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Ministry of Information Society and Administration

**MID-TERM SELFASSESSMENT REPORT
2016-2018 OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN**

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1. Introduction and history

Republic of Macedonia has continually worked on achieving improved efficient operation of state institutions, increased transparency and public access to information, anti-corruption work and high quality public services to citizens and businesses by using technology and innovation powers.

Given the accessing to global voluntarily initiative for Open Government Partnership, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia committed and confirmed its commitment to continually improve its work based on open, transparent, accountable and efficient government institutions at all levels that include citizens participation. The responsibilities in respect of transparent government activities, as well as inclusion of civil and private sector are high priorities in the Government agenda. The civil sector has enormous creative energy that should be used more actively in the public sector by improving and fostering the culture of involvement and respect to citizens' rights in the policy creating and decision making processes, law drafting and public access to information. Furthermore, Open Government Partnership has a strong impact on innovations, development and competitiveness.

Over the recent years, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia has aimed on promoting government transparency, greater citizen participation and involvement in the decision making process, introducing higher integrity standards and greater public access to technology for all citizens of the Republic of Macedonia. With 2016-2018 National Open Government Partnership Action Plan, Republic of Macedonia continues its commitment for active work on the priorities related to participatory policy creating at central and local

levels, integrity, open data, fiscal transparency, freedom to information namely with fewer but measurable realistic and predictable achievements.

In June 2017, a new Government of the Republic of Macedonia was established by virtue of the early parliamentary elections's results held on December 11, 2016, whose 2017-2020 Work Program and „Plan 3-6-9“ contains a package of reform activities that are unequivocally aimed at transparency, accountability and responsibility and reflect the commitment for full implementation of the open government concept in accordance with the initiative for Open Government Partnership.

2. National Action Plan process

2.1 Participation and co-creation in compliance with the OGP cycle

Internal and external Government consultations, including broad consultations with line ministries and other state administration authorities, as well as consultations with general public, civil organizations, academic institutions and private sector have taken central point in creating this Action plan.

In February 2016, [Notification regarding the beginning of the preparation process for the third 2016-2018 OGP Action Plan](#), along with the [Time frame for elaboration of the 2016-2018 OGP Action Plan](#) were published on e-demokratija portal and the web site of the Ministry of Information Society and Administration that marked the official start of co-creation of 2016-2018 Open government partnership Action plan.) Also, in February 2016, within the activities for the preparation of the Action Plan, a survey was conducted through an on-line questionnaire in order to examine the awareness of NGOs about the global Open Government Partnership initiative and their interest in participating in the the process of creating the third National Action Plan for Open Government Partnership 2016-2018. The survey results are published on the following [link](#).

2.2 Participation and co-creation in the National Action Plan development process

In compliance with the timeframe for drafting 2016-2018 Open Government Partnership Action Plan, the process of co - creation was divided into interconnected stages undertaking the following actions:

- An open dialogue with civil society was conducted in March 2016. Three workshops where 110 representatives of civil society in Macedonia (NGOs, businesses, social partners, the media and academia) actively participated and discussed challenges related to transparency and accountability, freedom of information, open data, effective public services and good governance at local level were conducted for that purpose. 38 proposals were identified on the workshops for which civil society has made commitment to include them in the Open Government Partnership Action Plan. The workshops were used to raise awareness for Sustainable Development Goals.
- The First public event – Conference “Open Government Partnership dialogue with civil society organizations on 2016-2018 National Action Plan” was held on 23-24 march 2016. The conference promoted the initiative Open Government Partnership, gave detailed information on the 2014-2016 Open government partnership Action plan progress, a representative of the Independent reporting mechanism introduced the Independent reporting mechanism (IRM) as one of the key manners trough which interested parties can follow the progress and impact of governments participating in the initiative for Open government partnership and create discussion environment between civil society organizations and government institutions regarding experiences and challenges in implementing the second action plan and co -creating draft measures for the third action plan. Six working groups facilitated by representatives from non-governmental organizations gave 66 suggestions and guidelines for the third action plan during the conference concerning the following priority topics: participatory policy-making, open data, freedom of information, preventing corruption and promoting good governance, effective public resources management (fiscal transparency) and local level openness. The conference was attended by 97 state institutions and civil society organizations representatives working in areas relevant to the Open Government Partnership, as well as universities and diplomatic missions’ representatives. Report regarding the event is available on the following [link](#).
- The process for defining the draft measures for the first draft-version of 2016-2018 Open Government Partnership Action Plan was conducted during the period from March 24 to April 30 2016. Thus there were four thematic workshops, managed by individual priority coordinators by relevant government institutions. During the work, representatives of civil society

