

## WELCOME TO OUR JUNE NEWSLETTER!

The brightness of June 2021 in our Company has been enriched by the activities we implemented to improve the cooperation with our decades-long business partners.

The event which marked this month was the celebration of 50 years of business cooperation with the Embassy of the Russian Federation and the Trade Representation of the Russian Federation in Belgrade. It was an exceptional honor and pleasure for us to host H.E. Alexander Botsan-Kharchenko, Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Belgrade, especially since this has been the first visit of an ambassador of this country to Dipos since its founding, which was realized upon the initiative of the Director of the Company, Djoko Krivokapic.

Business cooperation between the Trade Representation of the Russian Federation in Belgrade and Property Management and Rental Company "Dipos" d.o.o. Belgrade was established back in 1972, when the first lease agreement for the facility in Katiceva Street no. 8-10 in Belgrade was concluded, which is used by this Representation.





# AMBASSADOR OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND DIPOS DIRECTOR MARK 50 YEARS OF COOPERATION

Continuing the practice of marking the anniversaries of partnerships and friendly relations with diplomatic and consular missions in the Republic of Serbia, which was established for the first time after the appointment of Djoko Krivokapic as director, Property Management and Rental Company "Dipos" d.o.o. Belgrade celebrated 50 years of business cooperation with the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Belgrade and Trade Representation of the Russian Federation in Belgrade.

Celebrating the jubilee, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Serbia, H. E. Alexandar Botsan-Kharchenko and the Director of Dipos Djoko Krivokapic, in the presence of Trade Representative of the Russian Federatio.n in Belgrade, Mr. Andrey Hripunov, planted a birch tree in the Diplomatic Colony in Dedinje.



This is also the first visit of an ambassador of the Russian Federation in Belgrade to Dipos since its founding, which was initiated by Director Krivokapic. On this occasion, Ambassador Botsan-Kharchenko stated that the cooperation first began between the former Soviet Union and the SFRY, but continued to develop continuously, successively and very fruitfully, and when it comes to strategic cooperation between Serbia and Russia, which is now at the highest level, he pointed out that each cooperation is built on best individual examples, including cooperation with Dipos. The Ambassador also stated: "We are especially glad that we planted this birch, as a symbol and a sign of our fruitful cooperation with Dipos. Since we are celebrating Russia Day today, this is another symbol of Russia, here, in this beautiful courtyard, in the Diplomatic Colony."

In his address, Director Krivokapic said the following: "As part of this anniversary, and as a result of our exceptional cooperation, today's planting of this tree is also a great pleasure for me. Therefore, dear Mr. Botsan-Kharchenko, I thank you for responding to the invitation, so that you and I, by planting this tree today, can leave a pledge for our future meetings and cooperation. I am convinced that for many years to come, in such a symbolic and solemn way, we will enrich the green oasis in the Diplomatic Colony in Dedinje, where we are today, and which dates back to 1961".



Director Krivokapic used this opportunity to congratulate the brotherly people of the Russian Federation on the national holiday – Russia Day, June 12, and noted the importance of the strategic partnership of our countries, as well as the spiritual closeness and friendship of our two nations.

Emphasizing the silver birch as a symbol of beauty, strength and a fairy-tale Russian land-scape, Director Krivokapic also read a poem by Sergey Yesenin "Birch" in Russian, dedicated to this tree.



The Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Andrej Hripunov, used the opportunity to thank the Director of Dipos, Mr. Krivokapic, who, according to him, understands the requirements of the Trade Representation, showing great respect and appreciation towards the Russian Trade Representation and all employees. On that occasion, he added: "This kind of relationship makes our work easier and thus contributes to the development of Russian-Serbian economic cooperation."



The Director of Dipos, marking this anniversary, presented to Ambassador Botsan-Kharchenko a copy of the first Lease Agreement for the buildings in Katiceva Street in Belgrade, which were signed in 1972 between the Embassy of the former USSR and the Company for Managing Buildings and Apartments of Foreign Diplomatic and Consular Missions.

