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High-level meetings with all postal sector stakeholders

Liberalization of the postal market, introduction of separate accounting and cost allocation by the national operator as well as investment in the postal sector are key messages addressed and supported by all participants during the meetings.

Within the frame of the EU-funded Twinning project "Strengthening of the capacity of the Postal Agency", on 28 and 29 January 2020, four high-level working meetings were held between representatives of the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, the Postal Agency and representatives of the relevant postal sector institutions in the Republic of North Macedonia.

On January 28, 2020 a meeting was held with the Committee on Transport, Communications and Environment of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia. It was attended by the President of the Commission, Liljana Zaturavska and the Commission members, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain, H.E. Emilio Lorenzo Serra; the Deputy Director for Postal Affairs at the Spanish Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Affairs, also Project Leader, Rafael Crespo Arce; the President of the European Committee for Postal Regulation, Germán Vásquez Asenjo; the Resident Twinning Advisor, Eva María Picos Pérez, the representative of the European Delegation in Skopje, Sanja Frkovic - Gelevska the Director of the Postal Agency, Biljana Avramoska-Gjoreska, and the Beneficiary Country Project Leader, Mirjana Jankovikj

At the meeting, the goals and progress of the Twinning project were discussed.



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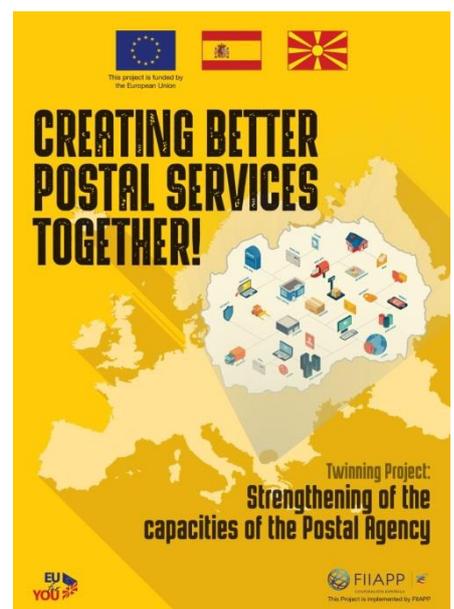


Meeting at the Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia (photo: by official parliament photographer)

The Project Leader particularly emphasized the need to introduce full liberalization of the postal market and to abolish the reserved area. This legislative change requires political will, especially by the members of parliament who are crucial for the decision making process. When making the necessary amendments of the legislation the remarks and recommendations given by the European Commission in the country's progress reports in the past years have to be taken into consideration.

It was noted that although the postal sector worldwide is not receiving the deserved attention, it still has great potential for the world economy, and this has to be used by the Republic of North Macedonia as well.

The Postal Agency emphasized that the mutual cooperation and exchange of information between all institutions that are in linked to the postal field, supported by the benefits of the project, will contribute to a successful realization of the envisaged goals.



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