



## **PM BRANKOVIC FEATURES FBiH GOVT'S MANDATE PROGRAM AT AMCHAM**

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The Prime Minister presented the topic "Mandate program of the FBiH Government", which is based on priority projects for B&H.

According to Branković, these projects are primarily related to creating an unique economic area in BiH, stabilization of expenditure side of the federal budget, passing laws on fiscal policy, obligations towards veterans population, taxes, functioning of a system of pension-disability insurance (PIO), and construction of roads.

When obligations toward veterans population are in question, Branković stressed that it is necessary to define basic rights and criteria for additional rights of veterans population through one law.

"In this way, it would be avoided that the FBiH Government passes basis for three different laws each month. It is necessary to situate all rights of this population within one law, and to form a fund and a referent database on rights beneficiaries," Branković highlighted.

According to him, the Federal Government will focus in tax policy to creating of the unique economic area in BiH, applying equal criteria in a field of direct taxes.

The Federal Prime Minister stressed self-sustainable functioning of the pension-disability system in FBiH.

Explaining the mandate program of the FBiH Government, Branković set aside capital investments as priority projects in a field of energy and road infrastructure.

When construction of the highway at the Corridor Vc is about, intention of the FBiH Government is to resume construction of this road at a route Zenica-Sarajevo-Mostar, and the Federal Government intends to achieve this through partnership of public and private sector.

As especially important projects in domain of road infrastructure Branković extracted projects of construction of highways Sarajevo-Tuzla, Lasva-Vitez-Travnik-Donji Vakuf and Mostar-Stolac-Neum.

"We need about 600 million KM for the road Sarajevo-Tuzla, about 600 million KM for a road through central Bosnia, and about 250 million KM for the route Mostar-Stolac-Neum. We will offer to the BiH Parliament to go in privatization of telekom sector and that money goes to



these investments, not consumption," Brankovic stressed.

According to him, all this would result by opening of new jobs and improving overall state in BiH.

A project of assistance to export companies and how to train domestic companies to have competitive products for substitution of import is included in the FBiH Government's mandate program.

Other projects relate to a new model in agriculture and environmental protection.

Members of the AmCham BiH , business partners and VIP guests attended at AmCham Luncheon.

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