



WELCOME TO DIPOS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

Inspired by national holidays marked by some of our long-term tenants or friendly countries in October, we have dedicated this issue of our monthly newsletter to the history and contemporary bilateral relations between Serbia and China, Germany and Spain.

It was our great pleasure to have visited the Embassies of the Republic of Cyprus and the Federal Republic of Brazil, with which Dipos has been cooperating for many years. During the visits, the Company representatives had the opportunity to meet H. E. Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Constantinos Eliades and H.E. Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Brazil, Mr. Eduardo Botelho Barbosa and to discuss their viewpoints regarding the improvement of the frameworks of the current cooperation and also bilateral relations with the Republic of Serbia.

We sincerely believe that you will enjoy this edition.

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Visit to the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in Belgrade

EXCELLENT COOPERATION OF BROTHERLY NATIONS

In the Embassy premises, Dipos representatives were hosted by H.E. Ambassador, Constantinos Eliades. At the beginning of the conversation, the ambassador emphasized the support in foreign policy issues, economy, culture and territorial integrity, which Cyprus and Serbia today strive to nurture on diplomatic basis, built on understanding and respect.

- Serbia is one of the countries with which we have no disagreements at all, emphasized H.E. Konstantinos Eliades, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to Serbia, which has been using the services of Property management and rental company Dipos Belgrade for several decades, during the visit of Dipos representatives.



H.E. Constantinos Eliades, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to Serbia

H.E. Eliades, who is in Belgrade diplomatic mission for the second time in his career, shared with us his impressions on the country's development:

- I am very glad that after 30 years I was able to come back to Serbia and to see the difference. The country has made tremendous progress in terms of economic development, but also infrastructure, especially considering the sanctions and the sufferings it went through. On the other hand, the people are still the same great people, very hospitable and very friendly.

The Ambassador hopes that in future business sector cooperation will also be improved.

- We, as embassies and governments, open the avenues for people and private sector to do business, and it is upon them to take opportunities.

Cyprus has recently opened its airport gates to Serbian citizens, where entrance is possible with negative PCR test results. Ambassador Eliades also hopes that Serbia will be upgraded to A list, which would imply no testing requirements.

His Excellency hopes that there will be more tourists from Serbia in Cyprus, and vice versa. "Due to its rich and 11,000 years long history, Cyprus is like an open-air museum. This is also the third safest country in the world, which is also important today."

The Embassy is also investing efforts in promoting regional cooperation and development, aiming at connecting Serbian and Cypriot towns and municipalities and opening new opportunity for business partnership.

Since the establishment, the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus has been located in the premises managed by Dipos.

- Our cooperation with Dipos is excellent - you are taking good care of us. You help us feel at home here, which is of great importance for conducting our affairs, he concluded.

Our blog entitled "Excellent Cooperation of Brotherly Nations" contains more information on bilateral relations between the Republic of Cyprus and Serbia. We invite you to visit this section on our website.

WE ARE SOCIETIES WHICH SHARE MANY COMMON VALUES AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

Last year Brazil and Serbia celebrated the 80th anniversary of friendly bilateral relations. H.E. Eduardo Botelho Barbosa hosted our delegation to exchange impressions on the long-standing cooperation, which was also an opportunity to inform us on the latest developments in relations between Serbia and Brazil.



H.E. Eduardo Botelho Barbosa, Ambassador of Federative Republic of Brazil

- We are societies which share many common values and ethical principles, which reflects in our numerous common views on global developments and defines our positions in international relations. Therefore, it is very easy for me to have dialogue with the Serbian government and the Serbs in general, he stated in the very beginning.

Ambassador Barbosa emphasized that the trade relations between the eighth-largest economy in the world and Serbia are modest, but that there is complementarity. He also stated that the economic cooperation became more concrete eight years ago, with trade picking up, to be followed by the first Brazilian investment in Serbia, when one of the leading Brazilian pharmaceutical companies EMS purchased Galenika and upgraded its business performance.

In addition to the already established trade exchange, H.E. Ambassador Barbosa believes that tourism industry holds immense potential in further development of bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

- The Balkans are a spectacular mosaic of cultures and histories which Brazil has not discovered yet. Serbia should be emphasizing its beautiful natural landscapes, he recommended.

The Embassy is very active in the promotion of Brazilian culture in Serbia. Belgrade audience had the opportunity to enjoy the performances of the famous brothers Sérgio and Odair Assad at Guitar Art Festival and of the fabulous Brazilian dancers at Belgrade Dance Festival. Brazilian films awarded worldwide were presented to the audience of the LGBT Merlinka festival. The Embassy also financed the publication of CD with 12 etudes for the guitar of Heitor Villa Lobos, Brazilian visionary composer, conductor and music professor, transcribed for the piano and played by the local musician Julija Bal. Film festivals, Jazz festival, Capoeira and Portuguese language teaching are also the focus of the Embassy`s activities, largely reduced this year due to COVID-19 pandemic.

