## HR/EUSR Welcomes New COM EUFOR



Today the High Representative and EU Special Representative, Valentin Inzko congratulated the new Commander of EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair on his new post and thanked the outgoing Commander, General Stefano Castagnotto, praising him for his devotion to the job and the efforts to make this country stable and safe for all its citizens.

Following the Change of Command, Valentin Inzko said: "EUFOR has shown it is a credible force capable of maintaining a safe and secure environment and I think the military commitment has been more than fulfilled. The EU presence in this country is a sign that the European Union continues to work for this country to become a member of the EU. Such assistance is not present in any other potential member state."

In extending his welcome to the new Commander of EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair, Inzko added: "Not only that we are countrymen, we are here in BiH with a joint mission: bringing BiH closer to the EU. I am sure Major General Bair will give his best to contribute to the tasks entrusted in him and I am convinced we shall have excellent cooperation in our joint efforts", concluded the High Representative and EU Special Representative.