

## Lower your volume on MP3!



The European Union has advised the music lovers to lower the volume on their MP3 players because they are at a high risk to permanently lose their hearing ability. European scientists have concluded that between 2.5 and 10 million of Europeans could lose their hearing abilities in a period of at least five years of listening to their MP3 more than an hour per day (with a dangerous intensity of volume – higher than 89 decibels). The spokesperson of the Union, Helen Carnes has said that the European Commission asks the citizens, especially the children and younger

people, to "reduce the intensity" now because they could impair their hearing while not even noticing it. "That is a damage which could come back and follow you later in life", Carnes has said. She has added that the competent personnel from the EU will deliberate a possibility of further lowering of legal limitation of 100 decibels for MP3 players. The "Apple" Company was forced to withdraw "iPod" players from stores in France and to change the software on it in order to be in harmony with the limit of 100 decibels. The California Company, with each sold "iPod" attaches a warning in which it says that "usage of headphones with the highest volume can cause a permanent hearing damage". The EU adopts the regulations on intensity of noise, by which, due to the medical reasons, it limits the level of volume at work positions, construction areas, in factories, and even the intensity of acoustics of orchestras as well.

(Source: B92, October 2008.)

## Old Hungarian archives on Internet

The Hungarian Parliament has established an internet archive of documents from the period from 1861-1918. Hungarian collection contains all documents on work of the parliament created between 1861. and 1918. Next phase, as it has been stated by the European portal for e-government [www.epractice.eu](http://www.epractice.eu), there will be digitalization of documents up until 1990. Hungarians have got an open access to the archive of documents from between 1861-1918. All copies of documents of the Lower and Upper House are available at the new website. The official stenographs have created steno-gram, so the historicists can use the documents as totally reliable. The

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 ekként esetleg a helytelen vámintételesek folytán tényleg egy általunk elfoglalt és igazgatott országban az idegen verseny nagyra növesztetik és idővel természetes helyzetünk mellett azon szomszéd országból is kiszorítottunk.

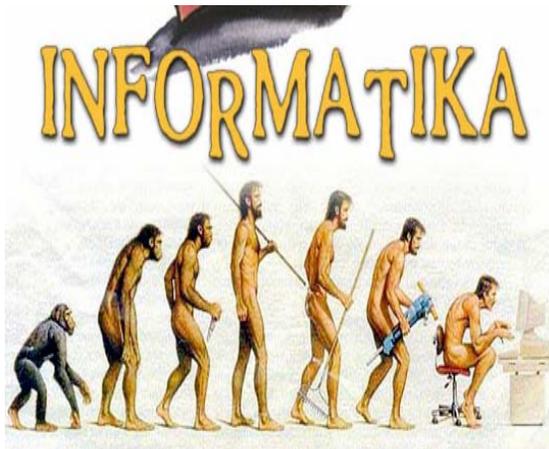
Mily jelentőséggel bír a magyarországi ipar- és forgalmi viszonyokra Bosnia és Hercegovina, kiténik az e részben rendelkezésre álló adatokból is. Ugyanis az 1866–75. évi bevételadatai szerint, az osztrák-magyar monarchiából Bosnia- és Hercegovinába évenként bevitelik:

	Az osztrák-magyar monarchiából	Az osztrák-magyar monarchián át	Összesen
czukor . . . . .	8,894 vámmázsa	8,251 vámmázsa	17,146 vámmázsa
gyümölcs- és kerti termények .	5,589 "	8,432 "	14,021 "
gabona . . . . .	2,304 "	7,100 "	9,404 "
liszt és őrlemény . . . . .	2,395 "	5,195 "	7,590 "
sőr . . . . .	4,776 "	113 "	4,789 "
bor . . . . .	4,000 "	3,502 "	7,503 "

problem for researchers can only be the fact that the documents are available only in Hungarian language. The library plans to continue its efforts of

digitalization and expand the parliamentary collection in order to complete all parliamentary collection until 1990.

## Majority of Bosnians are computer illiterate



According to data of the internet providers, there were total 273.752 internet-subscribers in BiH at the end of 2007. Percentage of using the Internet in country is 20.9% and it is much smaller in relation to the countries of the Union. In those countries, particularly, the Internet is being used by 69.9% of citizens on average.

*(Source of data: Government of the FBiH)*

**B**osnia and Herzegovina gets behind the countries of the European Union three times in computer literacy. The analysis created by the Institutions of BiH has shown that majority of citizens does not use the Internet.

## Inside the EU – SMS sending cheaper



**T**he EU Member States have supported a proposal of the European Commission for reduction of prices of roaming for

sending of text messages and transfer of data in mobile telephone network, and citizens should from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2009 pay less for those services. "I welcome the decision of the Council for telecommunications to support a proposal of the Commission on reduction of imposition for sending of SMS and transfer of data by mobile telephones when they are abroad", has been said by representative for telecommunications, Viviane Redding. The proposal of the Commission stipulates restricting of price of roaming for sending of text messages to 0.11 Euros from today's average 0.29 Euros, which is a reduction by 60%.

By this proposal, price of conversations by mobile phones has been significantly reduced, but a price of textual messages has remained the same. The Commission has included in this proposal the reduction of prices for surfing on the internet in mobile network. Citizens of the EU have in 2008 send 2.5 billion of messages,

which has been around 800 million Euros. Prices of roaming for sending of textual messages differ in countries – travelers from Belgium are paying for roaming the most (0.75 Euros per message), while those from France pay only 0.30 Euros for sending of message from Italy.

(Source: Hena, November 2008.)

## European digital library "Europeana" has been launched



The digital library *Europeana*, reaction of the European Union on numbers and numbers of books of the American *Google*, was initiated recently with more than two million of books available on internet. It implies big literacy works, as it is Dante's "Divine Comedy", reproductions of images, as it is "Girl with a pearl earring", historical documents, as it is British "Magna Carta", recordings of Beethoven's and Mozart's writings and images on fall of the Berlin wall. France has ensured a half of first contents, but *Europeana* should keep a totality of the European

culture, has been informed by AFP. The goal is to ensure by 2010 an access, by portal [www.europeana.eu](http://www.europeana.eu) in numerical version at least 10 million of books, writings, images, maps, photos, audio-video documents. The project *Europeana* has been initiated after *Google* has launched a gigantic program of numbering the books from seven million of works since the end of 2004. "*Europeana* is not a competition to *Google*", has been claimed by Jill Cousins, official of the foundation which coordinates by *Europeana*. "It refills *Google*, it gives you a broad access to a larger spectrum of authentic works" which has been supplied by the European cultural institutions. *Google* is ready to "cooperate" with *Europeana*. Projects of numbering, as *Europeana* is, are a strong signal which shows that the authors, publishers, librarians and technological companies can work together in order to democratize the access to a collective world knowledge.

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