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Rapporteur for the proposed visa liberalisation for Western Balkans countries Tanja Fajon has visited the Serbian Institute for Public Diplomacy today.

Slovenian member of the European Parliament Fajon suggests the European Commission's (EC) July proposal for the tourist visa abolition for Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro to be adopted without any further conditions, as well as to keep the open way for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania, as soon as the requirements from the road map set up by the EC are fulfilled.

Voting in the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs has been postponed until Monday, October 19, due to the logistical reasons.

Fajon has expressed her optimism about the visa liberalisation outcome and expects that the European Parliament will give the strong support to that process.

European Commission will issue the evaluation about this issue in November and the voting in the Council of Ministers will follow.

Participants in today's meeting at the Serbian Institute included the representatives of Serbian diasporas from United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Croatia as well as the representative of Serbs from Bosnia and Herzegovina.