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The Deputy Prime Minister Besimi on a working visit in Brussels



Recommendations from Mogherini and Hahn: Respecting the 2 June agreement and urgent reform priorities

Within the visit, the Deputy Prime Minister Besimi met individually with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Ms. Federica Mogherini, the Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Mr. Johannes Hahn, the High Representatives of the European Commission Danielsson, Paquet and with the European MEPs Vajgl, Kukan and Howitt.



The discussion's topics of the meetings were the Euro integration process of the Republic of Macedonia, the current political challenges that we are facing with and the implications on the Euro integration process.

Mogherini and Hahn requested from the leading Macedonian politicians to respect the 2 June agreement on overcoming the political crises in Macedonia, and at the same time the Commissioner Hahn presented the urgent priority reforms for the country's accession in the European Union.

[more about meeting Mogerini-Besimi](#)

[more about meeting Besimi-Hahn](#)



Bilateral cooperation



Meetings Besimi Kotzias in Athens and Skopje

At the meeting were discussed the current challenges the European Union, Greece and Macedonia are facing with and the need for mutual cooperation in the spirit of the Thessaloniki Agenda, as a basis for the accession of the Western Balkans countries in the European Union, and the opportunities for further economic and development cooperation in several areas.

[more about the meeting on 24th of June](#)

[More about the meeting on 4th of June](#)



The Hungarian minister Szijarto on a meeting with Besimi

During the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister Besimi expressed his gratitude for the continued and unconditional support from Hungary for the integration of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union and the strong commitment for accelerating the process of EU enlargement of the Western Balkans countries. [more](#)
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A supreme national award for Besimi - Order of the Star of Italy

The Order is presented on the basis of a decision of the President of Italy, HE Mr. Sergio Mattarella, for the contribution of the Deputy Prime Minister Besimi to enhancing the friendly relations and the cooperation between the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Italy in the European integration process, particularly during the Italian Presidency with the EU Council. [more](#)
4 June 2015

Implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement

12th meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Committee between the Republic of Macedonia and the EU Brussels, 17 June 2015

The Stabilisation and Association Committee reviewed the fulfilment of the political criteria in the previous period, as well as the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA). The meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Committee completed a cycle of sectoral subcommittees held under SAA since the end of 2014. The Stabilisation and Association Council that is scheduled for 20 July 2015 will be informed on the results from the Committee meeting. [more](#)
17 June 2015



"Europe in My Region" a photo competition - European Commission



Implementation of a Norway project by SEA

The Secretariat for European Affairs (SEA) has begun the third cycle of advanced trainings, as part of the project: Sustainable learning for EU and system of trainings, which is realised with the support of the Kingdom of Norway. The main objective of these trainings is to strengthen the analytical capacities of the members of the working groups for preparation of the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA); the trainings are complementary with the activities of the NPAA working groups of the analytical review of the acquis, which is conducted within the twinning project in SEA.

During the month of June 2015, trainings for the following chapters of NPAA have been conducted: science and research, enterprise and industrial policy, social policy and employment, anti-corruption and integrity.

The programmes are conducted by qualified foreign lecturers. More than 100 participants attended members of the NPAA working groups, 73 persons of which passed the obligatory

exams and they will participate in the second part of the programme - a study visit to Brussels, during the period of October 2015 to February 2016.

IPA projects

A public discussion on the New Law on Probation and the Promotion of the Probation Service held (24th June 2015)

On the public discussion were presented the objectives and expected results as part of the component 2 of the EU Twinning Project "Further support of judiciary and promotion of the probation service and alternative sanctions", related to the development and promotion of the new probation service in the country, following the adoption of the draft-Law on Probation by the Assembly, prepared jointly by the project experts and key project beneficiaries.

Financed by: The European Union - twinning project

Project objective: further support for independent, accountable, professional and efficient judiciary and promotion of the probation service and alternative sanctions.

A budget of: 1.070.690 EUR

Duration: January 2015 - December 2016

Key project beneficiaries are: the Ministry of Justice, the Directorate for Execution of Sanctions, the Constitutional Court, courts, the Public Prosecution Office and the Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors.



[EU-FUNDED CAMPEX 2015 FIELD EXERCISE IN SKOPJE \(15-19 JUNE 2015\)](#)

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- [The female employment rate is 63%, whereas the gender pay gap stands at 16.4% and the gender pension gap is 39% on average](#)
- [Women constitute 52% of the total European population, but only one-third of the self-employed or of all business start-ups in the EU](#)
- [A "novel" food is one that was not used for human consumption within the EU to a significant degree before 15 May 1997.](#)
- ["Traditional" foods from third countries would be allowed on the EU market provided they have a history of safe consumption that has been demonstrated for at least 25 years.](#)
- [Together with member states, it is the world's most generous donor of development aid, supporting about 150 countries and helping to improve the lives of millions of people](#)

International Days

- [4 July \(first Saturday in July\) International Day of Cooperatives \(A/RES/47/90\)](#)
- [11 July World Population Day](#)
- [30 July International Day of Friendship](#)
- [30 July World Day against Trafficking in Persons](#)

Thank you!