

Hahn: Political unity and Development of Acceleration of EU Integration



The Deputy Prime Minister of the Government in charge of European Affairs, Fatmir Besimi, had a meeting with the European Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Johannes Hahn, in Brussels.

At the meeting, the focus was put on the efforts of the Government towards the implementation of the reforms necessary for successful implementation of the European agenda. Also it was discussed about the draft-action plan of the Government for implementation of the priorities in the key areas on the basis of the remarks in the Progress Report.

Commissioner Hahn, at the meeting underlined that the political and economic development were essential for accelerating the process of EU integration: "Only through dedicated work, openness and partnership, Macedonia and the other Western Balkan countries will be able to overcome the challenges and to become full members of the European Union," said Hahn.

December 4, 2014

Deputy Prime Minister Besimi visits France

The Deputy Prime Minister of the Government in charge of European Affairs, Fatmir Besimi, PhD had a meeting with the Minister of State for European Affairs, Mr Harlem Dési. At the meeting, it was stressed that considering the implemented reforms, Macedonia is already prepared to start the negotiations for membership in the European Union, so the support of France on the upcoming Summit of the European Council in December would be welcomed, having regard that France is one of the EU Member States that supports the integration of the Western Balkans.

December 2, 2014



Meeting of Besimi and Lajčák

During the official visit to Slovakia, Besimi had a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Miroslav Lajčák. The good bilateral relations between the two countries were put in the focus, as well as the opportunities for further deepening thereof. The Deputy Prime Minister Besimi stressed that the readiness of the European Commission to continue the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) was of great importance for the Republic of Macedonia. He underlined that the Government was prepared to set the next priorities in this direction, in order to maintain the positive momentum and pace of reforms aimed at bringing the country closer to the European Union.

December 10, 2014



Meeting of Besimi with Ivo Vajgl, the Rapporteur of the European Parliament on the Republic of Macedonia

At the meeting with the new Rapporteur of the European Parliament on the Republic of Macedonia, Ivo Vajgl, the Deputy Prime Minister Fatmir Besimi congratulated him on the new function and thanked him for the support that Macedonia continuously receives by the European Parliament for the reforms and the European agenda, as well as for the support of the process of the starting negotiation process for membership in the European Union.

At the meeting they both underlined that the cooperation between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Parliament, as for now would continue with a strong pace and dynamics, and a common approach and support to the further improvement of the situation and the implementation of the reforms in every area of the society. *December 5, 2014*



GIZ Support to the Secretariat for European Affairs

In the premises of the Secretariat for European Affairs, the Deputy Prime Minister Fatmir Besimi and the Director of the German International Cooperation (GIZ) Mr. James Macbeth Forbes signed the Agreement for implementation of the Macedonian-German bilateral cooperation, a project that the Secretariat for European Affairs (SEA) has already been supporting for one year now in coordination of the reform process. The project amounts to EUR 1 million and the main objective is strengthening of the coordinative role of SEA in implementation of the reforms through the line ministries. *December 17, 2014*



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