

## Arbr Ademi officially assumed his duties from Fatmir Besimi in the sector of European Integration



Newly appointed Deputy President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Arbr Ademi today officially assumed his duties from his predecessor, Fatmir Besimi.

On the handover ceremony, Besimi informed Ademi on the ongoing projects of the Secretariat, as well as the scope of work and wished him a successful continuation of the path towards European integration, stressing the need for continuity in the work for the realisation of strategic objectives in the sector.

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## Deputy Prime Minister for European affairs Ademi participated on the informal meeting of Ministers for European Affairs in Amsterdam

Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs, Arber Ademi PhD participated in an informal meeting of the General Affairs Council of the EU of Ministers for European Affairs, organised by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands as EU presidency chairman.



At the dinner was discussed the development of the latest situation in the European Union. The series of informal bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Albania, Bulgaria, Turkey and representatives of Montenegro, Slovenia, Croatia and the United Kingdom exchanged views on the current political developments in the country with a focus on the preparation of elections and the situation at the Macedonian- Greek border.

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## Deputy Prime Minister Ademi paid a working visit to the Republic of Slovenia

Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for European Affairs, Arber Ademi PhD paid his first working visit to the Republic of Slovenia. During the visit he had a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Karl Erjavec.



During the meeting, they also discussed the bilateral cooperation between the two countries which was assessed as exceptionally high and both countries have a strategic partnership characterized by continued support for the process of European-Atlantic integration of Macedonia. It was also concluded that there are grounds for further cooperation in the sphere of economic relations and trade relations.

Regarding the current political situation in the country, the two interlocutors stressed that it is of utmost importance in the coming period, especially in the next few days, to take all necessary actions to overcome the current situation. Both sides agreed that Macedonia needs democratic and credible elections, in terms of political resolution and focus on the implementation of the Urgent Reform Priorities, continuation of the European -Atlantic trajectory.

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**Working meetings**



### **Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the Ambassador Orav**

The Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs Arbr Ademi PhD had his first working meeting with the chief of the Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Macedonia, Ambassador Aivo Orav.

During the meeting Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the Ambassador Orav also addressed the current political developments in the country, especially in recent days, stressing the importance for the following period to take steps towards complete meeting the obligations of the political agreement and the provision of conditions for implementation of democratic and credible elections.

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### **Deputy Prime Minister Ademi had a meeting with the ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands**

Deputy president of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for European Affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD, had a meeting with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands, Mr. W. Wouter Plomp.

During the meeting, Deputy Prime Minister Ademi briefly informed about his participation at the informal ministerial meeting of the General Affairs Council in Amsterdam. Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the Ambassador Plomp also addressed the current political developments in the country, especially in recent days, stressing the importance for the following period to take steps towards meeting the obligations of the political agreement and the provision of conditions for implementation of democratic and credible elections.

The interlocutors also discussed the implementation of the obligations arising from the Urgent Reform Priorities and agreed that it is necessary in the future to keep the focus on these activities which are crucial for the European perspective of the country.

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### **Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the French Ambassador Auer**

The Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs Arbr Ademi PhD had a meeting with the Ambassador of France in the Republic of Macedonia, HE Mrs Lawrence Auer.

Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and Ambassador Auer discussed the latest political developments in the country, noting that the fulfillment of the obligations of the political agreement by all political parties without exception is crucial for the country.

Deputy Prime Minister Ademi expressed gratitude for the support of France to the Republic of Macedonia and noted that the organisation of the Paris Summit, which is an excellent opportunity to continue the cooperation of the countries in the region, is another confirmation of this. The commitment of France as well as its attitude for continuation of the policy of enlargement to the Western Balkans countries irrespective of the events in the Union is very important.

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### **Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi with the German ambassador in Macedonia Ms Althauzer**

Deputy President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD had an official meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of Germany in the Republic of Macedonia, Ms Christine Althauzer.

The Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the Ambassador Althauzer addressed the political crisis in the country at the meeting, noting that it takes all signatories to the agreement of Przino to fulfill their obligations in order to overcome the situation.

Deputy Prime Minister Ademi expressed his confidence that despite the current situation, the Republic of Macedonia will stay on its Euro-Atlantic strategic orientation. We want to become NATO member-state as soon as possible, and also we are willing to start the EU accession negotiations, stated Ademi.

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### **Meeting of the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi with the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia Mr Rakovec**

Deputy President of the Government in charge of European Affairs, Dr. Arbr Ademi had a meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia in our country, HE Mr. Branko Rakovec.

Ademi briefly informed Mr. Rakovec for last week's official visit to the Republic of Slovenia and expressed gratitude for the support of his part in its realisation.

During the meeting, they also discussed the current political situation in the country, the bilateral cooperation between the two countries and the support that our country receives from the Republic of Slovenia on its EU integration path.

In terms of political developments in Macedonia, the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi referred to the recent events in the country, which is in an extremely complex political situation and expressed confidence that the cancelled leaders' meeting in Vienna under the auspices of Commissioner Hahn and three members of the European Parliament shall urgently encourage the political leaders to seek a new way out of the crisis and a positive outcome. Ademi stressed the need to follow the postulates of political agreement and to organise credible and inclusive elections that will be recognised by the international community.

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## Working meetings of the State Secretary Ana Blazheska

### **State Secretary for European Affairs Ana Blazheska paid an official working visit to Belgrade, Republic of Serbia**

During the visit she had a meeting with Tanja Mishchevic, Head of the negotiating team of the Republic of Serbia with the European Union and Ksenija Milenkovic, Director of the Office for European Integration of the Republic of Serbia.



