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THERE IS STILL HOPE FOR OPENING CLUSTER 3

Serbia has met the technical requirements for opening Cluster 3 in the European integration process, but due to the war in Ukraine and differing positions within the EU, its opening has not yet been confirmed. The largest EU member states, including Germany, France and Italy, support opening Cluster 3, while seven or eight countries oppose it, mainly because of Serbia's position on sanctions against Russia. The European Commission has recommended opening the cluster, and consultations are being conducted under the Irish presidency.

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STATE DEPARTMENT: A NEW ERA IN SERBIA-US RELATIONS

The United States and Serbia are entering a new era in their relations through their first Strategic Dialogue, announced by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio for August 6. The dialogue is intended to deepen the partnership and advance cooperation on shared goals, including regional peace and stability, expanded business and educational ties, and the building of a more prosperous future.

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MEMORANDUM ON THE ĐERDAP 3 PUMPED-STORAGE HYDROPOWER PLANT SIGNED WITH ROMANIA

Serbian Minister of Mining and Energy Dubravka Đedović Handanović signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Bucharest with Romanian Prime Minister Ilie Bolojan to facilitate the exchange of information concerning the Đerdap 3 pumped-storage hydropower plant project. Serbia plans to begin preparing spatial-planning and technical project documentation this year, while joint working groups have been established with Romania for the regular exchange of data.

Politika

No Agreement on REM

After months of deadlock, four independent members of the Council of the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media (REM) decided to resume their work in the regulatory body, triggering sharp divisions within the pro-European opposition. Parties including the Freedom and Justice Party, the Democratic Party and Serbia Centre regard the move as a betrayal that legitimises the authorities, while the Green-Left Front and several non-governmental organisations supported the decision and called for REM to continue its work.

Politika

Vučić: Cooperation with WHO to Improve Healthcare and Services

Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić met with representatives of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Serbia and signed a two-year cooperation agreement for 2026–2027, aimed at improving healthcare, strengthening institutions and providing higher-quality, more accessible health services to Serbian citizens. WHO Regional Director for Europe Hans Henri P. Kluge also took part in the meeting by video link.

Danas

Paunović Takes Over Vulin's Role

Snežana Paunović, Minister of Public Administration and Local Self-Government and a vice-president of the Socialist Party of Serbia, provoked reactions by stating that she would have ethnically

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cleansed Kosovo had she been in Slobodan Milošević's position. She was subsequently banned from entering Kosovo and declared persona non grata. The opposition is demanding her dismissal, but the authorities have ignored those demands. President Vučić said that her statement did not reflect Serbia's official policy and that she had been careless.

TV Tanjug

Mobile Clinics; Healthcare; Đuro Macut and Zlatibor Lončar

Serbian Prime Minister Đuro Macut visited a mobile clinic in Mala Plana near Smederevska Palanka, where he and Health Minister Zlatibor Lončar examined patients. Macut said after seeing patients in Mala Plana that the main purpose of mobile clinics is to make healthcare more accessible to citizens, particularly at the primary healthcare level.

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TONINO PICULA: ANTI-EU PROPAGANDA IN SERBIA'S PRO-GOVERNMENT MEDIA

Tonino Picula, the European Parliament's rapporteur for Serbia, warned of anti-EU propaganda in Serbia's pro-government media and stressed the importance of truthful information in protecting democracy. He said that independent media in Serbia and Montenegro were under pressure because changes in ownership structures threatened their editorial independence.