Albanian National Council, domestic experts in higher education issues, as well as a Senior Adviser to the OSCE's High Commissioner on National Minorities.

Regarding the Albanian students that began doing the second year of the Nis University Faculties of the Economy and Law's Departments in Medvedja, the Coordination Body provided to them textbooks in their mother tongue.

**f) In the field of international relations** – When it comes to the operation of the Special WG for Providing Conditions for the Opening of Institutions of Higher Education in Presevo and Bujanovac, the Coordination Body received the support of the High Commissioner on National Minorities (OSCE) and the British embassy in Belgrade.

The Coordination Body signed an agreement with the UNDP and became the implementer of one component of a three-year Peace - building and Inclusive Local Development (PBILD) Program, which various UN agencies implement in cooperation with local self-governments of the Pcinjski and Jablanicki districts in South Serbia, as well as with the governmental agencies and civil society.

**g) In communication with the public** – The Coordination Body continuously informs the public about its operation by publishing reports and texts on the Coordination Body's website. It also sends reports on the operation of the Government of the Republic of Serbia to the media and international partners.

### **Chronological Presentation of the Coordination Body's Main Activities in the Past Period:**

- **Support provided to a multiethnic cooperative** – At the beginning of June 2010, Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, paid a visit to the village of Levosoje, which is situated in the municipality of Bujanovac, where he talked with members of the multiethnic "Jug Levosoje" agricultural cooperative. The multiethnic make up of the said cooperative proves that cooperation between the Albanians and Serbs is possible. Upon participating in the Coordination Body's open competition, members of the aforementioned cooperative received the funds for repairing the machanization and for purchasing the seeds for spring sowing.



With the aim of improving milk – production capacities in the municipality of Bujanovac, Minister Markovic proposed to farmers that they should cooperate with the Sabac-based dairy plant, which would donate to them lacto-freezes for storing milk.

At the initiative of the Coordination Body and the Ministry of Agriculture, a meeting with dairy plant owners from Presevo and Bujanovac was organized, so that cooperation between this multiethnic cooperative and the local dairy plant, which repurchases milk surpluses at a higher price than it had previously been, was established.

- **Providing assistance to the elderly in Medvedja** – At the beginning of June 2010, a Day Care Center for the Elderly and Ailing was opened in Medvedja. The project, which is valued at approximately eight million dinars, was carried out thanks to the funds provided by the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy and by the Coordination Body of the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja.

- **Young Albanian, Roma and Serbian actors and actresses at the "Exit" music festival** – In co-operation with the Coordination Body, the Government of the Autonomous Province (AP) of Vojvodina made it possible for performers of the "You and I are We" play to come to the "Exit" music festival. In addition to having received the tickets for the first day of the festival, all the participants in and the coordinators of the project stayed in Novi Sad. The cooperation between the Government of the AP of Vojvodina and the Coordination Body, which financially supported the "You and I are We" project y, was thereby resumed.

The "You and I are We" project grew into a youth center that has its seat in Bujanovac. The said youth center implemented the multiethnic project together with the young from Kikinda.

• **Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, talked with Galip Beciri, President of the Albanian National Council**



– President of the Coordination Body and President of the Albanian National Council met in Bujanovac on July 13, 2010, when they talked about the planned activities and future cooperation between the Council and the Coordination Body. At a press-conference, which was held after the meeting, Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, and Galip Beciri, President of the Albanian National Council, underscored that the greatest problems, which the Albanian National Council was responsible for dealing with, were those in the sphere of education.

• **Funds allocated through the Coordination Body Office's open competition**– In July 2010, the Coordination Body Office's board announced an open competition for implementing the projects of associations of citizens in the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja. That was the Coordination Body Office's fourth open competition, which was aimed at strengthening the civil sector capacities in those municipalities.

A total of 38 project proposals were received, while the funds amounting to 4,893,727.00 dinars were approved for implementation of 13 projects.

The funds were allocated to the projects aimed at providing textbooks to socially handicapped children, informing about trafficking in human beings, film and theatre, putting school playgrounds in order, monitoring media reporting and national customs.

