

## **A Public Debate about How to Move Forward**

High Representative and EU Special Representative Valentin Inzko held talks yesterday evening with HDZ 1990 President Bozo Ljubic. The meeting was the latest in a series of meetings the HR/EUSR has had with BiH party leaders.

“Clearly, party leaders are under a moral obligation to do everything they can to secure progress rather than intensify problems,” the HR/EUSR said, “and I believe that voters will reward the parties that are seen to be constructively addressing citizens’ concerns rather than those who do not.”

The HR/EUSR said progress could be achieved on two levels.

He said if party leaders focus on practical issues, particularly those that will get Bosnia and Herzegovina back onto the Euro-Atlantic integration path and turn the economy around, the campaign can be turned into a public debate about how to move forward – and this will benefit the entire country and everyone in it.

At the same time, he said, parties can use the remaining five and a half months to enact – even at this late stage – reforms on the EU agenda that at the same time will help revive the economy. “Campaign season does not mean that nothing constructive can be done,” he said.