organizations and government institutions that gave their suggestions on the thematic workshops and the first public event, were focused on prioritizing and defining the draft measures in accordance with the criteria of Independent reporting mechanism. 19 commitments with 80 activities on six priority topics were defined in this phase.

- During April 2016, the interested parties had the opportunity to submit their comments and observations on the first published draft of the action plan. Notification regarding the consultation process is available on the following [link](#). Seven new proposed measures were submitted during the one month open on-line consultation process. In the same period, the received comments by the OGP Support Unit were forwarded to all working groups for consideration.
- The Second public event - "Open Government Partnership dialogue with civil society organizations on 2016-2018 National Action Plan " was held on May 11 2016, presenting the first draft 2016-2018 National Open Government Partnership Action Plan developed in cooperation with NGOs and discussion between civil society organizations and government institutions was conducted to develop a second draft of the Action plan. The participants worked in six thematic groups: participatory policy-making, open data, public access to information, reducing corruption and promoting the rule of law, efficient management of public resources (fiscal transparency) and local level openness. The groups were set up depending on the interests by representatives, with prior registration. The working groups discussed the measures that were proposed and developed during an open dialogue with civil society organizations on the first two-day public event, the measures obtained during the one-month consultation period on the portal e-demokratija and proposals presented at the event itself. Special attention was paid to the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. The working groups had the opportunity to exchange views and determine the relevance of proposed measures from the first draft of the 2016-2018 Open Government Partnership Action Plan for the purposes set out in 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. The event was attended by over 110 state institutions and civil society organizations representatives working in areas relevant to open government partnership, universities and diplomatic missions' representatives, hereof developing and proposing draft measures for the second 2016-2018 action plan draft.

- Ad hoc working meetings were held from 11 to 25 May for further development and harmonization of positions upon the draft measures by the proposers and responsible institutions for implementation. Four commitments for two new topics „ Public Services "and" Climate Change " were defined in this period.
- Upon adoption, in June 2016, the Ministry of Information Society and Administration delivered the Action Plan in English to the Open Government Partnership International in Washington DC and the same was published on opengovpartnership.org.
- The [Status of proposed measures for 2016-2018 OGP Action Plan](#) was published in June 2016.

2.2.1 Linking the Open Government Partnership to Sustainable Development Goals

Given the country's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the country's acceptance of the "Joint Declaration on Open Government for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" the Government of the Republic of Macedonia has decided to undertake a pioneering effort at mainstreaming the principles of sustainable development into the open government agenda during the preparation of this Action plan.

During the consultation events organized from February to May 2016, the sustainable development goals were explained and popularized and participants were encouraged to think and propose how measures of the Open Government Partnership Action Plan may be relevant and adjusted with the Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The consultations have led to the conclusion that one of the 17 new Global Goals – more specifically Goal 16, which aims “to build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels” – is explicitly aligned with the open government agenda. Furthermore, it was concluded that the progress towards each of the global development goals is closely linked to the existence of transparent institutions that are open and accountable to the citizens, with the need for active participation of citizens and the rule of law.

In addition, this Action Plan specifically has identified linkages between the OGP agenda and the SDG: 1 „No poverty“, 5 „Gender equality“, 6 „Clean water and sanitation“, 13 „Climate action“, 16 „Peace and justice, strong institutions “ and 17 „Partnerships for the

goals“ that are explained under the relevant OGP commitments presented below. Integrating development goals in Open Government Partnership is done in compliance with existing globally defined development goals and indicators because there is an ongoing process for Sustainable Development Goals Localization for Macedonia. However, the identification of links between the measures for Open Government Partnership and global development goals achieved in this process is a major step in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals in the country and the process and outcome thereof will be taken into account in further Government steps to localize global development goals in other national policies. Thus, the Open Government Partnership Action Plan launched a major debate on implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development where major stakeholders expressed readiness to continue cooperation in terms of connecting the agendas for open government and sustainable development and jointly monitor the progress and results of the process.

