

# **High Representative supports BiH and Croatian bid for European Football Championships in 2008**

The High Representative, Wolfgang Petritsch, today met the joint delegation of the Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia Football Federations. The joint delegation, led by Presidents Jusuf Pusic and Vlatko Markovic informed the High Representative of the joint bid of the Football Federations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia to host the 2008 European Football Championships. The High Representative welcomed the joint bid of the two football Federations, as an important example of regional co-operation, capable of drawing much needed international attention and investment for the region.

The High Representative stressed that sport can play an important role in the reconciliation process in the region and urged the football Federations to support initiatives which build confidence between countries and communities.