

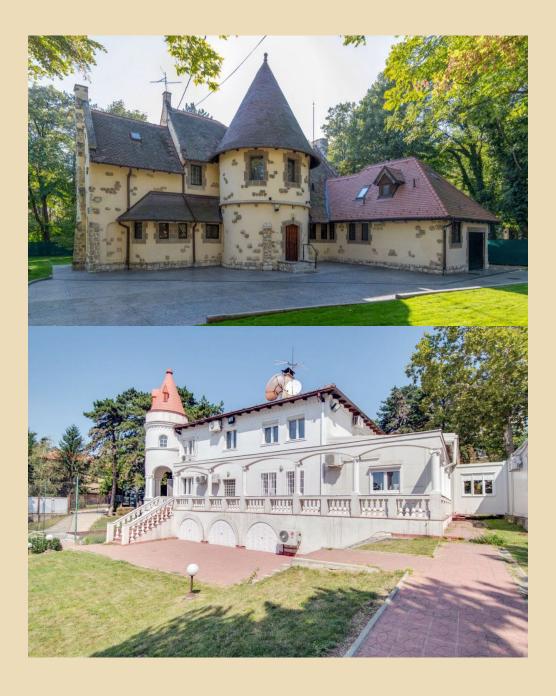
# WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

The Republic of India and Ukraine marked their national Independence Day in August. To honor the occasions, we here in present their bilateral and friendly relations with the Republic of Serbia.

In this issue we also introduce you to the visits exchanged by the delegations of our Company and the Directorate General for Rendering Services to Diplomatic Missions (GDIP), which manages state-owned real estate in Ukraine, organized in order to improve institutional cooperation.

We are glad to share the news on the continued cooperation between Dipos and German School in Belgrade, as well as on Dipos membership in the French-Serbian Chamber of Commerce.

Finally, we will also introduce you to the ongoing maintenance service which, together with the investment maintenance we provide, makes our offer unique in the Serbian property market.



# SINCE THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, FOREVER ALIGNED AS FRIENDS

Established a year after the great victory of Mahatma Gandhi and the declaration of independence of India, the diplomatic relations between the two countries are colored by mutual respect, understanding, and the desire for constant improvement of cooperation.

The partnership between the two countries was most intensive within the Non-Aligned Movement. This term was first used by the Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, one of the most popular historical figures of India, who personally set the tone of the relations with at that time Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia and its President Josip Broz Tito.

The movement was founded by these two statesmen, together with the president of Egypt, Gamal Abdel Nasser, in Brioni on July 19, 1956. It included 137 developing countries and 17 associate members. The main ideas which guided their political thought were peace and coexistence, which implied that global problems could be solved in a different way.



Тито у посети Индији

Numerous events in Belgrade in 2018 marked the seventieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. On that occasion, both countries acknowledged their attitudes that they would work on improving trade exchange and strengthening economic and political ties.

Having in mind that India is today`s driver of global growth, and Serbia, on the other hand, is one of the most promising economies in the Balkans, the potential for cooperation can be realized in different areas.



Оснивање покрета несврстани.

Non-alignment implied both cooperation and solidarity between countries. "The distance which divides us has disappeared in the meeting of our thoughts, and the foundations have been laid for the friendship which, I believe, will last forever," Nehru said during his visit to Belgrade the following year.

#### And so it was.

Tito is known in India as the first European president to have officially visited this country after gaining independence. He enjoyed agreat reputation there.

Numerous meetings between the officials have contributed to building relations and positioning the two countries at the international level. Visit to India by the Prime Minister at that time and today the President of the Republic of Serbia Aleksandar Vucic to participate in the "Vibrant Gujarat Summit" in January 2017, the official visit of the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivica Dacic in May 2018 and the Vice President of the Republic of India Venkaiah Naidu to Serbia in September 2018, stand as an expression of the two countries` firm determination to continue constructive bilateral dialogue.