• **A Special Working Group for Investigating the Possibilities for Higher Education in South Serbia**



– Pursuant to the recommendations from the Feasibility Study and a decision of Zarko Obradovic, Minister of Education, and at the initiative of the Coordination Body, a special Working Group tasked with providing the conditions for establishment of institutions of higher education in Presevo and Bujanovac was set up. The constitutive meeting of the Special Working Group was held in July 2010.

The Special Working Group consists of representatives of the Ministry of Education, the Coordination Body, the Albanian National Council, local experts in the education – related issues and a Senior Adviser to the OSCE's High Commissioner on National Minorities. The Special Working Group is tasked with establishing the possibilities and coming up with the recommendations for opening the institutions of higher learning in South Serbia.

Members of the Working Group have so far adopted the recommendations for establishing the spheres and levels of the studies, the location of the future institution of higher education, and they have also given an assessment of the number of students. It was planned to open a department of Nis University's Faculty of the Economy. The aforementioned institution of higher education is going to be opened in Bujanovac for 80 to 100 students.

In order to find out more about the experience of and to get an insight into different models of organizing higher education in multiethnic environments, members of the Special Working Group, at the end of November 2010, paid a three-day visit to Vojvodina. The said visit was organized as part of the United Nation's PBILD Program. Members of the Special Working Group visited Higher



Vocational School for Kindergarten Teachers (Novi Sad), the Faculty of the Economy (Subotica), the Faculty for Primary School Teachers (Subotica) and the Faculty of Philosophy (Novi Sad), and they also met with Miroslav Veskovic, Head of University in Novi Sad, as well as with Zoltan Jeges, the Provincial Secretary for Education. All those meetings made it possible for the WG members to get an insight into various ways of organizing higher education classes, which are in accordance with the legal provisions and applicable laws of the Republic of Serbia. They also provided a basis for specifying the best model that might be used in South Serbia, in accordance with the possibilities and needs.

During the visit, members of the Special Working Group met with representatives of the Hungarian, Romanian and Slovak National Councils, with Milorad Djuric, the Provincial Secretary for Culture, with Anika Muskinja-Hajnrh, the Provincial Ombudsman, with Andor Deli, the Provincial Secretary for Regulations, Administration and Ethnic Minorities, as well as with Aleksandra Vujic from Vojvodina's Human Rights Center.

Special Working Group meetings are held at least once per month.

• **The opening of a Day Care Center for Children with Special Needs** – In July 2010, the association of parents of the children and young people with special needs from Presevo opened a day care center for children with special needs. The work of the said association of parents was made possible by the Coordination Body. Present at the opening event was Minister Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, who talked with Zejni Imeri, President of the said association, as well as with the day care center's teachers, the children and their parents. The parents said they were satisfied that their children could stay out of the house and acquire new knowledge and skills by socializing with other kids and by being assisted by experts. As a token of their gratitude, the children gave their drawings to Minister Markovic, while President of the said association handed to Minister Markovic a letter of thanks for all the support that he had provided them until then.

• **Delivery of school equipment to first-grade students** – The Coordination Body provided free school equipment, the value of which is around 3.7 million dinars, for 1,200 first-grade students in the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja. Minister Milan Markovic, along with Presidents of the municipalities of Presevo and Bujanovac, as well as with President of the Albanian National Council, delivered the donation to students of elementary schools “Deveti maj” (“The 9<sup>th</sup> of May”) and “Vuk Karadzic” in the municipality of Presevo, as well as to students of elementary schools “Muharem Kadriu” and “Dragomir Trajkovic” in the municipality of Bujanovac. On the occasion of delivering the valuable donation, President of the Coordination Body addressed first-grade students both in Serbian and Albanian and he wished them a lot of luck and success in school.



• **The opening of the school sports ground and kitchen in Levosoje** – Minister Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, opened the sports ground and kitchen of the “Vuk Karadzic” elementary school in the village of Levosoje, which is situated in the municipality of Bujanovac. The funds for building the sports ground were provided by “Telekom”, while the kitchen was furnished by the Public Enterprise of PTT Traffic “Serbia”. The event of opening the sports ground was attended by Saip Kamberi, President of the municipality of Bujanovac, who supported this activity of the Coordination Body.

