



PRIORITIES

The Republic of Serbia attaches special significance to the development of its relations with South East European countries, as the basis of providing and enhancing stability and promoting comprehensive good-neighborly cooperation, and to the EU integration of the region.

With such an orientation, Serbia is active in the promotion of cooperation within the SEECP, the initiative over which it presides from June 2011 - June 2012.

In the years to come, the regional cooperation should provide a framework for dealing with the remaining challenges facing us.

During its Chairmanship of SEECP, the Republic of Serbia will lay special emphasis on fight against organized crime which poses a permanent threat to the stability of our countries and their future prosperity. This requires the close cooperation and full coordination of police and judicial authorities of all countries in the region.

We will try to revive the reform spirit of our societies with the aim of enhancing accountability, transparency and competency at all levels, as well as to deepen the institutional dialogue with the European Commission and EU institutions.

Special efforts will be placed on the continuation of the democratic processes and the promotion of European values in the SEECP participating States, with a view to faster integration of all countries of our region into the EU.

The Republic of Serbia will pay considerable attention to the strengthening of the parliamentary dimension of cooperation within the framework of this regional Process.

Serbian Chairmanship will strive to promote the specific project-oriented cooperation through the regional framework of the Regional Cooperation Council.

It will be engaged in the realization of a large number of infrastructural projects in the region, such as Corridors VII and X, as a necessary prerequisite for a better interconnection of the countries in the region and their closer links with neighboring regions, particularly with the EU countries, Middle East, the Caucasus, etc.

Also, the priorities include:

- Overcoming the economic crisis and its effects, strengthening of economic cooperation and trade, attracting investments.
- Raising the level of regional cooperation in the fields of environmental protection, prevention and elimination of the consequences of all types of disasters.
- Promotion of cooperation in education, science and culture.
- Continuation of developing cooperation between this regional cooperation Process and the other regional and international organizations and initiatives.