



Media release

Eurobank EFG Supports Foundation for Studies of Science and Art

Continuation of Cooperation between Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts and Eurobank

Belgrade, May 05, 2009 – Eurobank EFG and the Foundation for Studies of Science and Art (part of SASA) signed the agreement on donation that will be used for financing of work of the Foundation for Studies of Science and Art. This is continuation of successful cooperation with SASA, this time aiming to support young and talented people in Serbia.

Funds will be implemented to provide conditions for education of young, extremely capable and gifted persons and pupils and their training for creative work in science and art. The Foundation for Studies of Science and Art was founded in the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts in 1996. The Foundation was founded by SASA, National Bank of Serbia and the Association of Serbian Banks.

- It is only natural that, as the 4th bank in Serbia according to its balance sheet, we have become a donor of the foundation which has had support of the most successful Serbian financial institutions and companies before. This is continuation of fruitful cooperation with one of our most renowned institutions in science and art, and it will be continued in the future for sure, explained Slavica Pavlovic, a member of the Executive Board of Eurobank EFG.

Candidates with an average grade above 9, after they have completed the second year of their studies (science fields are chosen each year), have access to the Foundation's funds, and the election of a candidate is conducted by members of the Expert Council of the Foundation, members of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts who become mentors to scholars after the election. The Foundation has been successful since its foundation, and seventy best students of Serbian universities in various fields of science and the art of music have been included in its programme and financing method so far.

Eurobank EFG has also recently donated funds implemented for the adjustment of the Web presentation of SASA to requirements of disabled individuals, aiming to make active contribution to their unimpeded inclusion in all aspects of social, scientific and cultural life. In addition, the Bank also provided financial support for publishing of a book titled "Omorfoksilija", in cooperation with SASA's Institute of Byzantology. This book introduces wall painting of St. Djordje's Church near Kastoria to readers.

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