• **The opening of a reconstructed center of Presevo** – On September 21, 2010, Minister Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, Sulejman Ugljanin, Minister without Portfolio, and Art Flanagan, Senior Advisor at USAID Serbia, opened the reconstructed center of Presevo, into

which 43 million dinars had been invested. The sidewalks were paved, benches and water-fountains were put and water - supply and sewage systems were replaced. Ragmi Mustafa, President of the municipality of Presevo, handed the municipality's letters of thanks to the investors, who had made it possible for Presevo to get the city center it deserves. Mr. Markovic, Mr. Mustafa, Mr. Ugljanin and Mr. Flanagan planted a couple of trees in the renovated center of Presevo.

• **The Coordination Body's Presidency Held a Session** – On Monday, October 4, 2010, a session of the Coordination Body's Presidency was held. Minister Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, talked about the most important events that had taken place between two sessions. He made a particular reference to the Coordination Body's results over the past eight months. As the most important achievements of the Coordination Body, Minister Markovic mentioned the establishment of the Albanian National Council, reaching an agreement on the opening of a maternity hospital in Presevo and a faculty's department in Bujanovac, the government's approval for increasing the number of employees from these three municipalities in the republican institutions, good work and cooperation with non-governmental organizations and the implementation of several significant projects that are aimed at improving the life, primarily the life of the young, in these municipalities. In addition, school-bags and school equipment were handed out to first-grade students and a reconstructed central square in Presevo was opened.

Minister Markovic pointed out that the Coordination Body's priorities were integration and improved conditions for joint life of all the citizens of South Serbia. Members of the Coordination Body's Presidency agreed that understanding, tolerance and patience were the necessary corner-stones of every multiethnic community policy, and only based on them peace, stability and a better quality of life could be achieved.

• **The Opening of Multiethnic Faculty's Department in Bujanovac** – On Wednesday, October 6, 2010, a press-conference was held in Bujanovac, during which Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, Knut Volleback, High Commissioner on National Minorities, and Zoran Kostic, Assistant Minister of Education, spoke. The said press-conference took place following the meeting of the Special Working Group that had come up with recommendations with respect to the location of the future faculty.



Minister Markovic said that the Special Working Group's recommendations included the opening of a department of the Nis University's Faculty of the Economy in Bujanovac next academic year. The institution would be open to the citizens of all ethnic backgrounds.

• **Graffiti activity in Bujanovac** – At the beginning of October 2010, the Center for Tolerance and Integration of South Serbia organized a full-day graffiti-drawing activity. The said activity was part of the "I Love Bujanovac" project, which was supported by the Coordination Body during the open competition for projects and programs of the associations of citizens.



With the aim of promoting their city, the young from Bujanovac, who are active members of the association, asked professional

graffiti artists to join the activity and write “I Love Bujanovac” on a wall in the city center. The young residents of Bujanovac joined the graffiti artists in this venture by spraying their names on the wall, thereby leaving their personal mark on the new piece of graffiti.

Along with graffiti-drawing on the wall in the center of Bujanovac, photographs of the past public activities, which were taken as part of the “I Love Bujanovac” project, were shown by means of a video beam.

The activity was supported by representatives of the local self-government, too.

• **The signing of the Agreement on Multiethnic Government in Bujanovac** – On October 21,



Minister Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, along with representatives of the Serbian and Albanian political parties signed the Agreement on Establishment of Multiethnic Government in Bujanovac. Apart from Minister Markovic, the document was also signed by Saip Kamberi, President of the Municipality of Bujanovac, Riza Halimi, Leader of the Party for Democratic Action, Jonuz Musliu, Leader of the Movement for Democratic Progress, Mejd Zeciri, Leader of the Democratic

Union of the Albanians, Sasa Pesic, Trustee of the Democratic Party - The Coalition for “The European Serbia” and Stojanca Arsic, a representative of the Group of Citizens “Stojanca Arsic, PhD, and Miodrag Milkovic, MD.

