INVITATION TO THE PROMOTION AND DISCUSSION:

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ALTERNATIVE REPORT 2016:**

**NEW CHANCES SAME OLD PROBLEMS!**

**Location:**

**NETWORKS SARAJEVO**

**Skenderpašina 1, Sarajevo**

**Monday, July 18, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Initiative for Monitoring the European Integration of BiH, a coalition of thirty CSOs, organizes a presentation and discussion about observations from *BiH Alternative Report 2016* on the progress of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the process of EU integration and about EU reforms approach to Bosnia and Herzegovina. It represents the current state of the status of human rights in BiH from the perspective of civil society organizations, aiming to influence the official *Report for BiH*, that EU commission creates every year in October.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has made a formal progress in the EU integration process, which was not accompanied by fundamental reforms or actual progress in fulfilling the conditions for a credible application.

The focus of the presentation will be on following issues: work of the *Parliaments and governments, Public administrations, Media and freedom of speech, Elections, Human rights and protection of minorities and the issue of reform agenda.*

**Speakers:** Tijana Cvjetićanin (Why Not?)

Borka Rudić (BH Journalists)

Nedim Jahić

Miroslav Živanović (Human Rights Centre of the University of Sarajevo)

**Moderator:** Emina Bošnjak (Sarajevo Open Centre)

Event will take place in Networks Sarajevo, Skenderpašina 1 on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

**Statements to the press will be given after the presentation and discussion (12:15 a.m.) and translation (B/C/S and English language) will be provided by the organizers.**

**About the Report:**

This is the forth BiH Alternative Report on Bosnia and Herzegovina’s EU integration, with a focus on democracy and the functionality of the state, rule of law and corruption, human rights, especially the rights of minorities and vulnerable groups, and transitional justice and we referred on social and economic issues and reform agenda.

In February 2016, Bosnia and Herzegovina submitted the application for membership in the European Union, although two key conditions have not been fulfilled. The ruling of the European Court of Human Rights in the case „Sejdić and Finci“ has not been implemented yet, although in the meantime was rendered the judgment in almost identical case „Zornić“. The coordination mechanism for EU integration has never agreed upon, whereby the Council of Ministers of BiH formally adopted a decision on the coordination mechanism at a secret session and without the knowledge of partners in the negotiation process, which has drastically undermined the credibility of the very process.

Democratic performance of parliaments and governments at the state, entity and cantonal levels are extremely poor, with an alarming continuity of decline in quality of democratic processes. The work of the institutions is still characterized by instability, lack of transparency and inefficiency.

Minority and vulnerable groups continue to live in difficult conditions. In terms of anti-discrimination legislation, positive development is the introduction of prohibition of hate crime through amendments to the Criminal Code of FBiH. On the other hand, a regression in the legal framework for the protection of the rights of Roma as one of the most vulnerable groups was registered, because all the state policies in this field expired as of last year.

**Find out more about findings of the Initiative in BiH Alternative Report 2016 that is available on [www.eu-monitoring.ba](http://www.eu-monitoring.ba)**

**We kindly ask you to confirm your attendance no later than July 15, 2016.**

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