#### Bilateral relations between Ukraine and Serbia

#### **ETERNALLY CONNECTED BY TISA AND DANUBE**

Although Ukraine was constituted as an independent state in 1991, the Serbian people have been linked for centuries to this country`s present-day territory.

One of the theories of the Serbs` origin claims that they come from the area of former Boiki, in western Ukraine. From there, the "White Serbs" set out for Europe along the Tisa River and settled in the Balkans. Historical evidence of this theory is also contained in the writings of the Byzantine emperor Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus. In Chapter 32 of the Book of Nations (or "On the Administration of the Empire"), he emphasizes that Serbs descended from unbaptized Serbs and that they had long been inhabiting the other side of "Turkey" (today's Hungary).



Constantine Porphyrogenitus and Romanus II on a Byzantine gold coin (945-959)



Map of New Serbia and SlavyanoSerbia regions in the territory of today`s Ukraine

Centuries of turbulent historical struggles for territories between the great powers were also marked by intensive migrations of Serbs which lasted from the 15th to the 19th century. After the Pannonian plain, since the end of the 16th century, they were moving to today's Ukraine. They built settlements there, and they also participated in the Ukrainian liberation movement. In the middle of the 18th century, two special territories were formed - New Serbia (1752-1764) and SlavyanoSerbia (1753-1764). These provinces were autonomous and served as defense against the Tatars.



Milos Crnjanski, author of the novel "Migrations"

The arrival of Serbian people in these parts was also described by the famous author Milos Crnjanski in his novel Migrations (original title: Seobe): "Fortresses, churches, buildings of the upper town, in flicker, seemed like a Russian imperial crown, imagined all in precious stones by those dismissed officers at that time. Sofia Cathedral, St. Andrew's Church, Pechersk Lavra, Golden Gate, in the snow, on the hill, seemed to these immigrants, in the first days, as buildings not of human hands, but as if some crazy imagination built them, in snow and ice.", Crnjanski wrote.

After the declaration of Ukraine's independence in 1991, official diplomatic relations were established. The Ukrainian embassy in Belgrade was opened in 1995, while Vadim Primachenko was appointed ambassador in August 1996.

Thus, the cooperation between the two countries, geographically connected in one direction by the Tisa and reversely by the Danube, was formally established. Bound as two rivers are, modern relations between the two countries are further enhanced by active bilateral meetings, visits by official delegations and institutional cooperation. In addition, Embassy of Ukraine in Belgrade organizes different events to promote and introduce the Serbian people to the tradition and culture of this country.



#### Institutional cooperation with the Ukrainian GDIP

### **DIPOS WORLDWIDE AND THE WORLD IN DIPOS**

To exchange experience and improve operations, delegations of the General Directorate for Rendering Services to Diplomatic Missions of Ukraine (GDIP) from Kiev and the Property Management and Rental Company Dipos Belgrade organized bilateral institutional visits in 2018.

Invited by GDIP, the delegation of Dipos initially went to Ukraine from September 17 -20, 2018.

This visit may be considered historic due to the fact that, since the establishment of the company, this type of cooperation and exchange of professional experiences between the two state institutions, primarily of the same activities, has never been accomplished before.





Symbol of the beginning of cooperation and establishment of friendly relations between GDIP and Dipos

While on Trukhaniv Island in Kiev, where GDIP owns property and a hotel H.E. Rade Bulatovic, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Ukraine who also mediated this visit, and our Director, Mr. Djoko Krivokapic, planted two trees as a symbol of the beginning of cooperation and establishmen of friendly relations between GDIP and Dipos.

GDIP delegation visit to Belgrade followed in the period October 24 - 27, 2018. Our employees organized it to present the Company in the best possible manner, but also Belgrade and the Republic of Serbia. The most important landmarks and locations of the city of Belgrade, such as the Temple of Saint Sava, Andricev venac, Knez Mihailova Street, Kalemegdan and Skadarlija were selected for the sightseeing tour. GDIP delegation also enjoyed traditional Serbian cousine.