Under the agreement, the government in the municipality of Bujanovac, apart from the thus-far three Albanian political parties, should include two Serbian political parties and a group of citizens. The government in Bujanovac should include the Party for Democratic Action, which has 13 (thirteen) deputies, the Movement for Democratic Progress, which has 6 (six) deputies and the Democratic Union of the Albanians, which has 3 (three) deputies. The Coalition for “The European Serbia – Boris Tadic” (two deputies from the Democratic Party and one from G17+) and the Group of Citizens “Stojanca Arsic, PhD, and Miodrag Milkovic, MD” have three deputies each.

The signing of the agreement was attended by Dimitrios Kypreos, Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia.

The agreement provided one more basis for solving the vitally important issues of the Albanians, Serbs and Roma in Bujanovac.

• **A meeting with recipients of the Coordination Body's funds was held** – The Coordination Body's Office organized a meeting with representatives of the associations of citizens and non-governmental organizations that had received the funds through the Coordination Body Office's open competitions. The meeting was organized for the purpose of analyzing the activities that were taken as part of the approved projects, as well as for the purpose of considering the problems that the associations and organizations came across while taking the project activities. This is the third meeting between the Coordination Body's Office and beneficiaries of its funds. The Coordination Body's Office is going to organize such meetings in the future, too, so that it could get a better insight into implementation of the projects, spending of the budgetary funds and for the purpose of establishing a better communication between the donor and beneficiaries of the funds.



- **From the south to the north** – The “You and I are We” Youth Center from Bujanovac worked with the young from Kikinda, Bujanovac and Presevo on the “We are the Whole World” play. The premiere of the play was performed by Kikinda secondary school students with various ethnic backgrounds at the National Theatre in Kikinda at the end of October.



The concept of this musical and drama spectacle is based on sections of Shakespeare’s play “Romeo and Juliet”, which was additionally enhanced and enriched with experiences of Kikinda’s

teenagers with different ethnic backgrounds, who perform the play in their mother tongues.

The “You and I are We” youth center prepared the same play with secondary school students from Presevo and Bujanovac. At the beginning of December 2010, fourteen Serbian, Albanian and Roma secondary school students showed at the packed hall of the community center in Bujanovac that a different world was possible. During a 90 – minute play, these young people indicated that friendship, love and tolerance were the threads that kept them together and made them happy. The performers of the play from Kikinda came to the premiere of the play to provide support to their friends from Presevo and Bujanovac.

In mid-December 2010, the Belgrade audience could watch the said theatre performance at the “Rasa Plaovic” stage of the National Theatre, when the young of Kikinda, Bujanovac and Presevo performed together in eight different languages.

At the end of November 2010, teenagers from Presevo and Bujanovac were the guests of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Slovenia. Students of the “Ledina” and “Vic” grammar schools, where the play “We are the Whole World” was performed, accorded a warm welcome to their fellow students from Bujanovac and Presevo by receiving them with a thunderous applause. His Excellency Predrag Filipov, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Slovenia, and representatives of the Coordination Body, attended the premiere of the play in Slovenia.

The hosts of the children from South Serbia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense, organized a tourist part of the program for the young guests, which included a visit to and familiarization with the landmarks of Ljubljana, as well as visits to Bled, Kranj and Postojina.

The play was supported by the Provincial Secretariat for Culture of the Autonomous Province (AP) of Vojvodina and the Coordination Body of the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja.

• **The Coordination Body's Scholarship Holders Visited Belgrade –**



In July 2010, the Coordination Body announced an open competition for granting scholarships to secondary school students from Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja. 335 students entered for the open competition: 119 students from Presevo, 113 students from Bujanovac and 103 students from Medvedja. In September 2010, 206 students received the said scholarships. When granting scholarships, priority was given to children without one or both parents.

The board for granting scholarships took into consideration the social position of parents and/or guardians, as well as the students' marks in the previous school year. In accordance with the above, 85 scholarships were granted to students from Presevo, 72 to students from Bujanovac and 49 to students from Medvedja. Each secondary school student will be getting 6,000 dinars per month until the end of the school year or until June 2011. This is the second time that the Coordination Body awarded scholarships to secondary school students from these municipalities, for the purpose of improving integration, peace and stability in the southern Serbian municipalities.