2.3 Participation and co-creation in the implementation, monitoring and reporting process regarding the Action Plan

For the purpose of proper cooperation and co-implementation of the third national Open Government Partnership Action Plan for 2016-2018, the Deputy Minister of Information Society and Administration adopted a Decision on the establishment of a working group with all stakeholders for implementation of the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018. In doing so, each working subgroup for a single priority is composed of a coordinator, deputy coordinator and members of government and non-government organizations. The working group, as well as the working subgroups for priorities hold meetings, whose dynamic is jointly determined between the coordinator or the deputy coordinator (2 meetings have been held so far and an ongoing communication has been established between the members via e-mail).

Each working subgroup drafts a semi-annual report for each priority regarding the implementation of the achievements of the respective priority in the 2016-2018 Open Government Partnership National Action Plan and submits it to the Ministry of Information Society and Administration. The Ministry of Information Society and Administration drafts a semi-annual report on the implementation of the 2016-2018 Open Government Partnership National Action Plan, and the same is submitted to the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and is published on the e- demokratija portal (www.e-demokratija.mk). Two semi-annual Reports for the period June-December 2016 and January-June 2017 have been prepared so far.

3. Independent reporting mechanism recommendations

Experiences from previous Action Plans and the five “SMART” independent reporting mechanism recommendations¹ were basic guidelines in organizing and implementing the elaboration and development process for the Action Plan commitments that address current society challenges.

During the First Public Event - Conference "Open Government Partnership Dialogue with Civil Society Organizations for the National Action Plan 2016-2018" held on March 23-24, 2016, apart from promoting the Open Government Partnership initiative, detailed information was provided on the progress achieved concerning the Open Government Partnership Action Plan 2014-2016, a representative of the Independent Reporting Mechanism has presented the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) as one of the key manners in which stakeholders can monitor the progress and the influence by the governments participating in the Open Government Partnership initiative and provide a possibility for discussion among CSOs and government institutions regarding the experiences and challenges in the implementation of the second Action Plan and co-creation of draft measures on the third Action Plan.

In addition to inclusiveness and transparency, in the process of drafting and development of the commitments regarding the third National Action Plan, special attention has been paid so that the same contain transformative, realistic and measurable accomplishments achievable over a period of two years. During the working meetings for creating the draft measures, civil society organizations and government institutions' representatives that gave their proposals on the thematic workshops and the first public event, focused on prioritizing and defining the draft measures in accordance with the criteria of the independent reporting mechanism.

3. Implementation of National Action Plan commitments

Table 1 below provides a summary, presented on implementation level for each individual priority from the 2016-2018 Action Plan for which the implementation has been initiated, while Table 2 provides an overview of the progress and the main results achieved.

¹ Progress Report for Macedonia, drafted by an Independent reporting mechanism (2015)

Within the Information on the status of implementation of the National Action Plan for Open Government Partnership 2016-2018 (mid-term report for the period January-June 2017), the commitment 6.8 "Improvement of utilities at local level" was omitted on the grounds of a notification from the Ministry for local Self Government. Also, after consultations in view of the Mid-Term Self-Assessment Report, and in order to harmonize the part "ambition" of priority 7 "Public Services", the commitment "7.1. Favorable legal environment for social agreements" shall be supplemented with a new achievement "7.1.6 Establishing business activities and strengthening the social impact of 10 CSOs through re-granting of creative solutions for solving social problems. "

Hence, a total of 33 commitments and 99 achievements will be monitored in the further reporting process regarding the status of implementation of the Action Plan.

Table 1. Summary of the implementation level for each individual priority from the 2016-2018 Action Plan

Out of total of 33 commitments from the Action plan, 4 commitments are fully completed, 7 have a significant level of implementation, 18 are on a limited level, and 4 commitments are expected to start in accordance with the stipulated timeframe.

