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Meeting of the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the Slovak Minister of foreign Affairs Lajchak



Deputy Prime Minister of the Government in charge of European Affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD, had a meeting with the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Mr. Miroslav Lajcak, in his capacity as chairman of the EU Council.

Deputy Prime Minister Ademi congratulated the EU presidency by Slovakia to his colleague and wished him successful implementation of his goals and priorities. During the meeting they also discussed the bilateral cooperation between the two countries and the current political situation in the country.

During the conversation, Deputy Prime Minister Ademi pointed out that since the takeover of the EU presidency is happening at a time of serious challenges that will require great commitment and focus by the European institutions and Member States, and he also mentioned Brexit, the events in Turkey, the recent terrorist attacks in Nice, France and the prolonged migrant crisis, it should not be reflected in the slowdown of the enlargement process and the integration of the Western Balkans countries.

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Deputy Prime Minister Ademi participated on the informal meeting of Ministers for European Affairs in Bratislava



Deputy Prime Minister Ademi attended the informal meeting of Ministers for European Affairs, at the invitation of the Slovak presidency, organised within the General Affairs Council of the European Union, held in Bratislava on 24. and 25. July 2016. The EU Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn and all ministers for European affairs and their representatives from the candidate countries of the Western Balkans and Turkey attended the meeting.

The chairman on behalf of the Slovak presidency, Ivan Korczak stated that enlargement remains in the focus of the European Union. Commissioner Hahn noted that in recent weeks there is serious progress in the process in almost all countries of the region. For Macedonia, Commissioner Hahn emphasised that the good news on the political agreement now need to materialise through the full implementation of what was agreed, without delay.

At the beginning of his address, Deputy Prime Minister Ademi thanked for the invitation to this informal meeting, which is one more confirmation of the commitment and support to the process of EU integration. He referred to the serious challenges the European Union is facing at the time of assuming the presidency by Slovakia, such as Brexit, the events in Turkey, the terrorist and security threats and the possibility of escalation of the migrant crisis. Also, he noted that they would require a huge commitment and focus by the EU institutions and in those circumstances, he expressed hope that it will contribute to the consolidation of the EU policies by undertaking measures to prevent risks in the future and continuing successful policies, especially the decades of proven successful enlargement policy. Deputy Prime Minister Ademi stressed that we should not forget the enlargement policy, which can and should be part of the solution to these challenges.

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Address by Deputy Prime Minister Ademi at the presentation of the priorities of the Slovak Presidency in the EU

Deputy Prime Minister Ademi congratulated the Ambassador Bezak the assuming of the presidency of the European Union by Slovakia and wished him successful implementation of the goals and priorities.

In his address, Deputy Prime Minister Ademi stressed that assuming the EU presidency by Slovakia is happening in a period of serious challenges, when you need to make exceptional efforts to restore citizens' confidence in the common European project, which is extremely important for the whole continent.



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Speech of the Deputy Prime Minister on the closing event of the IPA project "Strengthening capacities for implementation of the environmental legislation on local level"

"Sustainable growth and environmental protection is one of the topics that cause great interest worldwide, and they are among the key priorities of the European Union. Therefore, I believe that the successful implementation of the IPA project enabled further strengthening of national capacities in the country, and thus the accession process", stressed the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi in his address.



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Institutional meetings



EU institutional meeting with the Ministry of Information Society and Administration

The activities undertaken in the areas of competence of the Ministry of Information Society and Administration, and related to the process of European integration, i.e. Urgent Reform Priorities and the status of relevant projects financed through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) were discussed at the meeting. During the meeting, special focus was put on the activities related to the public administration reform and freedom of expression and the media.

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EU institutional meeting with the Ministry of Justice

The activities undertaken in the areas of judiciary and fight against corruption, and related to the process of European integration, i.e. Urgent Reform Priorities, as well as the status of relevant projects financed through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) were discussed at the meeting.

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EU institutional meeting with Ministry of Interior

The activities undertaken for implementation of the urgent reform priorities in the areas of competence of the Ministry of Interior, and which are related to the European integration process and the status of the relevant projects financed through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) were the subject of today's third consecutive coordination meeting of the Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs Arbër Ademi PhD and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nikola Poposki and the Minister of Interior, Mr. Mitko Chavkov.

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Working meetings



Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the Slovak Ambassador Bezak

At the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister congratulated the assuming the presidency of the EU Council by the Slovak Republic and wished successful implementation of the programme, expecting that Slovakia's support for Euro-Atlantic integration of Macedonia, its bilateral relations and relations within the Visegrad Group, will be confirmed during the presidency and the upcoming NATO summit in Warsaw.

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Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the Greek Ambassador Yannakakis

At the beginning of the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi congratulated Mr. Yannakakis his appointment in our country and wished him a successful tenure. Ademi stressed that the measures for confidence-building are an important step towards the promotion of good neighbourly relations and deepen bilateral cooperation between the two countries and referred to the positive developments in recent years, marked by the visits of senior officials from both countries, as well as continuous high level technical meetings, hoping that the established practice of expert consultations on issues related to the EU will continue.

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Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the EU Ambassador Orav

Ademi thanked the EU ambassador Orav for his commitment and support, and to the support of the Delegation which he manages. The cooperation and partnership that Ambassador Orav has fostered with the Secretariat for European Affairs in the implementation of EU-related reforms and the use of IPA and other EU funds were particularly underlined. Ademi wished him success on his new position, with hope that he will remain a friend and supporter of our country.

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Working meetings of the State Secretary Ana Blazheska

State Secretary Ms Blazheska paid a working visit to Poland

During her working visit to Warsaw, the State Secretary Ana Blazheska had a meeting with the undersecretary of state in the Polish Ministry for economic development, Mr. Paweł Chorąży. Further strengthening of the administrative capacities through correct utilisation of the pre accession and structural funds was the main topic of discussion during the working meeting. It was therefore noted that there are several modes of exchange and sharing of experiences to which was paid committed work and expressed mutual desire to further deepen the cooperation.



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IPA Projects

"Strengthening judicial cooperation in civil and criminal cases"

Financed by: European Union

Project objective: Strengthening the rule of law by improving the implementation of the standards and recommendations of the European Union in the field of freedom, security, justice and respect for human rights.

A budget of: 249.500 EUR

Key beneficiary: Ministry of Justice

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"Introducing new measures for IPARD (LEADER and advisory services)"

Financed by: European Union

Project objective: Contribution to efficient and effective management and implementation of the IPARD II programme and preparation of the beneficiary country for the implementation of LEADER and measures for advisory services.

A budget of: 908.750 EUR

Duration: 18 months

Key beneficiary: Ministry for agriculture, forestry and water economy and Agency for Financial Support of the Agriculture and the

Rural Development

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International days

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Thank you!