

Monthly e-Bulletin of the Secretariat for European Affairs Government of the Republic of Macedonia September 2016

# Deputy Prime Minister Ademi meets the EU Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy Johannes Hahn



Within the working visit to Brussels, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs Arber Ademi, on 20.09.2016 had a meeting with the EU Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy Johannes Hahn. During the meeting they discussed some current topics related to the process of European integration, especially the political situation, the electoral process, the EU support and migration. In this context Ademi informed about the implementation of the commitments of the July 20 Agreement that are important precondition for the organisation of democratic and credible elections. They welcomed the assessment of the political leaders on the fulfilment of the protracted political crisis in the country. Therefore it was pointed out that it is extremely important in the coming period for all political actors to contribute to the continuation of our EU integration process. Commissioner Hahn emphasised the need for continued and adequate political and institutional support for the work of the Special Public Prosecution.

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Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and Edvard Kukan - <u>more</u> Deputy Prime Minister Arbr Ademi paid a working visit to Brussels - <u>more</u>

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Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Arber Ademi and the ambassador of the European Union in Macedonia Samuel Zbogar



Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD, on 13.09.2016 had a meeting with the newly appointed ambassador of the European Union in the Republic of Macedonia HE Mr. Samuel Zbogar. Deputy Prime Minister Ademi

wished successful implementation of the projects to the new EU ambassador during his mandate and expressed his confidence that the successful cooperation between the Secretariat for European Affairs and the Delegation of the European Union will continue in the forthcoming period as well.

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Deputy Prime Minister Arber Ademi had a meeting with the newly appointed Hungarian ambassador László István Dux - more

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Deputy Prime Minister Ademi had his address on the information session for the opening of first call for proposals under IPA 2 cross border cooperation between the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania



Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD has attended an information

session at the opening of the first call for proposals under IPA 2 cross border cooperation between the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania at the Delegation of the European Union in Skopje.

The first call for proposals within IPA 2 cross border cooperation between the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania was opened on September 16th 2016 and potential beneficiaries from both countries will have the opportunity to apply with joint projects to November 1st 2016.

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## Working meetings



### Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the State Secretary Desir

During his visit in Paris, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of European Affairs, Arber Ademi had a meeting with the State Secretary in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Harlem Desir. At the meeting, Deputy Prime Minister referred to the political situation in the country and the obligations arising from the Political agreement, emphasising the evaluation of the political leaders that the conditions to organise parliamentary elections as a positive step forward. "In the coming period it is necessary to make efforts in order to organise democratic, credible and inclusive elections whose results will be widely accepted," Ademi said, adding that for Macedonia it is crucial to maintain the European perspective.



#### Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister Ademi and the Director Danielsson

During his working visit to Brussels, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in charge of European Affairs, Arbr Ademi PhD, had a meeting with the Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Policy of the European Commission, Mr. Christian Danielsson.

The current political situation in the country, the activities related to the organisation of the upcoming parliamentary elections, the Urgent Reform Priorities and IPA funds, were among the topics discussed during the meeting.

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Activities of the State Secretary Ana Blazheska



# State Secretary Blazheska on a meeting with Vinton

State Secretary for European Affairs, Ms. Ana Blazheska today had a meeting with the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Macedonia, Ms. Louisa Vinton. At the meeting they discussed the situation in the areas affected by the floods that occurred on August 6 this year, as well as the status of preparation of the Post Disaster Needs Assessment- PDNA.

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#### Meeting of State Secretary for European Affairs Ana Blazheska with the Ambassador of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta Pavel Gierynski

The State Secretary for European Affairs Ana Blazheska had a working meeting with the Ambassador of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, H.E. Pavel Gyierinski. At the meeting they discussed the accession process of Macedonia and the implementation of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and took note of the current political and economic situation in the country. Blazheska and Gierynski also discussed the latest developments related to the migrant crisis, especially in this period and the expected movement of migrants in the coming period.

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# Held IPA presentation for state secretaries - more

State Secretary Blazheska at celebration of the World Day of the institutes "Confucius"

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# **IPA Projects**

### IPA Financial agreement was signed on Multiannual Action Programme on environment and climate action and transport 2014-2016

## Financed by: European Union

**Project objective:** This programme comprises two sectors identified in the Indicative Strategy Paper for the Republic of Macedonia for the period of 2014-2020, namely the sectors environment and transport. The general objectives of IPA assistance II in this sector are: creating a modern, safer and ecological road network in the country and the socio-economic development of the country. Priority will be given to road infrastructure to the Transport Observatory (SEETO) comprehensive network of Southeast Europe (Corridor VIII, X and branch Xd) Inter alia, project for the construction of a new section between Urban and Drenovo, as part of road Corridor X-g will be realised through sector. Investments are provided in three directions:Approximation of environmental legislation and climate change in priority areas, investments in water and waste management and support for sustainable development.

A budget of: For the environment sector and climate action is provided a budget of 44,365,000.00 Euros. For the transport sector is provided a budget of 36,906,609.70 Euros. **Duration:** 2014-2016.

# **USAID** support to the Secretariat

# Communications team of the SEA on internal PR communication workshop

The Secretariat for European Affairs (SEA)with support from USAID Organization Performance Improvement Program (OPIP) implemented by DETRA Centre on 5th and 6th September realised the first workshop with the communications team of the SEA. The workshop presented the process maps and procedures for internal PR communication, the PR



manual and communication plan was prepared, containing planned communication activities of the SEA for the period of October 2016 - October 2017. From 12th to 23rd September training sessions for improvement of the knowledge and skills of the communications team for planning and management of public relations, effective media relations and organisation of communication events were held.

During the month of September SEA continued collecting data within the established system of monitoring and evaluation, and in accordance with the plans for monitoring and evaluation. OPIP team prepared a tool to analyse data for monitoring and evaluation, which allows you to enter specific data for each indicator of the success system for monitoring and evaluation, automatic processing and accounting the level of achievement for each target, score and aim at institutional and sectoral level. In the next period, OPIP team will train the head of unit for strategic planning application tool for data analysis and will support the process of further data entry, as well as their analysis and interpretation.

# **EU News**

- European Parliament delegation to observe Colombia's peace deal referendum
- The ABC of the European Parliament
- In Parliament this week: Panama papers, roaming, EU budget
- Euro area economy showed resilience after UK referendum, Mario Draghi tells MEPs
- Plant Health: agriculture MEPs back deal to fight influx of pests to the EU

# Did you know...?

- Between hope and fear: the future of Jewish communities in Europe
- End of roaming MEPs negotiate safeguards to prevent abuse

# International days

- October 1 International Day of Older Persons
- October 5 International Teachers Day
- October 16 World Food Day
- October 20 World Statistics Day
- October 31 World Cities Day

Thank you!