PRIORITY/COMMITMENT	LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION				END DATE
	U N S T A R T E D	L I M I T E D	S I G N I F I C A N T	F I N I S H E D	
PARTICIPATORY POLICY MAKING					
1.1 Promotion of consultation process with stakeholders in the policy making process					6/2018
1.2. Promotion of cooperation with the civil sector					1/2018

OPEN DATA				
2.1 Creation of open data standards				7/2018
2.2 Open data platform improvement and its approximation to citizens				6/2018
2.3 Increase of open data awareness				8/2018
2.4 Catalogization and categorization public institutions data sets				6/2018
2.5 Linking of open data on public institutions web portals				9/2017
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION				
3.1 Advancing and facilitating access to information				6/2018
PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION AND PROMOTION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE				
4.1 Implementation of the Law on Whistleblowers and strengthening whistleblowing awareness				Continuous
4.2 Open data on assets of elected and appointed persons				2018
4.3 Promotion of integrity, transparency and accountability at local level and progress monitoring				2018
4.4 Promotion of cooperation and increased pro-activity in preventing corruption and conflict of interests				2018
EFFICIENT PUBLIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (FISCAL TRANSPARENCY)				
5.1 Open budget initiative				Continuous
5.2 Open data for health programs				6/2018
5.3. Creating a legal commitment for contracting authorities to compulsorily publish information on procedures and public procurement contracts on their websites				Continuous
5.4. Including a transparent and objective manner of representatives of associations and foundations, as well as other CSOs, in the sectoral working groups for planning and programming of IPA 2				6/2018
5.5. Publication of data for concluded contracts and received assistance through the Netherlands Development Program for Development of Infrastructure (ORIO)				6/2018

5.6. Introducing publicly accessible Register of concession contracts					Continuous
5.7 Increasing the benefits of spending the budget funds for preventive and curative health care for citizens					12/2017
5.8. Quartal publication of data for planned and implemented domestic and foreign assistance for rural development and agriculture					Continuous
5.9. Determining state aid data that should be published periodically and their publication					Continuous
OPENNESS AT LOCAL LEVE					
6.1. Developing transparency and open data standards at local level					6/2017
6.2. Establishing a new tools for improving the financial transparency and accountability of Local self-government units					12/2017
6.3. Improving the functionality of institutional mechanisms for local level consultations					12/2018
6.4. Strengthening the capacities for cooperation of local self-government units with civil society organizations					7/2019
6.5. Monitoring and evaluation of service quality at local level					12/2017
6.6. Improving social services at local level					12/2017
6.7. Improving social inclusion of persons with disabilities at local level					12/2017
6.8. Improving utilities at local level	/	/	/	/	/
6.9. Greater awareness of citizens regarding the institution Ombudsman					7/2017
PUBLIC SERVICES					
7.1 Favorable legal environment for social agreements					6/2018
CLIMATE CHANGES					
8.1 Climate policy development at national level in a transparent and participatory manner					9/2017
8.2 Open data on climate change at national and local level					9/2017
8.3. Providing accountability and private sector inclusion in the national action on climate change					9/2017

Table 2. Overview of progress and major achievements for each priority of the Action Plan 2016-2018 for which the implementation has been initiated

1. PARTICIPATORY POLICY CREATING		
1.1. Advancement of the consultation process with stakeholders in the policy creating process		
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)		Ongoing commitment
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Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	MISA, GS of the GRM, CRM, ministries

	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCMS), Center for Research and Policy making, (CRPM), UNDP
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Public inclusion in the policy creating and law drafting processes has not been on a satisfactory level yet. Though established in 2009, the Single National Electronic Regulation Register has not been sufficiently applied in on-line consultations on draft laws. The minimal consultation period on draft laws has not been respected with all draft laws and it is significantly shorter in respect of the standards set up in the EU countries and in the region. The public has no insight in the effects of the consultation process and no summarized feedback information are available from the conducted consultation process.
Main objective		Affirmation and advancement of already established practices for participatory policy making supported by the government and civil sector.
Brief description of commitment		Relation strengthening between the Government and civil sector is the key principle for good government and it is a necessary investment in quality policy creating process.
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment		Measures set up in this priority contribute for improved public services and increased public integrity.
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development		Reference to the Objective 16. "Peace, justice and strong institutions" Target 16.7: Ensuring representative decision making at all levels, to address the issues, based

