

Closing ceremony to the Project "Support to the Secretariat for European Affairs"



Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD together with the German Ambassador HE Ms. Christine Althauzer attended the official closing ceremony of the successfully implemented project "Support to the Secretariat for European Affairs" by the German Agency for International cooperation- GIZ and the Secretariat for European Affairs.

In his address, Deputy Prime Minister Ademi stressed the importance of the bilateral cooperation between the Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as the support by the German government for the implementation of the necessary reforms to extend the Euro-Atlantic path, remains our strategic goal.

This project lasted three years and during the period of its implementation, over 40 activities were

realised, in which through workshops, trainings and presentations 1600 persons participated and a number of studies and publications were published for the Secretariat and for other institutions.

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13th Meeting of the Committee for Stabilisation and Association between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Union

The Committee for Stabilisation and Association between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Union held the thirteenth consecutive meeting on June 15th 2016 in Skopje.



The meeting from our side it was chaired by Ana Blazheska, State Secretary in the Secretariat for European Affairs of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and David Cullen, Head of Unit for the Republic of Macedonia in DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Policy, chaired from the European Commission.

The meeting of the Committee for Stabilisation and Association completed a cycle of seven sectoral subcommittees within the Stabilisation and Association Process starting from February 2016.

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Deputy Prime Minister Ademi address on the occasion of presidency taking of the Visegrád Group

At the beginning, the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi congratulated the Polish taking of presidency of the Visegrád Group and wished successful implementation of the programme.



The Visegrád Group countries are a good example of cooperation which can be applied among the Western Balkan countries, especially if we are aware that we all share the same vision- EU Membership- stressed Ademi and expressed his gratitude for the continuous support of the Visegrád Group for the EU perspective of our country.

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Held 11th TAIB Sectoral Monitoring Committee

On 16.06.2016 was held the eleventh consecutive Sectoral Monitoring Committee for IPA Component I- Assistance for transition and institution building. Co chairs of the meeting were the Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs at the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Arbr Ademi PhD and Mr. David Cullen from the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations in the European Commission.



The progress of projects implementation within this component was discussed at the meeting. The founding meetings of the Sectoral Monitoring Committee on the rule of law and the IPA monitoring committee under the IPA 2 were held as well. These meetings were co chaired by the State Secretary for European affairs Ms. Ana Blazheska and Mr. David Cullen from the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations in the European Commission

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Working meetings

Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and H.E. Mr. Jacek Stefan Multanowski

At the beginning of the meeting, Deputy Prime Minister Ademi stressed that the European integration remains a key strategic priority and the only alternative for the future of the country that still has a high level of support from the citizens and also expressed gratitude to the Polish support for the Euro-Atlantic integration and their position that the enlargement will not be completed until all Western Balkans countries join the EU.



Regarding the current political situation in the country, during the conversation the interlocutors jointly agreed that at this point it is important to sort out all issues in a constructive and comprehensive manner and in accordance with the standards of the rule of law that all political leaders should put the national interests before the interests of the parties and to take steps to fulfil the obligations of political agreement in an inclusive and transparent manner, with a special focus on meeting the commitments of the urgent reform priorities.

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Working meetings of the State Secretary Ana Blazheska

State Secretary Ms. Blazheska paid a working visit to Brussels

During her visit, the State Secretary Blazheska had a meeting with the newly appointed Director for Western Balkans within the European Commission, Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, who undertook the leader position in this Directorate on 1.6.2016. At the meeting they discussed the challenges we face as a country, the reform process, as well as the measures to be implemented within the Berlin process. The following summit on Western Balkans which will be held in Paris was also discussed.

In Brussels Blazheska also had a meeting with the reporter for Macedonia in the European Parliament, Mr. Ivo Vajgl, and they reviewed the activities implemented in order to fulfil the anticipated measures of the Action Plan for implementation of the urgent reform priorities. It was stressed that the focus in the coming period must be on reforms and measures to be implemented by the Republic of Macedonia, in order to start negotiations.



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State Secretary for European Affairs Ana Blazheska in Andorra at the eighth high-level meeting "Global forces, local voices"

At the meeting dedicated to globalisation, Ms. Blazheska was speaking on the first panel of the meeting, on topic "Re-thinking globalization". State Secretary Blazheska in her address referred to several aspects of the globalisation, speaking of what can be done in order to avoid the increase of inequality that is seemingly inevitable in the globalisation era. The democratic and economic institutions are equally important in order to get rid of the middle income trap and realise sustainable growth, because a good balance between economy and democracy needs to be established, she stressed.

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Meeting of the State Secretary for European Affairs, Ms. Ana Blazheska and a high-level delegation from France

The opportunities for cooperation between Macedonia and the Alsace region in terms of exchange of experiences and



cooperation in the fields of tourism, economy, competitiveness, production and export of wine and innovations were discussed at the meeting. Alsace Region is the first region in France that has used support from the European funds and has gained vast experience in this area which can be shared with the country in order to promote the use of the European assistance.

The high-level French delegation is visiting Macedonia from 19 to 22 June 2016. The aim of the visit is promotion of the economic cooperation.

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Debate on topic: "Paris Agreement- Climate change, Water Management"

On the occasion of the International Environment Day, which is held annually on June 5th in the world, and of course within the European Union, the Secretariat for European Affairs in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning and the Embassy of the Republic France organised a debate within the "EU Talks" on "Paris Agreement-Climate change", which was attended by the representatives of relevant ministries, civil society organisations and university professors."

Deputy Prime Minister Ademi stressed that climate change is a global challenge and that first of all, it affects human health and overall flora and fauna while having serious implications on the world economy as well as each region individually. Therefore, the climate change cannot be seen as an isolated challenge but at the same time we need to approach together, systemic and responsibly.

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Coffee break with the Dutch Embassy

The event was attended by representatives of youth civil organisations, employees of the Secretariat for European Affairs and media representatives who had an opportunity for an informal conversation with the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government in charge of European Affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD and Dutch Ambassador HE Willem Wouter Plomp, as well as the other participants to share their ideas, suggestions and considerations.

Ademi said that the Netherlands, a country that currently holds presidency over the EU Council, a great friend of the country has supported a number of reforms in the area of rule of law and democratisation, and the opportunities for improving the administration in the context of the

European integration process.

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IPA Projects

"Integrated solid waste management in the eastern and north-eastern region"

Financed by: European Union bashkimi Evropian

Project objective: Preparation of the necessary documentation for establishing a system of integrated waste management in the eastern and north-eastern region

Vlera e përgjithshme: A budget of: 975.000 Euro

Duration: January 2016- April 2017 janar 2016 - prill 2017

Key beneficiary: Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning (MEPP) and inter municipal boards for waste management and the municipalities of the two regions

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"Further approximation with the EU legislation in the sector of movement of capital and payment and financial services- stock markets and investment services"

Evropian Financed by: European Union

Project objective: Approximation of the domestic financial market rules with the norms of the EU in the area of capital markets and payment services

A budget of: 1,264,000 Euro

Key beneficiary: Ministry of Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission and the NBRM

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- 27g the quantity of sugar that a 250ml can of energy drink can contain
- 80% of European companies have experienced at least one cyber security incident over the last year
- 70 % of the human trafficking victims are women and girls

International days

- 15 July- World Youth Skills Day
- 30 July- International Day of Friendship
- 30 July- World Day against Trafficking in Persons

Thank you!