- When the situation returns to normal, we will continue our activities in this regard, Mr. Barbosa shared his optimism with us.

Impressed by the natural beauties of Serbia and happy with his life in Belgrade, Ambassador is also very positive about the cooperation with Dipos.

- The embassy is a landmark and a very comfortable office space. The façade and the interior were refurbished recently. The building is in excellent shape. I think that Dipos takes good care. You listen to us and you meet our needs. We are happy to be here.

More information on the bilateral relations between Serbia and Brazil, activities of the Embassy in Belgrade and extended version of the interview with H.E. Eduardo Botelho Barbosa can be found on our BLOG.

Bilateral relations between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Serbia

SUPPORT BEYOND THE BELT AND THE ROAD

The People's Republic of China was founded on October 1, 1949, and the country marks this date as a national holiday. Upon this occasion, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Serbia, Chen Bo stated in Belgrade at this year's celebration that the two countries "proved by the activities undertaken in the field that they are friends connected with "steel bonds" and that they "share both good and evil".

Serbia and China established official diplomatic relations on January 2, 1955. Several presidential visits have been recorded in their history, including intensive cooperation at various levels, which has been recently raised to new levels.

Modern China is the second economy in the world which has proven that economic wonders are possible. The country has achieved dynamic growth since 1978, when it began internal reforms and opening up to the world to reduce the economic gap behind the developed countries. Former UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon once stated that many developing countries can draw inspiration from the Chinese experience.

Its population with 20% of global inhabitants is also an impressive market. It is at the same time a society with strong traditions, unique system of values and philosophy, but also with the civilization with longest uninterrupted development of culture in the history of mankind.

Today's President Xi Jinping turned the historical paths of the silk trade into an ambitious vision of the Belt and Road Initiative – a project which envisages their revival as a modern investment, trade and economic corridor. The initiative focuses on improving connectivity and cooperation between numerous countries spread across the continents of Asia, Africa and Europe. The plan includes the construction of high-speed railways, roads and highways, energy transmission and distribution networks and optical cable networks, with cities and ports along this route recording economic development. The chain of infrastructure projects will create the world's largest economic corridor, covering a population of 4.4 billion.

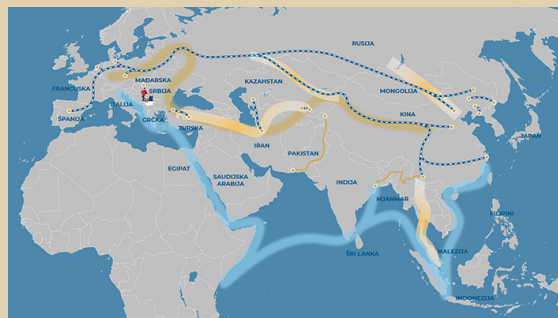


Illustration of major projects within the Belt and Road initiative

The Republic of Serbia is one of the countries which has decided to use this unique historical development opportunity. Serbia has been a member country of the 16 + 1 Cooperation Process since its establishment in 2012, and it is one of the most active ones. Within its framework, in the past six years, the project of revitalization and construction of the Budapest-Belgrade railway, construction of several sections on the Belgrade-South Adriatic highway, construction of bypass around Belgrade, revitalization of block 2 of the Thermal Power Plant in Kostolac and construction of a new block 3, revitalization of the Drmno surface mine and numerous other projects are under way or already implemented.



President of the Republic of Serbia Aleksandar Vucic and President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping

The ancient Silk Road once brought more than trade – it implied the exchange of knowledge, discoveries and culture. Likewise, the new one brought help and support from Chinese experts and medical equipment during the first days of the fight against the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Serbia and China built two "Vatreno oko" laboratories together. Chinese experts spent 82 days with the Serbian people at the time of the epidemic, which was of great importance for our country.

For more information on the bilateral relations between Serbia and China please visit our [BLOG](#).

ECONOMY AND CULTURE AS THE STRONGEST LINKS

Federal Republic of Germany celebrates the day when East and West Germany reunited in 1990 after the fall of the Berlin Wall on October 3 as the Day of Unification. Serbia and Germany are linked by common historical experiences, strong cultural permeations and economic cooperation, which have taken precedence over political conflicts in the past.

During the 19th century, German intellectual circles became familiar with the lyrics of Serbian oral literature through the works of Vuk Karadzic. The greatest reformer of the Serbian language was also a friend of Jakob Grimm who, together with his brother Wilhelm, later became famous all over the world with their well-known fairy tales. Vuk Karadzic was also praised by one of the greatest German poets in history - Goethe. Grimm and Goethe even translated our folk literature into German and popularized it among the European cultural elite.

In 1829, the famous historian Leopold von Ranke published the book "Serbian Uprising", in which he described the liberation of Serbia from the Ottoman Empire. On the other side, the development of Serbia was largely affected by German thought in many areas.

