

## Media Coverage: “The Western Balkans by 2030: present trends and future challenges”

### PRESS:

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**Dnevni avaz** pg 8, mentioned on cover ‘Inzko: BiH should be given candidate status’ by G.M.  
– In his conversation with journalists after the ‘Balkans in 2030’ conference, the High Representative **Valentin Inzko** said that BiH should be given EU candidate status, noting that it is his private opinion. He added that it does not mean BiH would become an EU member soon, but this way the transition process could begin. **Oslobodjenje** pg 3 ‘Give BiH candidate status’ by Fena, **Vecernji list** pg 2 ‘BiH should be immediately given status of EU candidate’ not signed, **Dnevni list** pg 5 ‘Give BiH status of candidate immediately’ not signed, covered.

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**Dnevni List:** pg 6

Summary of the conference

**Nezavisne Novine:** pg 5

Summary of the day’s conference

**Oslobodjenje:**

Piece on Gary Robbins’ opening remarks

### TV:

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**NTV Hayat:**

‘Balkans in 2030’ conference held in Sarajevo, Duration: 2:48

The High Representative **Valentin Inzko** attended ‘Balkans in 2030’ conference in Sarajevo where he said that BiH can catch up with its neighbors if citizens are empowered to influence policy and if present opportunities to circumvent obstacles to European integration are seized. Presenter quoted Inzko who said that the first step towards reflecting the aspirations of citizens is to form a government.

**FTV:**

‘Balkans in 2030’ seminar started in Sarajevo, Duration: 1:50

By Zerina Vrabac – Two day seminar under the name ‘Balkans in 2030’ started on Monday in Sarajevo. Presenter said attendees discussed identity of this part of Europe and relationship of Balkans with Turkey and Russia. The High Representative **Valentin Inzko** said that BiH can catch up with its neighbors if citizens are empowered to influence policy and if present opportunities to circumvent obstacles to European integration are seized. “We all are Europeans already but these countries are not members of the club called the EU. They should be members in next 10 to 15 years.” Inzko said. Bosniak member of BiH Presidency **Bakir Izetbegovic** said he is pleased with the progress and it is obvious that BiH made a large step forward compared to previous situations. Izetbegovic noted that even if BiH continue with tempo like this one, which is slow, we can expect to be a normal and stable member of the EU in the next 19 years. Presenter added that the report on process of integration of West Balkans to the EU will be presented on Tuesday.

### RADIO:

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**RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA**

(12,00 hrs)

Inzko: BiH’s get status of EU candid.

### ONLINE:

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EUSR Webiste: <http://www.eusrbih.eu/media/pr/1/?cid=6218,1,1>

BLIC (on Inzko’s candidate status quote): <http://www.blic.rs/Vesti/Republika-Srpska/258606/Inzko-BiH-treba-odmah-da-dobije-status-kandidata>