#### Dipos collection of sculptures "Marble and sounds"

## MEETING PLACE OF THE BEAUTY OF VENCAC MARBLE SCULPTURES AND GREEN OASIS

Under the wing of the Sculpture Symposium "Beli Vencac" and the Art Festival "Marble and Sounds" over two hundred artists from all five continents have continuously created more than 220 marble sculptures from 1966 until today, which are exhibited in the park and fountain areas in different Serbian towns.

Dipos is the proud owner of some of the most beautiful artistic expressions created within this initiative in the 1980-2007 period, in which the beauty of the stone from Vencac mountain and the richness of artistic manifestations are symbolically intertwined. These sculptures adorn the Diplomatic Colony in Dedinje today.

In the following newsletters, we will introduce you in more detail to our sculptures and their authors. In the meantime, we invite you to take a walk through the park in the Diplomatic Colony in Dedinje and enjoy their beauty!



#### The Russian Federation and the Republic of Serbia

#### **SERBIAN-RUSSIAN MARCH**

Bilateral relations between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Serbia are based on strategic partnership built on the deep-rooted friendship of the two peoples which, in addition to political support, also implies spiritual, cultural and linguistic closeness.



Although official diplomatic relations between the Principality of Serbia and the Russian Empire were established in 1838, Russia played a decisive role in the development of the modern Serbian state. The ties between medieval Serbia and Russia were primarily religious and cultural: in both countries the official language was Old Slavic, and the common religion was Orthodox Christianity. By signing the Peace of Bucharest in 1812, Russia managed to obtain a certain level of self-government for the Serbs. This was also the first international agreement in Serbian history in which modern Serbia was mentioned as a subject, which introduced our country into the international community. The Treaty of Adrianople of 1829 also resolved the Serbian issue. Pressed by Russia, Turkey finally upgraded the previous self-government of Serbia into autonomy. Russian aid was also crucial for the Serbs in the Great War. Today, Russia and Serbia are jointly proud of their anti-fascist struggle in the Second World War and their national heroes who liberated the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and most of Europe from Nazism. Both countries believe that it is their task to nurture and empower the memory of their victims fallen for the defense of humanity in order to set an example for future generations and to teach them how important freedom and sovereignty are.

More information on bilateral relations between Russia and Serbia is available at our **BLOG**.

#### Constitution Day of the Kingdom of Denmark

#### **FAIRYTALE LAND OF THE COLD NORTH**

The Danes are known today as the happiest people in the world, which is largely due to the state system of social welfare including free health care and education for all citizens. Such support further facilitated economic equality, absence of corruption and an extremely low crime rate.

Bilateral relations between Serbia and Denmark were formally established in 1917. Political and economic cooperation is at a favourable level, recording continuous growth. In the period from January to November 2020, export was 55.4 million EUR, while the value of import for the same period amounted to 142.7 million EUR.



Did you know that Copenhagen Round Tower is the oldest functional observatory where stars were watched as early as in 1642, or that Denmark spreads on 444 islands, only of which 76 are inhabited?

Visit our **BLOG** for more interesting facts about this beautiful country!

#### The Republic of Italy and the Republic of Serbia

#### **INTERPLAY OF VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE**

In ancient times, the territory of today's Serbia served as crossroads and bridge between the cultures of the west and the east. From the day when the Roman general Gaius Scribonius Curio arrived on the banks of the Danube and concquered the Celts and the other tribes, to 441, when Attila the Huns destroyed Singidunum, the history of the Roman Empire and the whole world was written in our area.

As many as 16 emperors of the Roman Empire were born on the territory of today's Serbia, which is also the largest number of Roman emperors born outside Italy. The most famous of them was the emperor of the late Roman Empire, Constantine the Great, who was born in Nis, called Naisus at that time. Constantine passed the Edict of Milan in 313, by which the persecution of Christians was stopped, and also built New Rome – Constantinople. He is considered one of the most important personalities in the history of Europe and Christianity.



In addition to the emperors, the ancient Roman Empire left behind the ruins of cities built on the territory of today's Serbia, such as Sirmium (Sremska Mitrovica), Viminacium (Kostolac), Felix Romuliana (Zajecar), Naisus (Nis) and Singidunum (Belgrade).

Visit our **BLOG** "Interplay of visible and invisible" and learn more on the joint past of Italy and Serbia!



### Did you know that

98%

of our tenants positively assessed the politeness of our employees?



