The possibilities for cooperation between the two countries and the exchange of information and experience in the negotiation process were discussed at the meetings. Traditionally good relations, as well as the active political, economic and sectoral cooperation between the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Macedonia were also a subject of discussion at the meetings.

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### **Meeting of State Secretary Blazheska with the Ambassador of Romania HE Iustinian Focsa**

### **Meeting of SS Ana Blazheska with Verena Taylor**

### **Meeting with delegation from PR China**

### **Presentation of the NPAA revision 2016 at the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts**

The revision of the NPAA 2016 keeps the same methodological concept for preparation of this document, i.e. its content covers sector plans for harmonisation of national legislation with the EU legislation, the necessary dynamics of institutional strengthening for implementation of the legislation, and the necessary resources as recommended in the EC Report on Macedonia for 2015 and the obligations under the Stabilisation and association agreement- stressed Ademi.

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## Presentation of the Procedural Manual on Terminology

On 05.04. was held presentation of the Procedural manual on Terminology in the Club of the Members of Parliament. State Secretary of the Secretariat for European Affairs Ms. Ana Blazheska had opening remarks at the presentation of the manual.



In her speech Ms. Blazheska referred to the content, purpose and benefits of the Procedural Manual on Terminology.

Procedural Manual for Terminology covers the terminology in the context of the preparation of the national version of the acquis (EU Law) managed by the Secretariat for European Affairs, which is of great importance for the consistent translations of legislation and making sure source of rights and obligations of our citizens.

It is intended for translators, revisers, terminologists, as well as all interested in terminology work in general. The Manual is a set of guidelines for translation of the terminology in the Sector for preparation of the national version of the acquis within the Secretariat for European Affairs, emphasised Blazheska.

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## The agreement on travelling with ID among nationals of the Republic of Macedonia and Republic of Kosovo entered into force



#EUstars

## EU Stars debate on topic "Capitalism vs. Socialism"

The Secretariat for European Affairs held the third debate of the cycle "EU Stars" on topic: The students debated on "Capitalism vs. Socialism", which was held on the International Balkan University in Skopje. Before the start of the debate, the Deputy Prime Minister Arbr Ademi PhD and the Rector of the University, professor İsmail Kocayusufoglu PhD had their address and they underlined the role of debates in



the development of the democratic societies.

Today's debate aims to increase the interest and knowledge of the youth on issues and topics related to the EU. Through debates, SEA aims at providing an open forum for debate among young people aimed at encouraging critical opinions and encouraging a culture where the debate is seen as a democratic way to resolve differences of opinions.

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### EU stars on topic: "Educational policies: Quality versus quantity"

## Sectoral reforms in the EU

The Commission adopts proposal by social partners to improve the working conditions in the fishing sector, following an agreement by social partners on working conditions in the fishing sector. The European Commission is translating the agreement into a legal proposal for a Directive. In 2013, the EU social partners in the fishing sector reached an agreement, which proposed to align EU law with the 2007 "Work in Fishing" Convention of the International Labour Organisation (ILO). Once adopted by the Council, this directive will implement the social partner agreement, which provides for a higher level of protection of EU fishermen.

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## IPA Projects

### **EU assistance in Strengthening the Rule of Law**

**Financed by:** European Union

**Project objective:**

Supporting institutions of the legal sector for consolidation of the rule of law through capacity strengthening and through support of the approximation of the national legislation with the EU legislation and the key instruments for human rights of the Council of Europe.

**Total value:** 1 million euro

### **EU Support in the field of Insurance and Increase of Market Operations**

**Financed by:** European Union

**Project objective:** Further approximation of the national legislation with the EU legislation in the insurance sector, as well as strengthening of the administrative and operative capacities of the country in the process of fulfilment of the EU standards in these spheres.

**Total value:** 700.000,00

### **Promotion of the project: "Diversity is trendy - Promoting local multiculturalism"**

**Financed by:**

European Union  
**Project objective:** Capacity building of local authorities and providing assistance in the preparation of strategies to improve intercultural dialogue in the municipalities of Kumanovo, Struga and Mavrovo Rostuse, which will be an institutional mechanism for all key stakeholders at the

**Duration:** 21 months(20 December 2015 - 19 September 2017)  
**Key beneficiary:** Ministry of Justice, Academy of judges and Public prosecutors  
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euro  
**Duration:** 18 months( starting from 5 March 2016)  
**Key beneficiary:** Ministry of Finance  
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local level for their continuous efforts to improve intercultural and interethnic dialogue. The project will also support local civil society organisations in the implementation of activities that support multiculturalism, which are in the context of intercultural understanding.

**Total value:** 277.390,64 Euro.

**Duration:** 30 months (January 2016 - 30 June 2018)

**Key beneficiary:** Municipalities Kumanovo, Struga and Mavrovo-Rostushe  
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## EU News

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## Did you know...?

- [According to the ILO 2.5 million people are employed as domestic workers in the EU,88% of whom are women](#)
- [13% of marriages in the EU are considered "international" couples of different nationalities, couples living apart in different countries or living living together another EU state](#)
- [In the EU, 25 % of workers think that their health is negatively affected by work \(28 % of men and 23 % of women\) and 27 % think that they would not be able to do the same job until the age of 60](#)

## International days

- [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](#)
- [22 May - International Day for Biological Diversity](#)
- [31 May-World No-Tobacco Day](#)



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*Thank you!*