



EU Breakfast on the Occasion of Europe Day 9 May

The Deputy Prime Minister Besimi hosted the EU Breakfast organised to honour the celebration of 9 May – Europe Day, attended by the diplomatic core, the deputy Prime Minister Xhaferi, the Minister Popovski and the former Deputy Prime Ministers for European Affairs. Introductory addresses were made by the Deputy Prime Minister Besimi and the Euro-Ambassador Orav. Besimi, quoting Schuman, pointed out that „World peace cannot be safeguarded without the making of creative efforts proportionate to the dangers which threaten it....“ The necessity of „proportionate creative efforts“ for bringing peace and stability still echoes 64 years later.

9 May 2014



Besimi Addresses the Gala Academy Organised by the Tetovo State University on the Occasion of the Europe Day on 9 May

„The State University in Tetovo is a temple of knowledge which prepares the new generations that tomorrow will be part of the common European future.“

The Deputy Prime Minister in charge of European Affairs, Fatmir Besimi, PhD held a speech at the Gala Academy at the State University in Tetovo, Europe Day, 9 May 2014.



„Dear children, today we celebrate the birthday of a big family which cares about peace and happiness, a family whose part you will also be.“

Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs, Fatmir Besimi, PhD, has had a speech on the celebration of the Europe Day in Jadran Square, Skopje 9 May 2014.

Former Deputy Prime Ministers' Forum:

European Integration – A Significant Priority for the Republic of Macedonia

As part of the celebrations for Europe Day 9 May, and following on successful meetings already held, the Deputy Prime Minister Besimi met the former deputy prime ministers for European affairs at the Forum, which was an excellent opportunity for the exchange of opinions, ideas and experiences.

At the meeting, the participants mutually highlighted European integration as a significant priority for the Republic of Macedonia, and in that respect also the firm determination of the country to achieve sooner integration within the EU. *6 May 2014*



Realisation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement/Meetings of Institutional Bodies According to the SAA

Subcommittee on Economic and Financial Affairs and Statistics (ECOFIN)

The Tenth Meeting of the Subcommittee on Economic and Financial Affairs and Statistics (ECOFIN) between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Commission was held today in the Members of Parliament Club.

The topics discussed at the subcommittee included: economic policy, structural reforms, fiscal policy, monetary policy, employment market, policies for the encouragement of competitiveness, public internal financial control, and statistics. The members of the Macedonian delegation shared the recent trends in the Republic of Macedonia in these areas with the representatives from the European Commission and furthermore informed themselves about the recent developments in the relevant European policies. The Tenth Meeting once more acknowledged the importance of ECOFIN as a significant body for institutional dialogue with the European Commission, through which the representatives of the Macedonian institutions obtain a clear image on the reforms necessary for our country to receive the status of a functional market economy in the future.

On the same dates, in Brussels, the Tenth Meeting of the Subcommittee on Trade, Industry, Customs and Taxation was held. The topics discussed at that meeting covered the free movement of goods, enterprises and industrial policy, tourism, taxation, Customs Union and commercial affairs.

Through these meetings, the tenth cycle of meetings of the working bodies within the Stabilisation and Association Agreement was completed.

20 and 21 May 2014

Meetings of the Subcommittees of the Working Committee on European Integration

During May 2014, two meetings of the Subcommittee of the Working Committee on European Integration were held.

Heads of working groups for the preparation of the NPAA, heads of EU sectors, and contact persons for NPAA, drawn from the institutions, were invited to take part at these sessions.

The meetings were led by the State Secretary of the SEA, Mr. Jovan Andonovski.

The activities of these sessions included a review of the status of realisation of laws, by-law acts and general activities arising from the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA 2014), which were envisaged for realisation during the first quarter of 2014.

Moreover, a review of the level of fulfilment of the SAA obligations was made as well.

7 and 27 May 2014

The EU Bus – Part of the Information Campaign ‘The EU in Close-up’

Representatives from the Delegation of the European Union, ambassadors of several EU Member States, representatives from the Government, representatives from the IPARD, as well as from the local Non-Government Organisation ‘European Movement’, students and media representatives, visited ten villages throughout the country in the period from 12 to 23 May, together with the EU Travelling Bus.

Through this information campaign, the citizens from the rural areas had the opportunity to establish direct communication with the team of the EU Bus and to ask questions related to the European Union. Additionally, they had the opportunity to obtain information about the possibilities for funding within the IPA Programme and the remaining programme for financial assistance from the EU. *12 May 2014*



Did you know?

- Over 76% of the EU budget is managed by the member countries
- The EU institutions employ over 40,000 men and women from the 28 EU member countries
- The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) was set up in January 2002, following a series of food crises in the late 1990s, and is an independent European agency, funded by the EU budget that operates separately from the European Commission, European Parliament and EU Member States

EU News

- Ten years after 2004: EU commemorates its greatest enlargement
- Boosting private sector growth in developing countries
- What do Europeans think about the EU?
- Centre-right wins most EP seats, but anti-establishment parties score well

Important dates in June

- 1 June - Global Day of Parents
 - 4 June - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
 - 5 June - World Environment Day
 - 12 June - World Day Against Child Labour
 - 20 June - World Refugee Day
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