



Euro-integrations-common goal of the Western Balkan countries and the European Union

Besimi assessed the visit as a great opportunity for dialogue between the two sides, pointing out the need and importance of accelerating the process of European integration of the Republic of Macedonia and the Western Balkan countries within the positive attitude of the Thessaloniki Summit of 2003 and the Strategy for EU enlargement for the Western Balkan countries 2013-14. But Venizelos presented the priorities of the Greek Presidency with the Council of the EU, where Besimi wished him a successful realisation of the priorities which are of most interest, and for achieving full membership of the Republic of Macedonia within the European Union.

Danielson welcomed the progress achieved in the reforms



Besimi met Danielson, the new Director-General for Enlargement of the European Union, where they discussed the level of implementation of reforms envisaged with Accession High-Level Dialogue (HLAD), the use of IPA funds from 2007 to 2013, the establishment of the IPA 2 and the future steps that have to be taken in terms of meeting the priorities of European integration

Meeting between Besimi and Rapporteur Richard Howitt



The Deputy Prime Minister Besimi expressed satisfaction with the recommendations contained in the Resolution of the European Parliament and stressed the importance of continuing the High Level Accession Dialogue between Macedonia and the European Union. This was also welcomed by Mr. Howitt, who said that it is extremely important that real progress in several key areas be shown in the next period. This includes such things as freedom of expression, the unblocking of the work of the Working Group of the Assembly, and the implementation of fair and democratic elections. .

13 February 2014

Youth for Europe



‘One day for the EU’

The Secretariat for European Affairs was host to the first-ranked high school students award participating in the last national simulation of the Model European Parliament, who spent ‘One day for the EU’.

The students spent one working day with the Deputy Prime Minister Fatmir Besimi in order to better understand the work of the Secretariat for European Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister Besimi himself.

Discussion between Besimi, Howitt and students from universities in the Republic of Macedonia

As a result of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the Secretariat for European Affairs and the universities in the country, the Deputy Prime Minister incharge of European Affairs, Fatmir Besimi, PhD and the Rapporteur for the Republic of Macedonia to the European Parliament, Mr. Richard Howitt, had a one-hour open discussion meeting with students from Macedonian universities, where they discussed the integration process of the Republic of Macedonia to the European Union.

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Address of Besimi at the European Policy Centre in Brussels

In his address on the topic „European future of Macedonia- Perspectives and Challenges“, Besimi noted that despite open issues with neighbouring countries, which are members of the European Union, we strongly keep the focus of our obligations on what we should accomplish, as we bravely face all the challenges of the reform process.

Besimi also stressed the importance of accelerating European integration as an important precondition for the stability and development of the region and as a common topic and goal which sets the countries of the region on the same side in creating a better common future for the Western Balkan countries within the European Union.



18 February 2014

10th Sub-Committee on Transport, Environment, Energy and Regional Development was held in Brussels

The sub-committee represents an essential forum for maintaining a continuous dialogue between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Commission in the areas of transport policy, environment, energy and regional development. The Macedonian side was given a detailed overview of the progress and activities of the Chapters 14 (Transport Policy), 15 (Energy), 21 (Trans European Networks), 22 (Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments) and 27 (Environment).

17-18 February 2014

EU Coordination structures

Two meetings of the Subcommittee of the Working Committee for European Integration were held

On the sessions of the Subcommittee of the Working Committee for European Integration, an overview of the status for the implementation of laws, regulations and general activities of the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA 2014) predicted for the implementation in the first quarter of 2014 and overview of the status of implementation of the activities from the Action Plan for the key priorities of the EU and an overview of the level of fulfilment of obligations from SAA were made.

7 and 20 February 2014

EU - IPA Projects



Renovation of the Administrative Building of the Border Crossing 'Bogorodica'

On 21 February 2014, the official start of the reconstruction of the customs administrative building at the border crossing 'Bogorodica' has been marked.

BORDER-IN project, funded under the European Union's cross border programme with Greece, aims to improve the level of customs services to citizens and companies, but also includes safety in the bordering region.

21 February 2014



EU supports construction of half kilometre riverbed of the Kriva Reka

As part of the EU-project: "The rivers don't know about limits", funded under the cross-border cooperation programme, a half-kilometre stretch of riverbed of the Kriva Reka will be constructed in the municipality of Kriva Palanka. The project is implemented in partnership with the Bulgarian Municipality of Dupnica.

Memorandum for undertaking TRADOS software system was signed

It is a donation of a software system for the needs of the Secretariat for European Affairs, which represents the latest and comprehensive solution in terms of translation, revision and terminology in the field of preparation of the National Version of Aquis (legal acts of the European Union). This donation was carried out by the German International Cooperation (GIZ), within the framework of bilateral cooperation between the Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Germany.

4 February 2014

Did you know?



- The EU covers over four million km² and has 503 million inhabitants – the world's third largest population after China and India.
- By surface area, France is the biggest EU country and Malta the smallest.

EU News

- The 2014 European elections: this time it's different
- More rights and better working conditions for non-EU seasonal workers

Important dates of March

- 1 March - Zero Discrimination Day
- 8 March - International Women's Day
- 20 March - International Day of Happiness
- 21 March - World Down Syndrome Day
- 22 March - World Water Day