The Ukrainian delegation was introduced in more detail with the manne our Company operates and the services we provide to our tenants. Upor this occasion, GDIP representatives visited the Diplomatic Colony and learnt about its history. A short presentation was held in our premises including the announcement of the construction of the new Diplomatic Club in Belgrade.





The return visit of the GDIP delegation to Belgrade and Dipos strengthened the already established business and friendship ties. At the same time, signing of Memorandum on the establishment of official business cooperation between the company Dipos Belgrade and the General Directorate for Rendering Services to Diplomatic Missions from Kiev was agreed.

The exchange of experiences of two organizations engaged in the same activity, lease and maintenance of real estate for the needs of diplomatic and consular missions, proved of great importance for both parties.

# CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH **DEUTSCHE SCHULE BELGRAD**



Long-term successful cooperation between the German School Belgrade (Deutsche Schule Belgrad) and Property Management and Rental Company Dipos Belgrade, will continue in 2020 to mutual satisfaction. The parties have signed the Agreement on the lease of real estate in the elite part of the Savski venac municipality, in 15 Sanje Zivanovica Street. The school will use the premises for its kindergartens and preschools.

Cooperation between the German school Belgrade and Dipos today lasts for more than 30 years. It was established initially in 1990, when the first lease agreement was signed between the two parties.

Deutsche Schule Belgrade is a part of an international network of 143 German foreign schools around the world, which includes over 1,000 educational institutions and German classes in public schools

In the Republic of Serbia, DSB is an important location factor for the entire public, Serbian-German economy, and other cultural and political institutions. As the only school in which the curriculum is taught in German with a recognized graduation exam by the Federal Republic of Germany, it is an important partner in youth education and a center for the promotion of German culture in Serbia.

# **DIPOS IS A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH - SERBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

To expand its business network and connect with the international business community, Dipos Belgrade has become member of the French-Serbian Chamber of Commerce.

The French-Serbian Chamber of Commerce (CCIFS) was founded in 2005 as a business club, and in 2009 it was awarded the status of a Chamber when it became member of the International Union of French Chambers (CCI France International).

Today it brings together over 130 domestic and foreign companies in Serbia, including the largest French companies, but also numerous domestic and foreign ones such as: Athos, Lafarge, L'Oreal, Michelin (Tiger Tires), Le Belier, Sanofi, Soufflet, Schneider Electric, Veolia, banks -Credit Agricole, OTP, Raiffeisen and Unicredit, Vinci Airports - Belgrade Airport, Renault, Total, Mecafor, Xpro, etc

Sanja Ivanic, CCIFS director, stated upon this occasion: "I am more than glad that Dipos recognized the importance of cooperation with our Chamber. On one hand, this is a proof of the success of our efforts to gather as many members as possible which will contribute to the cooperation between Serbia and France through exchange of contacts and experiences, and mutual support, each in their own field. On the other, the very fact that Dipos, as a company owned by the Republic of Serbia, seeks to advance its business capacity in this manner reflects its modern approach to operations and its determination to develop further in line with global business and market trends.









#### **ONGOING MAINTENANCE SERVICE**

The goal which Dipos continuously strives to achieve is high level of care for tenants through investment and ongoing maintenance services.

Ongoing maintenance service implies works undertaken to prevent damage caused by using a facility or to remedy such damage. It includes inspection, repair and prevention and protective measures, i.e. all the works which keep maintenance of the facility at a satisfactory level.

In this manner we ensure that life and work in the property we manage is maintained at a high level.

Investment and ongoing maintenance services make our offer unique on the Serbian market.





### Impressions and recommendations:

"I am pleased to refer to the recent renovation works at the Residence of Egypt. On this occasion, I am happy to extend words of thanks. We are glad that the works finished timely.
I look forward to continuing successful cooperation and further friendly and professional contacts with Dipos management"

**H. E. Amr Aljowaily**Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Republic of Serbia



#### Did you know?

From August 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019 we completed

5.571

interventions in ongoing maintenance services.

For more information on our business activities please visit our web site www.dipos.rs







