



HAPPY EUROPE DAY

More than 50 Events on the Occasion of The Europe Day celebration on 9 May

The Deputy Prime Minister in charge of European Affairs, Fatmir Besimi, together with the Euro-Ambassador Aivo Orav and the President of the European Movement, Prof. Mileva Gjurovska, outlined this year's activities on the occasion of Europe Day.

More than 50 events will be organised for the celebration of the sixth-fourth birthday of the European Union. At the same time, the Union celebrates the tenth anniversary of Union enlargement.

„Europe is our family. There is no challenge which can be greater than our determination for the EU“, said Besimi during the press conference. „Led by the principles of mutual trust, peace and development, we work on our full membership of the EU. For us, the concept of the EU goes beyond the change of laws, it is a concept for changing the life styles, introducing standards for a better life, a concept of mutual respect of citizens, for unity in diversity, and in that aspect, we have so much to give to the EU“, continued Besimi with the aim to promote EU values in Macedonia.

The programme is full of various lectures, debates, sport and cultural events, for the purposes of conveying a clear message for the European determination of the Republic of Macedonia and bringing the Union closer to the citizens.

30 April 2014



Presentation of Regulation IPA II (2014-2020) in front of the representatives of the State Administration

The Secretariat for European Affairs and the Delegation of the European Commission today held information sessions on the topic 'IPA II (2014-2020) Roll-Out', addressed by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs, Fatmir Besimi, PhD.

The programme covers defining priorities for future funding through the IPA II, in the National Strategic Document of the country. The Deputy Prime Minister Besimi emphasised that although this document is in the ownership of the European Commission, the Government invests substantial efforts to contribute to this document through the existing working groups and structures which have already been established for the IPA I.



25 April 2014

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMPETITION FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS 'GABRIELA KONEVSKA – TRAJKOVSKA' IN THE FIELD OF EU LAW, ECONOMICS AND POLICY STUDIES ABROAD, FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/2015

SUCCESSFUL EU PROJECT – STRENGTHENING THE STATE ADMINISTRATION CAPACITIES Training Centre – Secretariat for European Affairs



The Training Centre within the Secretariat for European Affairs, during its three-year operation, has trained more than 2,000 civil servants at central and local level and over 300 persons from the civil sector. Those included training on the European Union, the European Integration Process and the Instrument of Pre-Accession Assistance IPA. The topics covered were: Introduction in the IPA and acquiring general knowledge about the Instrument, project cycle management, programming, monitoring and evaluation, regional development, justice and freedom, effects on the environment, audit and control, verification of expenses, risk assessment, as well as introduction in the EU, Europe 2020, HLAD, twinning, etc. Training have been held by EU trainers, IPA trainers, as well as SEA employees. Throughout the work activities so far various donor cooperation, trainings and study visits have been conducted, among which we can highlight the cooperation with the European Union, France, the Netherlands, Norway and the FR of Germany. Training have been funded through the National Budget of the Republic of Macedonia and foreign donors.

IPA SUCCESSFUL PROJECT –

Training in the field of tourism



Within the IPA 2008 – Component I, Project Fiche for Economic Development – TAM/BAS with the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), in the past two years, 100 persons in the field of tourism have been trained.

In the area of tourism, trainings have been organised for:

- Hotel marketing
- Catering for training hotel personnel
- Training of consultants in tourism management

All trainings have been organised with IPA funds within the programme which was completed in February 2013.

Also, in December 2013, training has been organised in wine-growing, on the topic 'Training in International Marketing for Macedonian Wine Producers', funded with financial means from Luxembourg.

Did you know?

- Audiovisual media (radio broadcasting, television and cinema) represent more than a million jobs in the European Union and constitute the primary source of information and entertainment for Europeans.
- Over 77% of the EU's territory is classified as rural (47% is farmland and 30% forest) and is home to around half its population (farming communities and other residents).
- Europe has 12 million farmers and an average farm size of about 15 hectares (by way of comparison, the US has 2 million farmers and an average farm size of 180 hectares).
- The EU is the world's largest producer of motor vehicles.

EU News

- MEPs have backed rules for a banking safety net to minimise the risk of further EU taxpayer-funded bailouts.
- EU lawmakers vote to reduce plastic bag use
- Exploring benefits of mobile applications for health

Important dates in May

- 3 May-World Press FreedomDay
 - 9 May - Europe Day
 - 15 May- International Day of Families
 - 17 May- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
 - 21 May-World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
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