	<p>on involvement and participation of all stakeholders</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for more quality decision making by the policy creators, based on consultations with all stakeholders</p>
<p>Relevance</p>	<p>The consultation process with stakeholders allows the Government to have an access to new sources of ideas, information and resources important in the policy creating process and decision making.</p> <p>Affirmation and improvement of the established practices and procedures in policy creating, supported by the government and public sector, are the basis for improvement of the Government transparency and accountability to the public. Also, the information technology supporting established procedures in policy creating enable greater openness, timeliness and responsibility of the public sector.</p>
<p>Ambition</p>	<p>This commitment is expected to increase the government accountability and openness in a two-year period through the process improvement and conducting consultations with the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the preparation process of ex ante and ex post regulation impact assessment through preparation and publication of Annual Report of conducted consultations, - Sharing results provided by independent non-government organization's monitoring of the Government institutions' openness in policy making processes and law drafting - Extending the consultation deadline with stakeholders in the report preparation process for the regulation impact assessment and law drafting - Publication of information from held sessions

	<p>of the Government on determined law proposals, made decisions and other measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publication of basic data on civil organizations and business subjects on the website of the Central Register of RM 			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
<p>1.1.1 Developing methodology for monitoring, collection and processing of data for conducted consultations in the preparation of draft laws by ministries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was preparation of draft Guidelines for evaluation of the consultation processes with stakeholders in the preparation of draft laws, based on the analysis of the consultation processes in the preparation of draft laws that included a review of the legal and institutional framework for public involvement in the process of laws preparation; experiences and resources of the Public Administration Authorities for conducting consultations with stakeholders and international standards and practice for public involvement in the process of preparation of laws . Questionnaire for assessment of the consultation process with stakeholders in the preparation of different draft laws (for Administration) and Questionnaire for public involvement in the process of preparation of draft law (the stakeholders) are an integral part of the guidelines. - A consultations on the draft guidelines for assessment of the consultation process for assessment of the consultation process with stakeholders in the preparation of draft laws will be conducted in the third quartal of 2017, their application is expected in 2018. 			
<p>1.1.2 Preparation and publication of Annual Report on conducted consultations in the preparation of draft laws by ministries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plan is based on guidelines for the assessment of the consultation process with stakeholders in the preparation of draft laws through individual qualitative and quantitative analyzes of conducted consultations on each draft law by the state administration authorities, and the same should include an annual summary report on the consultation process containing information on the relevance of the consultations and the performance of the relevant state administration authorities regarding this process. 			

<p>1.1.3. External monitoring of the Unique National Electronic Registry of Regulations (ENER)</p> <p>- Results published and widely distributed to decision-makers</p>	<p>- Macedonian Center for International Cooperation continued monitoring the publication of draft laws at ENER in 2017. Although it was envisaged to publish a short document with monitoring results of ENER, due to the small number of draft laws published by ENER, and due to the small number of laws promulgated, the report will be published at the end of 2017 or early 2018 and will cover the entire period. Namely, in the period January-June 2017, two announcements for the initiation of the law-making process were published on ENER. The small number of published draft laws is due to the fact that a new government was elected on May 31, 2017.</p> <p>In the period January-June, a draft law was submitted to the Parliament by prior proposal of the Government ie the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy. A draft law amending the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development was adopted by the Parliament, and it was not published for consultations with ENER prior to its adoption.</p>
<p>1.1.4. Prolonging the deadline for consultation with stakeholders in the preparation of draft laws by ministries</p> <p>- Prolonging the deadline from publishing the Announcement of the start of the preparation process for the proposed legislation on ENER until the publication of draft law from 5 to 15 days</p> <p>- Prolonging the deadline for consultation on ENER regarding the draft-report on RIA and draft law from at least 10 to at least 20 days</p>	<p>The Plan 3-6-9, published by the Government on July 5, 2017, stipulates extension of the minimum number of days for consultation regarding ENER from 10 to 20 days, by amending the Rules of Procedure of the Government.</p> <p>The Government of the Republic of Macedonia adopted the Rules of Procedure for amending the Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the deadline for consultation regarding ENER was extended from 10 to 20 days. The deadline extension for consultation is intended to encourage greater participation by the general public in the preparation of regulations, and thus policymakers will make decisions based on arguments and in consultation with all stakeholders.</p>
<p>1.1.5 Publishing Press release from held government meetings on established proposals for laws, adopted decisions and other measures</p>	<p>- Currently, the Public Affairs Office in the Government - General Secretariat, informs the public via announcements in the print and electronic media as well as the official website of the Government, regarding held Government sessions, established Draft Laws submitted to Parliament for adoption, adopted decisions (published in the Official Gazette of RM), other decisions that are not published in the Official Gazette of RM thereof the public needs to be</p>

