

On the occasion of Europe Day, traditionally, the Secretariat for European Affairs this year organised the "EU breakfast with ambassadors from the EU Member States and former deputy prime ministers for European affairs



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Scientific conference "Republic of Macedonia towards the European Union (2020)"

Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts together with the Secretariat for European Affairs with the support of GIZ organised the scientific conference "Republic of Macedonia towards the European Union (2020) - Experiences, challenges, perspectives".

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Presentation of the revised National Programme for the Adoption of the EU Acquis (NPAA) in 2016, in front of the Ambassadors of the EU Member States

Deputy President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD briefly referred to the current political situation in the beginning, stressing the necessity of finding a prompt possible solution. Therefore he stressed that our only alternative to provide European future of the country is to implement democratic, credible elections whose results will be widely recognised.

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Working meetings



Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the European MP Petir

Deputy PM thanked the initiative of Mrs. Petir and her personal commitment to



Meeting between Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and Ms Louisa Vinton

Ms. Vinton congratulated Deputy Prime Minister Ademi's appointment, hoping to further improve the good cooperation.



Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi with the ambassador of Italy Belleli

Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of

restore the Group of Friends of Macedonia in the European Parliament, because in that way you could be promoted the positions and interests of our country.

During the meeting, they addressed the current political situation, as well as the bilateral cooperation of our country with Croatia.

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At the beginning of the meeting, Deputy Prime Minister Ademi stressed that UNDP is an important partner of our country and continuously gives support in important areas such as democratic governance, social inclusion, environment and energy.

During the meeting they discussed the current activities undertaken by UNDP in relation to the implementation of the project for rehabilitation of flood damages with IPA funds.

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Macedonia in charge of European affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD had a working meeting with the ambassador of Italy in Macedonia, H.E. Ernesto Massimino Belleli.

During the meeting Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the ambassador Belleli discussed the current political situation in the country after the decision of the Constitutional court for temporary cease of the legal actions arising from the Assembly's decision for dissolution.

The interlocutors stressed the importance of undertaking steps in the forthcoming period for complete fulfillment of the obligations of the Political agreement in an inclusive and transparent manner. It was also stated that it is necessary to focus on fulfilling the commitments of the Urgent Reform Priorities.

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Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and H.E. Mr Fatos Reka

Ambassador Reka congratulated Deputy Prime Minister Ademi's appointment hoping to improve the mutual achievements so far, not only in terms of the integration process, but also in terms of bilateral and regional cooperation.

During the meeting the interlocutors discussed the current political situation in the country and the deepening of the bilateral and regional cooperation between the two countries.

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Meeting of the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi with the Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo in the Republic of Macedonia, Mr Ylber Hysa

Ambassador Hysa congratulated Deputy Prime Minister Ademi's appointment hoping to improve the mutual achievements so far, not only in terms of the integration process, but also in terms of bilateral and regional cooperation.

During the conversation they mutually concluded that Macedonia and Kosovo have friendly relations and excellent cooperation. As priorities of mutual interest remain further development of good neighbourly relations, intensified regional

and multilateral cooperation and more efficient utilisation of the European funds for ongoing and new projects supported as further development of the economic cooperation.

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Working meetings of the State Secretary Ana Blazheska

Held the second Joint Committee between the Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro

On 10th and 11th of May 2016 in Bar, Montenegro was held the second Joint Committee between Macedonia and Montenegro which was attended by a delegation from several institutions in the country led by the State Secretary at the Secretariat for European Affairs, Ana Blazheska. The Joint Committee between the Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro is within the Cooperation Agreement between the Governments of the Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro in the process of European integration. The second Joint Committee between the Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro is another confirmation of the continuous cooperation and support on the European integration path for the Macedonian and Montenegrin institutions in fields of common interest.

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Regular meeting with representatives of the IPA structure and representatives of the DEU

A regular meeting with the representatives of the IPA structure and representatives of the Delegation of the European Union was held today in the premises of the Secretariat for European Affairs. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD as National IPA Coordinator.

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Held presentation on topic: "Introduction to the process of European integration and the preparation of the national version of the *acquis communautaire*"

On 11.05.2016 the Secretariat for European Affairs held a presentation on topic: "Introduction to the process of European integration and the preparation of the national version of the *acquis communautaire*" in front of the students of the Department for translation and interpretation of the Faculty of Philology "Blazhe Koneski" of the University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje was presented a short overview of the relations between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Union, the European integration process was explained, the overall process of creation of the national version of the legal system of the European Union and its significance, the coordination, structures and dynamics of this important process.

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#EUstars

Debate on topic "Gender equality"

In the light of celebrating the Europe Day, 9th of May a debate of the "EU Stars" cycle was held on topic: "Gender equality", where the students of the Faculty of Law on the State University of Tetovo had a debate. Before the start of the debate the students were greeted by the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and Dean of the Faculty prof. Ferhat Polisi PhD, who emphasized the role of debates in the development of democratic societies

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Sectoral reforms in the EU

IPA Projects

"Support for effective prevention and combating corruption"

Financed by: European Union

Project objective: Improving the legal and institutional framework for combating corruption, improving the system of conflict of interests management, capacity building of institutions for prevention and repression, the financing of political parties and electoral campaigns, prosecutions and trials against corruption and management of confiscated property.

A budget of: 1.4 million Euro

Duration: July 2014-October 2016

Key Beneficiary: State commission for prevention of corruption
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"Completion of the procedure for accession to the Convention on common transit procedures and the Convention on simplification of procedures in trade in goods"

Financed by: European Union

Project objective: Further harmonisation of the national legislation with the EU legislation in the customs, and strengthening of the administrative and operational capacity of the Customs Administration in the process of meeting the EU standards in these areas

A budget of: 0.95 million Euro

Duration: 1 September 2014-31 May 2016.

Key beneficiary: Customs administration
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International days

- [12 June- World Day Against Child Labour](#)
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Thank you!