Recent history of our country has been marked with effort to join the EU, where Germany is the most important state from the economic aspect. In this regard, Germany has also expressed its support to Serbia as the initiator of the Berlin Process, a complementary mechanism aimed at establishing regional cooperation between the countries of the Western Balkans until the conditions for their formal accession to the European Union are established.

Germany is the driving force of the European economy and among the global top three exporters for years. Economic cooperation plays a key role for Serbia. For many years now, Germany has been Serbia's most important foreign trade partner in the European Union and globally. In addition to being the largest bilateral donor, Germany is among the top five foreign investors in Serbia. There are currently about 400 German companies operating here, employing approximately 60,000 workers.

Best known for the October Fest celebrations and its gastronomy, Germany is a country which today nurtures a diverse, multicultural and pluralistic cultural life. A long tradition dating back to the Nibelung, through Goethe and Bach, continues in the modern artistic expression of Fatih Akim or Bernhard Schlink.

One of the pillars of German culture and education in Serbia is German School Belgrade, which uses the premises managed by Dipos. Deutsche Schule Belgrad is very important for the entire society as a factor in the development of Serbian-German cooperation in broadest terms.



Cultivating good long-term relations with this institution, but also contributing to the improvement of bilateral relations between the Republic of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Germany, we are extremely pleased to have continued long-term cooperation with this institution by concluding the lease agreement for the facility the school will use for its kindergarten and preschool, located in the elite part of Savski venac municipality.

Please visit our [BLOG](#) to learn more about the historical bilateral relations between Germany and Serbia.

Bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Serbia

CERVANTES AS A SYMBOL OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE



October 12 is marked as the National Day of Spain, to honour the arrival of Christopher Columbus in America in 1492. It is also celebrated as the Day of the Spanish Armed Forces.

Diplomatic relations between Spain and Serbia have been extraordinary for more than a century, with mutual cordiality and respect. Their official establishment was preceded by Spanish literary and theatrical works, which were welcome with praise in Serbia. Spanish literature entered Serbia in the 18th century with Cervantes' *Don Quixote* with much attention. Dositej Obradovic wrote in his "Advice of Common Sense" that "the minds of children would become more enlightened if *Don Quixote* were translated into their language", and Jovan Sterija Popovic noted: "Whoever read *Don Quixote*, I know he knows it well, and whoever has not read it, he should be ashamed...". Only two months after the opening of the National Theatre in Belgrade in 1868, its repertoire included Juan Manuel Diana's comedy "The Cure of Mothers-in-Law". By the end of the 19th century, eight Spanish plays had been performed in more than 40 performances.

Unfortunately, the history turned the light from the theatre stages to the battlefields of the First World War, in which Spain remained neutral. After the first contacts and talks between the diplomatic agents of the two countries on the official announcement of Serbia's independence, Spain supported Serbia in difficult times and through its diplomatic representatives in Vienna and Bucharest played a significant role in delivering humanitarian aid to interned Serbs in Austro-Hungarian camps.

The process of establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries began in 1916, when the government of the Kingdom of Serbia was exiled to Corfu. On August 25, Serbian Prime Minister Nikola Pasic ordered the Serbian envoy in Paris to contact the Spanish embassy in Paris and seek agrément for the representative of Serbia, Mr. Dragomir Jankovic, who was the head of King Peter I's cabinet at the time. "The Spanish government is delighted to accept Dragomir Jankovic as representative" - read the telegram that the Serbian ambassador in Paris, Milenko Vesnic, sent to the Serbian government in September 1916.

In this manner, the diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of Serbia were formally established by appointing Dragomir Jankovic as Serbian representative in Madrid in October 1916, followed by official handing over the credentials to the Spanish King Alfonso XIII, on February 7, 1917. The centenary of diplomatic relations between our two countries was marked in 2017.

Understanding and support of Spain is mostly reflected in observing the territorial integrity of Serbia, and the Spain's voting against the admission of the so-called state of Kosovo to UNESCO in 2015.

Today, Spain is of special interest for Serbian citizens when it comes to its tourism, sports, and culture. In the field of sports, Serbian audience is captivated by the matches of Spanish football clubs, but also of eternal tennis rivals Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal. The mission of promoting Spanish culture in Serbia has been undertaken by the Cervantes Institute, which has been located since 2003 in the property included in our Company's portfolio, at no. 19 Cika Ljubina Street.

Through our daily activities, we strive to secure an environment for the most successful work of this institution and we simultaneously provide, within our defined scope of work, support for this important institution in improving the connections between the two countries by strengthening the ground on which they had historically originated.

Please visit our [BLOG](#) for more information on bilateral relations between Spain and Serbia.



OUR HIDDEN GEMS

We are proud to present you the building in Kajmakcalanska Street, whose architecture embellishes this part of Belgrade. We are also more than glad to inform you that today it hosts a kindergarten where generations of our youngest community members fill it with new life and joy.



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