



**Embassy of India
Belgrade**

Press Release

India-Serbia Business Forum Roundtable

Embassy of India, Belgrade organized India-Serbia Business Forum (ISBF) Roundtable in Belgrade on 13th December, 2017 as a follow up to the second meeting of the ISBF held on 27 February 2017. Mrs. Narinder Chauhan, Ambassador of India convened the Roundtable which was attended by Ms. Irini Reljin, Assistant Minister, ICT and Telecom; Mr. Viktor Nedović, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Science & Technology; Mr. Igor Grabež, Advisor to Minister of Agriculture; Ms. Violeta Jovanovic, Director of NALED; Ms. Sanja Vraneš, Director, Institute 'Mihajlo Pupin'; Ms. Sonja Vukadinovic, Head of Asia Dept.-Yugoimport-SDPR; Mr. Vladimir Radunović, Director of e-diplomacy and cyber security programmes, Diplo Foundation, Ms. Milica Božanić, Executive Director, Film in Serbia and Mr. Pavle Zelić, Head of International Cooperation, National Medicines Agency.

The Participants outlined measures for further enhancing trade and investment. Prof Reljin and Mr. Radunovic briefed on their visit to India in November for the Global Conference on Cyber Space and the official discussions with their Indian counterparts on the joint projects under the MOU on IT&ES, namely, digitalisation, e-governance, IOT, start ups etc. Dr. Sanja informed of her plans to attend IndiaSoft in Bengaluru, January 2018. Yugoimport was positive on the prospects of trade with Indian defence companies including TOT under Make in India; Dr. Nedovic mentioned the agreed areas under MOU on S&T, namely, New Materials and Nano Technology, Energy and Energy efficiency, ICT, Biotechnology for human health and food security, including joint workshops on ICT and biotechnology; Advisor, Agriculture Minister gave an overview of Serbian Minister's participation in WFI in November and the immediate prospects of trade and investment, including phytosanitary agreement. The medical regulator informed of the liberalised measures to import medicines from India; Ms. Milica from Film Commission addressed ways and means to attract Bollywood film producers to Serbia. Director, NALED in her valedictory note offered to ease out hurdles.

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