



WAITING FOR THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Contribution of the Republic of Macedonia Presented

While waiting for this year's European Commission Progress Report for the Republic of Macedonia, the Deputy Prime Minister Besimi met the ambassadors of the Member States in the Republic of Macedonia, members of the National European Integration Council (Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia), representatives of the Directorate General for Enlargement at the European Commission in Brussels and with media representatives.

During these meetings, the Deputy Prime Minister Besimi outlined the key achievements in the reform process and the key priorities of the Action Plan that are significant for the process of EU accession, as well as the compliance degree of the national legislation with the Acquis of the European Union. Mr. Besimi, among other things, referred to the latest actions undertaken in the past period in the area of the judiciary, the fight against corruption and organised crime, freedom of speech, electoral reform, political dialogue, public administration reform, inter-ethnic relations, good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation.



Series of 'EU/IPA Coordinating Visits' Realised

While waiting for the European Commission's Autumn Report, within the framework of the EU Agenda 2014 of the Secretariat for European Affairs, the Deputy Prime Minister Besimi paid visits to nine Ministries, beneficiaries of IPA funds and implementers of NPAA. The main objective was the status of implementation of the reforms and the activities within the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA). The use of the funds available through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance – IPA, which is crucial for implementation of the reforms in all ministries, was also discussed.



Austria Strongly Supports the European Integration Process

The Deputy Prime Minister Besimi at the meeting with the Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria, Mr. Sebastian Kurz, welcomed the commitment of Austria to include the countries of the Western Balkans in the European Union and their support for the start of accession negotiations with the Republic of Macedonia, confirmed also at the Western Balkans Conference in Berlin.



REGIONAL COOPERATION

Macedonia as Initiator of a Conference on the EU Accession Process



Did you know?

- The main part of the EU budget supports growth and jobs. A significant portion is also spent on European agriculture and rural development
- 22 September was European Mobility Week where participants organised 'In Town Without My Car' day. European Mobility Week 2014 was under the slogan 'Our Streets, Our Choice'.
- Most European languages belong to groups: Germanic,Romance,Slavic

International Days

- 1 October - International Day of Older Persons
 - 2 October- International Day of Non-Violence
 - 5 October- World Teachers' Day 2014
 - 17 October- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
 - 24 October- United Nations Day
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