	<p>informed on the subject matter as well as other measures relating to various rights and obligations of the citizens of Macedonia.</p>
<p>1.1.6 Definition of a list for basic (aggregated) data publication of civil organizations and business subjects on the Central Register of RM's website.</p>	<p>-Central Registry of RM (CRRM) defines a list of basic (aggregated) data on civil organizations and business subjects that would be published on the website of CRRM. The data will cover subjects for which CRRM has data - companies and other legal entities, divided by organizational form, sector of activities (industry) and statistical regions, that is, there will be information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of entities in the trade register and the register of legal entities (founded and deleted in the year in question) -Number of submitted annual accounts and financial data (revenues, expenses, employees) for all types of processing of annual accounts (types of templates and additionally for non- profit by any organizational form from chapter- 10.0 - Social organizations, foundations and citizens associations)
<p>1.1.7 Publication of basic (aggregated) data on civil organizations and business subjects on the Central Register of RM's website.</p>	<p>In the period January - June 2017, all planned data for publication were elaborated and there was initiation for data monitoring, which is planned to end in July 2017, the period when the data will be published on the website of the Central Registry of the Republic of Macedonia. Planned data for publication are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of entities in the trade register and the register of other legal entities (established and deleted in the year in question, separately by National Clasification of Activities – sector, organizational form and statistical region), for the period 2015 and 2016. - Number of submitted annual accounts and financial data (revenues, expenses, employees separately by National Clasification of Activities – sector and statistical region) for all types of processing (types of templates and additionally for non-profit in any organizational form from chapter- 10.0 - Social organizations, foundations and citizens association) on annual accounts, for the year 2015 and 2016.

1.2 Cooperation advancement with the civil sector		
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)	Ongoing commitment	
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Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	General Secretariat of the Government of RM
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	/
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	There is a need for more active involvement of the civil organizations in policy defining of the civil sector concern and increased cooperation in the joint initiatives implementation and monitoring.	

<p>Main objective</p>	<p>Improvement of the cooperation between the Government and the civil sector through setting up an advisory body for cooperation, dialogue and encouragement of the civil sector development, participatory policy creating for the Government’s Annual Work Program through increased number of initiatives by the civil organizations, in accordance with the Good Practices Code for the civil sector involvement in the policy creating process and continuation of the cooperation through participatory preparation of the new 2018-2022 Strategy of the Government for cooperation with the civil sector.</p>
<p>Brief description of commitment</p>	<p>Setting up a Council for cooperation between the Government and the civil sector and its constitution</p> <p>Publication of appeal for civil sector’s contribution in preparation of the Government’s Annual Work Program;</p> <p>Preparation of the new 2018-2022 Strategy of the Government for cooperation with the civil sector, through a participatory involvement of civil organization in working groups, public debates and other forms of consultations.</p>
<p>OPG challenge addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Civil sector involvement</p>
<p>Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development</p>	<p>Reference to the Objective 16. “Peace, justice and strong institutions”</p> <p>Target 16.7: Ensuring representative decision making at all levels, to address the issues, based on involvement and participation of all stakeholders</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for more quality decision making by the policy creators, based on consultations with all</p>

