



# EUROPEAN INTEGRATION



## STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT SIGNED AS A KEY STEP IN THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS

- 7 November 2007 – SSA initialed



- 29 April 2008 - SSA signed



## SERBIAN CITIZENS CAN TRAVEL TO EU COUNTRIES WITHOUT VISAS SINCE DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- 3.7 biometric passports issued
- 12 million entries into Schengen space





## SERBIA ANSWERED THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S QUESTIONNAIRE IN RECORD TIME AND RECEIVED A POSITIVE OPINION

- **22 December 2009** – Serbia officially submitted its request for EU membership
- **24 November 2010** – Serbia received the European Commission's questionnaire



- **31 January 2011** – Serbia submitted answers to 3000 questions from the EC questionnaire
- **12 October 2011** – Serbia received the EC's opinion in which it is recommended that Serbia receives candidate status for EU membership with the understanding that existing agreements with Pristina will be implemented



# 757 MILLION EUROS OF EU GRANTS AWARDED TO SERBIA OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS

- 129 projects worth 757 million euros accepted for financing in the time period 2008-2011 and are in the process of realization



Zezelj bridge

- First calls in cross-border cooperation programs successfully concluded and over 250 projects approved





## IPA GRANTS HAVE HELPED SOLVE MANY EXISTENTIAL ISSUES OF SERBIAN CITIZENS



29 million euros for solving housing problems of refugees



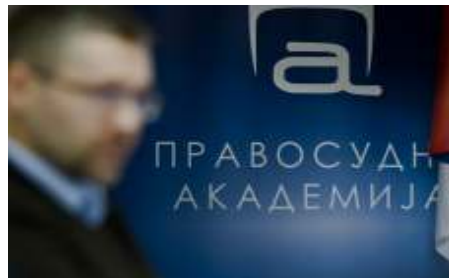
200 emergency hospital vehicles purchased



180 million euros invested in key infrastructure



Public administration reform and harmonization with EU *aquis communautaire*



Judicial reform, fight against corruption and organized crime



Education reform at all levels



**SERBIA-EU  
FORUM**

Overcoming the crisis, moving  
towards the European Union

## SERBIA-EU FORUM

September 9<sup>th</sup> , 2011



- Plenary speeches at the Forum were given by the president of the Council of Europe Herman Van Rompuy and President of Serbia Boris Tadić
- More than 600 attendees
- More than 200 domestic and foreign media
- Important questions regarding overcoming the crisis, regional cooperation in various sectors, fight against corruption, organized crime and illegal migration, knowledge economy, sustainable development and social inclusion were discussed.

