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## **Bilateral meeting between MPs from the parliaments of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the National Assembly of Republic of Serbia**

**Bijeljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
March 03<sup>rd</sup> and 04<sup>th</sup> 2016**

### **Conclusions and recommendations**

The representatives from the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, National Assembly of Republic of Srpska and the National Assembly of Republic of Serbia, together with the representatives of the municipalities in the border region between B&H and Serbia, participating at the bilateral meeting in Bijeljina acknowledge the importance of the cross-border cooperation in the context of the EU integration of the region and adopt the following recommendations:

-Due to the obvious interest and need for more intensive cross-border cooperation, the parliaments in both countries, during the process of programming, should advocate for bigger portions of the IPA funds to be dedicated to the cross-border cooperation component of IPA;

-The institutions/agencies within the governments should work on making the procedures for application simpler for future applicants;

-The Directorate for European Integration (DEI) in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Office for European Integration in Serbia (SEIO) should work on providing more intensive support and capacity building to the municipalities and cities. The organization of trainings, workshops, networking and other types of meetings can help them take advantage of the opportunities offered by the use of CBC funds.