



First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Ivica Dacic met today with Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Peter Szijjarto. During his official visit to Belgrade, the Hungarian Head of Diplomacy attended the meeting of the Serbia-Hungary-China Trilateral Working Group concerning the project of reconstruction of the Belgrade-Budapest railway.

Minister Dacic and Szijjarto jointly assessed that the bilateral relations between Serbia and Hungary had been at the highest level in the last few decades and that enormous progress had been achieved over the last two years as regards the solving of all outstanding issues. The two heads of diplomacy noted that there was a record-high bilateral economic trade in 2013 and 2014 as well as a very dynamic cooperation in several areas of mutual interest, as evidenced by frequent visits of their state officials.

Minister Dacic emphasized the importance of intensified efforts aimed at developing the trilateral project of Belgrade-Budapest railway reconstruction.

Minister Dacic thanked his Hungarian counterpart for his ardent support in the process of Serbia's EU accession and accepted his invitation to pay a return visit to Hungary in February 2015.

Hungarian Minister Szijjarto underlined the significance of the rising trend in bilateral cooperation, particularly in the field of economy. He announced the imminent opening of Exim Bank and National Trading House offices in Belgrade as well as the designation of Hungary's former Permanent Representative to the EU as a member of the negotiating team of Serbia tasked with conducting Serbia's EU accession talks, for the purpose of offering his expertise. The two heads of diplomacy underscored the importance of defining common interests and developing mutually beneficial projects, particularly in the fields of transportation and energy infrastructure, on which they would continue their talks during Minister Dacic's visit to Budapest.