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Centre of Excellence in EU Studies

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you the fourth issue of the Newsletter of the Centre of Excellence in EU Studies at ADA University. From this release you will receive information about our activities in January-July 2016.

Enjoy our newsletter!

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2nd EU Summer School

The second ADA EU Summer School took place from May

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31 to June 10, 2016. The school hosted more than 40 participants from Azerbaijan, Belgium, Vietnam, Georgia, Poland, Kuwait, Turkey, India, France, Greece, Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina. During this two-week intensive summer school, the participants learned about the

European Union, its member states, history, institutions, foreign policy and much more. Various foreign experts and professors in EU studies conducted the lectures and organized workshops, group exercise and simulation games. In this summer school, the students enhanced their knowledge of the EU and acquired new set of professional and social skills.

Study Visit to Brussels and Luxembourg

As a part of the series of comprehensive training programs aimed at capacity building of Azerbaijani civil servants in EU Affairs, the Center of Excellence with the support of AYAPE organized a study trip to Brussels and Luxembourg for Azerbaijani



civil servants on April 17-23, 2016. The participants visited NATO headquarters in Brussels and various EU institutions, such as the European Court of Auditors in Luxembourg, the Council of Europe Brussels office and the European Parliament. They also met with numerous Members of European Parliament and ambassadors. As a result of this trip, the Azerbaijani civil servants deepened their knowledge of the EU, experienced first-handedly the working

environment and processes of EU institutions and discussed prospects of EU-Azerbaijani relations.

The EU from the First Treaties to the Current Challenges with the Special Emphasis on Neighborhood and Enlargement Policy



The State Secretary for European Integration, Chief Negotiator for Negotiations on Accession of Montenegro to the European Union, National Coordinator for Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance and Ambassador in the Mission of Montenegro to the

EU, H.E. Ambassador Aleksandar Andrija Pejović conducted a three-day training at ADA covering a range of EU topics, such as EU acquis, enlargement, neighborhood, external policies, the current and future challenge of the Common Foreign and Security Policy. The training was held from February 8 to 10 as a part of comprehensive training program aimed at capacity building of Azerbaijani civil servants in EU Affairs

EU Info Sessions for Schoolchildren



The EU info sessions were held in various Baku schools for schoolchildren of the 1st-3rd and 10th-11th grades. In the course of these sessions, children learned about Europe, specifically about the European Union, its member states, history, culture and much more. More than 1500 children from 28 schools took part in these sessions. The EU Info sessions will resume from September 2016.

Certificated lectures for ADA Students

Certified public lectures on EU related matters were organized for ADA students during February-June. Professors and lecturers spoke to students about European Common Foreign and Security Policy; EU: Understanding the fundamentals and current trends; Portugal's accession to the EU and current accomplishments



and challenges of the European Union; Experience of Balkan Countries with EU Membership.

International Summer Program for ADA Students

The first International Summer Program took place on June 22 - July 3, 2016 in Brussels, Belgium. 15 students from ADA (BAIS and BAPA programs) visited various EU institutions, such as the European Commission, the European Parliament and EEAS, as well as NATO, Martens Centre and EPC. The students also met with Azerbaijani Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Head of the Azerbaijani Mission to the EU.

EU at the children's glance



The children of the age groups - 7 to 9 and 9 to 12 were invited to take

part in the art contest entitled 'EU at the children's glance'. Children had drawn pictures of how they see Europe.

EU-Azerbaijani Business Forum

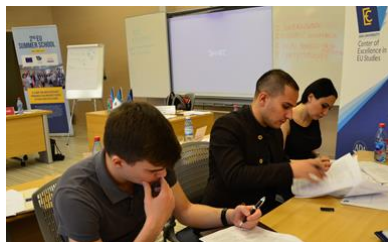
On May 18, 2016 ADA University hosted the EU-Azerbaijan Business Forum gathering together more than 500 representatives of EU and Azerbaijani businesses, Deputy Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan, EU Ambassadors and others. The forum served as a platform for meeting and exchange of ideas between local and European entrepreneurs.

Table Top Exercise on EU Civil Protection Mechanism and Host Nation Support



On February 24-25 the Center of Excellence in EU Studies along with the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan co-hosted a table-top exercise for representatives from

ministries and committees dealing with issues, such as civil protection, humanitarian and rescue operations assistance. The topics discussed ranged from the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, its structure and working modules to the activities of Emergency Response Coordination Center, etc.





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