

Monthly E-Newsletter of the Secretariat for
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The Twinning Project "Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the Process of European Integration" promoted

The Secretariat for European Affairs in cooperation with the Twinning partners (the Consortium of the three EU countries, Germany, Poland and Croatia) marked the official start of the twinning project "Strengthening the Organisational and Institutional Capacities of the Process of European Integration", funded by the European Union.

The project aims at supporting the process of integration to the European Union, by strengthening the capacity of the SEA, in order to provide an advanced inter-ministerial coordination within the frameworks of the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA), as well as taking the role for the coordination of the assistance and management of the IPA. Alongside the Secretariat for European Affairs, as secondary users supported by this project are: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Secretariat for Legislation and the General Secretariat. [More](#)

March 4, 2015

The status of NPAA (revision 2015) presented

In the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, the Deputy Prime Minister Besimi, in front of the members of the Committee on European Affairs and the representatives of the international community, presented the purpose, structure and content of the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis - NPAA (revision 2015).

Besimi stressed the importance of the process of European integration of the Republic of Macedonia and pointed out that we should stay focused on the implementation of the reforms of the European agenda and to address with the same commitment and determination the recommendations contained in the EC Reports. [More](#)

March 12, 2015



Presentation of the new Programmes of the Union 2014 - 2020 held

Representatives of scientific and educational institutions, government agencies, chambers of commerce and NGOs attended the presentation of the new programmes of the European Union for the period 2014 - 2020, available for the Republic of Macedonia.

The event was organised by the Secretariat for European Affairs and the German Society for International Cooperation - GIZ.

These programmes allow for the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia, through networking and mobility, to gain international experience and knowledge as well as ability to achieve good practice, enhanced competitiveness, innovative ideas, implementation of programmes with European values and other.

March 6, 2015



EU Agenda 2015 - SEA Campaigns



The Debate cycle EU talks started EU's unyielding priority

The Secretariat for European Affairs in order to implement the EU agenda in 2015, with the aim at improving the quality of the process of accession to the European Union, guided by the principles of inclusiveness and transparency in its operations, started the debate cycle "EU talks".

The topic of the first debate of the cycle "EU remains our priority" opened an opportunity to exchange opinions and views in the light of the latest issues of daily political character, as well as topics that are of strategic, long-term interest for the Republic of Macedonia.

The debate was attended by representatives of the civil society and the academic community, and it was moderated by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia, Fatmir Besimi, PhD, with experts from the Secretariat for European Affairs.

March 11, 2015



The European Union in Macedonia - Coffee break with the Austrian Embassy

Within the project "The European Union in Macedonia - Coffee break with the Austrian Embassy", the Secretariat for European Affairs, together with the Austrian Embassy held an event at the MK-EU Info Centre. The purpose of this event is promotion and approximation of the values of the EU and its Member States to the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia.

The event was attended by students, citizens, employees of the SEA, representatives of the embassies of EU Member States, and representatives of the media, who spent their coffee break together in mutual informal conversation with the Austrian Ambassador Thomas Michael Bayer and the Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs Fatmir Besimi, PhD, in setting of the beautiful Austrian classical music, the unforgettable landscapes and the taste the famous Austrian strudel.

March 13, 2015

Meeting of the SS for European Affairs Blazeska with the SS for European Integration and Chief Negotiator of Montenegro with the EU, Pejovic

At the meeting, the State Secretary Blazeska expressed willingness to extend and promote the so far successful cooperation in all areas of common interest. Furthermore, State Secretary Blazeska noted that the cooperation with Montenegro is especially important for the Republic of Macedonia, which will contribute to further strengthening of the capacities of the Macedonian administration in implementation of the EU criteria and standard.

The two interlocutors underlined that the good cooperation between the two countries in the process of European integration will continue, and that a common approach and support will contribute towards improving the situation and implementation of the reforms in every sphere of the society.

March 12, 2015

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IPA Projects

Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Finance for macroeconomic analyses and policy formulation

Funded by: the twinning project of Finland, supported by EU

Aim of the project: Exchange of know-how for economic analyses, forecasting and formulation of the economic policy for improving the quality of the information submitted to the creators of the economic policy necessary for successful decision-making. [more](#)

Duration: 28 months

Total value: EUR 1.000.000

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Support from the European Union for the population affected by the floods in the Republic of Macedonia

Funded by: European Union

Aim of the project: Assistance from the European Commission for the population of the Republic of Macedonia facing the floods due to the weather conditions that affected the Republic of Macedonia, causing significant material damage, by which 100,000 people were affected. [more](#)

The European Commission allocates:

EUR 84,236 more



EU News

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Did you know that ...?

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- [The Union Customs Code \(UCC\) was adopted on 9 October 2013 as Regulation \(EU\) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council](#)
- [The European Union is a full member of the G20 alongside four of its Member States: France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom. In addition, Spain is a permanent invitee of the G20](#)
- [The EU is the largest exporter and the largest importer of goods among the G20](#)

International days

- [2 April -World Autism Awareness Day](#)
- [7 April-World Health Day](#)
- [23 April-English Language Day](#)
- [26 April-World Intellectual Property Day](#)
- [28 April-World Day for Safety and Health at Work](#)

Thank you