

## *PRESS RELEASE*

*Serbian-Italian Business Council formalises cooperation with Dr Zoran Đinđić Fund*

### **Connecting young talents from Serbia with Italian companies**

**(Belgrade, September 8<sup>th</sup>)** – Headed by co-presidents Draginja Đurić and Guidalberto Guidi, representatives of the Serbian-Italian Business Council held their meeting in Serbia and discussed on the occasion the options for expansion of economic cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the field of investment activities. As besides protection and maintenance of business interests, another very important aspect of the Business Council strategy is the development of cooperation in the field of culture and education, the Agreement on Cooperation with Dr Zoran Đinđić Fund was signed at the meeting. The Serbian-Italian Business Council is thus going to contribute to the implementation of the project named „Young Experts in Italy“, which envisages the improvement of knowledge of students graduated from Serbian universities in Italy. In addition, businessmen of both sides have agreed to actively participate in the search for employment opportunities for the most promising young talents from Serbia, connecting them with successful Italian companies, where they will have a chance for further professional development.

„We believe that investing in young people and their education is in fact investing in the future, so I am especially glad that besides working on the enhancement of economic relations between our countries, by signing the Memorandum of Cooperation with Dr Zoran Đinđić Fund, we also provide students from Serbian universities the opportunity to gain some professional experience in Italy, return to their country enriched with new knowledge and apply it in practice“,



stated Draginja Đurić, co-president of the Serbian-Italian Business Council and CEO of Banca Intesa Belgrade.

The Serbian-Italian Business Council, founded more than a year and a half ago, functions as a non-profit and non-governmental organisation aimed at the improvement and further development of economic relations between the two countries, as well as the connection of commercial, industrial and cultural sectors of Serbia and Italy in order to develop and implement joint projects. Its establishment was initiated by the Ministry of Economy and Regional Development of the Republic of Serbia and the Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Italy.