In November 2010, the Coordination Body organized a visit to Belgrade for 206 secondary school students from these three municipalities, who are the Coordination Body's scholarship holders. Accompanying the students were representatives of their secondary schools, Presidents of the Municipalities of Presevo and Medvedja, Ragmi Mustafa and Slobodan Draskovic, as well as MP Riza Halimi. At a reception that was held at the Palace of Serbia, which was attended by the Serbian government's officials and representatives of the international community, the students from South Serbia were officially given scholarship contracts by Minister Milan Markovic, President of the Coordination Body, Zarko Obradovic, Minister of Education, and by MP Riza Halimi.

Goran Ciric, Director General of the Public Enterprise of PTT Traffic "Serbia", provided appropriate gifts to the Coordination Body's scholarship holders, while Srdjan Cekic, the Head of the Executive Committee of the Postal Savings Bank, provided each secondary school student with the saving bank's deposit of 5,000 dinars.

During their visit to Belgrade, the Coordination Body's scholarship holders talked with Boris Tadic, visited the National Assembly building, where they were received by Slavica Djukic-Dejanovic, Head of the National Assembly, and they also met with Mayor of Belgrade, Dragan Djilas, in the Old Court's building.

A nineteen - year old Dafina Aliju from Bujanovac presented to the President of the Republic of Serbia and to the Mayor of Belgrade the first edition of a multiethnic magazine "VIVA BU" of the "You and I are We" Youth Center, which was done by the Serbian, Albanian and Romany children.

• **The Coordination Body's open competitions for funding projects in Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja –** In October 2010, the Coordination Body's Office announced the third open competition for funding projects and programs in 2010. That was, at the same time, the third open competition for associations of citizens and the first one in the field of information services. 4,950,301.73 dinars were earmarked in the budget for the projects of giving support to civil sector, while 3,615,260.10 dinars were earmarked for information services. The Coordination Body's Service supported 12 projects of associations of citizens and 6 media-related projects.

• **Premiere of “Catch Me if You Can” Movie** - On Tuesday, November 30, 2010, “The Future” multiethnic organization from Veliki Trnovac showed for the first time to the residents of Bujanovac “Catch me if You Can” feature - length movie. The said movie is part of the project “Together for a Smile”, which the Coordination Body supported during its open competition for projects. “The Future” organization has already produced a short film that promotes healthy life.

The Albanian, Serbian and Romany young people are actors and actresses in the “Catch me if you Can” movie. The film, which is basically a comedy, is aimed at improving communication among the young from South Serbia. The film portrays the way in which the young of all ethnic backgrounds live and the way in which they associate with one another. The message is quite clear and it is that language differences are insignificant, because the actors and actresses communicated among themselves in their mother tongues, as well as in English.

Over 650 residents of Bujanovac watched the premiere of the movie. It is obvious that such projects are welcome since they have an impact on improvement of relations among members of all ethnic communities in Bujanovac.

• **A session of the Coordination Body’s Presidency was Held** – At the beginning of December 2010, a session of the Coordination Body’s Presidency was held that was dedicated to economic situation in the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja.

Dragijana Radonjic – Petrovic, Vice – President of the Coordination Body, is going to organize a meeting between businessmen from the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja and Director of the Development Fund, the seat of which was relocated to Nis. At that meeting, businessmen from South Serbia will have a chance of hearing in which way they might apply for the Development Fund’s financial resources.

• **The Awarding of Scholarships to Students of the Faculties of the Economy and Law in Medvedja** – In the 2010/2011 academic year, 32 students enrolled in the department of Nis University’s Faculty of the Economy, while 45 freshmen joined the Faculty of Law’s department. Out of 19 students of the Faculty of the Economy’s department, 12 of them enrolled in the second year of the studies, whereas 25 of the enrolled 35 students started doing the second year. The Coordination Body awarded one-off scholarships, in the amount of 7,000.00 dinars, to all the students that had started doing the second year.

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