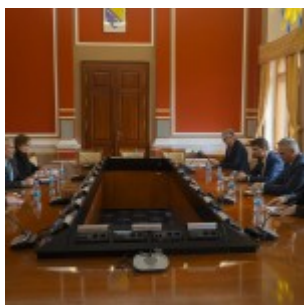


Staying focused on development and fighting corruption, Brčko will maintain a positive momentum



Principal Deputy High Representative and Brčko Supervisor Jonathan Mennuti visited the Brčko Port on Wednesday and met with Port Director and Head of the Port Modernization Project Implementation Unit. The Supervisor once more underscored the importance of this project for advancing the economic outlook of Brčko and its position as a regional transportation hub.

Next spring the citizens of Brčko should begin to see the arrival and assembly of the new crane which will significantly improve the Port's capacity. With the completion of new rail and road connections, for which the procedure for completing the requisite permits is under way, and the upcoming corporate governance reform, this will greatly improve the Port's competitiveness on the BiH and regional market.

The Supervisor also visited the District Anti-Corruption Office and met with the ACO Director and his Deputies. Corruption continues to be one of the key challenges in Brčko and the main driving force behind the outflow of young people. In this respect, the Supervisor stressed the need for closer cooperation of all law-enforcement institutions to enforce a policy of zero-tolerance for corruption in the District.

Continuing his regular consultations with the District officials, the Supervisor met with the District Mayor, Deputy Mayor, District Assembly Speaker and Deputy Speaker, where he was briefed on the institutions' progress in ongoing governance reform and infrastructure development initiatives.

The Brčko Chief of Police informed the Supervisor about efforts to ensure a safe environment during the upcoming holiday season. The Police Chief and the Supervisor agreed on the need to maintain close cooperation and coordination to this end among all law-enforcement bodies and the District authorities.

Staying firmly committed to reforms, efficient and timely implementation of infrastructure projects, and a strong stance against corruption will help maintain Brčko's successful momentum. Change and progress are possible, but only if authorities keep their focus on their duties and obligations to this community and its prosperity, said the Supervisor Mennuti.