Presentation of the activities of the Populari association in Brussels – meeting in the Representation of Canton Sarajevo

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In the framework of the presentation for the activities of the Populari association from Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in the Mission Delegation in Brussels on Wednesday 13th, June 2013; the representatives of the association visited as well the Regional Representation of Canton Sarajevo office. During the meeting, they stressed the importance of cooperation between the institutional and non-governmental sector. The discussions were about an specific cooperation for future agreements between the Regional Representation to the EU and Populari organization, especially in promoting European values in BiH, informing adequately citizens of BiH at local and regional level about the current steps of the BiH towards integration to the EU, as well as the possibilities and ways to use the pre-accession funds at local and regional level.

The Representation of Canton Sarajevo suggested the possibility of presenting the current analysis and projects of the Populari association to the European Institutions and Organizations in Brussels. Mr Elezovic stated that only in cooperation with the associations run by citizens and the non-governmental sector we can achieve a stronger awakening of the citizens in Canton Sarajevo and BiH about the process of EU integration.

This is really important because the citizens have to understand the importance of step towards the EU and therefore be the holders of the EU integration process. Considering that the relevance of citizens at local and regional authorities as well as the institutional representatives of the citizens should play a key role in the process. That is what the EU also expects from all the citizens of Kanton Sarajevo and the whole country, with 65 percent of the European legislation being implemented at local and regional level of the member states. This is also expected from BiH, said Elezovic at the meeting with the representatives of the Populari organization. The meeting was attended by Vesna Malenica, political analyst, Katarina Cvikl and Ajdin Perco, policy researchers.