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Secretary General Bert Van Caelenberg on working visit to Sarajevo (BIH)

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On invitation of the Trade Union Organisation of Civil Servants of the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the secretary general of Eurofedop had a meeting with trade union officials of that country on 08/08/2012.

First, he had a meeting with the vice-president of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions, Salih Kruščica, who is also president of the Trade Union of Governmental Officials and Employees of BIH.

After a warm welcome, one of the items the vice-president spoke about were the relations with the ITUC and EPSU. He and his female collaborator for international affairs have already acquired a lot of experience in this field. The sectors are structured in a way that the member organisations can decide themselves which organisation they wish to join at European level.

This meeting took place in the rooms of the Confederation. It was followed by a presentation of Eurofedop at the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BIH.



In the presence of delegates from different ministries and the sector of the border police and the police, translation was assured in a professional way by Aisa Talelovic. Information on the structure and activities of Eurofedop were given through a PowerPoint presentation. In the course of the discussion, the civil servant responsible for European integration drew a clear picture of relations with the EU.

Bert Van Caelenberg mentioned the declaration made by the EU presidency through its Cypriot Minister for Foreign Affairs that they would aim for the establishment of closer relations between Europe and the Western Balkans.

The meeting was concluded by a promise made by Eurofedop to still transfer a number of documents by e-mail, namely as regards preparations for the seminar in Zagreb. In September, the Executive Committee of SPDS BIH will meet and suggest the organisation's joining Eurofedop and inform us by 21/09/2012.

Radenko Mirkovic moreover wished to underline that SPDS BIH is not a member of the Confederation we first visited and that they are free as nationally registered trade union to join the European organisation they want.



Talks at the Ministry