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KANJIZA, SOMBOR & SUBOTICA, BUSINESSES AND CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS JOIN USAID PROJECT TO BOOST REGION'S DEVELOPMENT

SOMBOR – USAID Mission Director Susan K. Fritz participate in the launch of an inter-municipal partnership between Kanjiza, Sombor and Subotica, their businesses and civil society groups at the Sombor National Theater on Wednesday, November 23, at 1 p.m.

Representatives from these communities will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the USAID Sustainable Local Development Project to plan and implement local economic development projects of mutual interest and benefit.

The media is invited to attend the event, part of the five-year, \$22-million USAID Sustainable Local Development initiative, which supports partnerships among local governments, businesses and civil society organizations to pool the municipalities' expertise and resources to create a stronger environment for investment and growth.

- WHO: USAID Mission Director Susan K. Fritz Mayor of Kanjiza Nyilas Mihaly Mayor of Sombor Nemanja Delic Mayor of Subotica Sasa Vucinic Rural Development Advisor of the Agrarian Union of Kanjiza CSO Eva Skutera President of the Executive Board of the Regional Chamber of Commerce Sombor Tanja Maglic
- WHEN: Wednesday, November 23, at 1 p.m. Journalists covering the event should arrive no later than 12:40 p.m.
- WHERE: Sombor National Theater, Trg Koste Trifkovica 2
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