	stakeholders			
Relevance	Civil sector involvement in the policy creating process			
Ambition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring better environment for the civil sector development; - Encouraging civil sector activism in the social processes; - Strengthening of the existing and creating new cooperation mechanisms; - Allowing civil organizations to make contribution to the processes for economic progress, law and policy creating, European integration and democracy development, as well as meeting the needs of the community. 			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
1.2.1. Setting up an advisory body for advancement of the cooperation, dialogue and development encouragement of the civil sector, composed of representatives of the Government, state administration bodies and civil organizations (CO)	<p>During 2015, aiming to introduce a new institutional mechanism for cooperation between the Government and the Public administration authorities with and the civil sector, there was a conduction of preparatory activities for establishment of an advisory body to promote cooperation, dialogue and encourage the development of civil society (there is a prepared text on draft decision and implementation of consultative process with civil society).</p> <p>General Secretariat - on 13 May 2016 (Friday), the Department for cooperation with NGOs organized a consultative meeting with civil society on the draft decision for the establishment of the Council for Cooperation between the Government and civil society.</p> <p>On 17 May 2016, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia adopted the Decision on establishing the Council for Cooperation between the Government and civil society.</p> <p>After adopting the decision, the Government issued</p>			

	<p>a public call for the election of 13 members of the Council for Cooperation between the Government and civil society, and those members were to be from associations and foundations</p> <p>In the Government Plan 3-6-9, the section Civil Society, stipulates a measure "Establishment of a functional Council for cooperation between the Government and the civil sector, by amending the Decision on the establishment of a Council for Cooperation and repeating the procedure for election of Council members in consultation with the civil sector ". The process of consultations with the civil sector started by arranging a consultative meeting on 13.7.2017 in Skopje, in the Public Administration Club.</p>
<p>1.2.2. Advanced implementation of the Good Practices Code for the civil sector's participation in the policy creating process through an increased number of initiatives by the civil sector for the Annual Work Program of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia</p>	<p>Once a year in August, the General Secretariat of the Government announces a public call for civil society to contribute to the preparation of the Government Work Program Government of the Republic of Macedonia. Following the announced call, 8 initiatives were submitted by civil society, which were forwarded to the relevant ministries by the Department for Cooperation with NGOs. Initiatives by civil society organizations and responses of the ministries are published on the Department's website www.nvosorabotka.gov.mk</p>
<p>1.2.3. Participatory preparation of the new 2018-2022 Cooperation Strategy of the Government with the civil sector</p>	<p>In the Government Plan 3-6-9, the section Civil Society stipulates a measure "Assessment of the actuality of the nonconducted measures and activities from the Strategy for cooperation between the Government and the civil sector (2012-2017)". A Report on the undertaken measures and activities from the Action Plan for implementation of the Strategy for Cooperation between the Government and the Civil Sector (2012-2017) was prepared and on 10.7.2017, the same was submitted to the line ministries, the Secretariat for European Affairs, the Secretariat for implementation of the Framework Agreement And the Agency for Youth and Sports, with a request to supplement it with implemented activities, assessment of the actuality of the uncondacted measures and update the network of administrative officials responsible for cooperation with civil society sector.</p>

2. OPEN DATA

2.1 Creation of open data standards

Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)	New commitment	
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Information Society and Administration	
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Other Actors Involved	Government	Ministry of Information Society and Administration
	CSO, private sector, working groups, multi-lateral groups	Center For Change Management (CCM), Metamorphosis Internet and Society

		Foundation, Reactor
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Presently, there are no developed open data standards in Macedonia and each institution publishes data in accordance with its technical capacities. Accordingly, it happens that related data sets of different structure and description are published by different institutions.
Main objective		Establishment of open data standards to provide standardized data sets publication by institutions and their easier processing and use.
Brief description of commitment		Development of open data standards at least in the standard definition of meta data and open data.
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment		Creation of a convenient environment for easier identification, processing and consummation of the published data sets.
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development		Reference to the Objective 16. "Peace, justice and strong institutions" Target 16.7: Ensuring representative decision making at all levels, to address the issues, based on involvement and participation of all stakeholders The measures of this commitment contribute for more quality decision making by the policy creators, based on consultations with all stakeholders

Relevance	<p>According to the Law on public sector data use, institutions in the Republic of Macedonia are obliged to publish open data in a computer-readable format in compliance with their technical capacities. Presently, the otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk portal provides 154 data sets, and this number is expected to increase eventually. Therefore, development of open data standards has become a necessity in order to facilitate access to information, as well as for published data sets identification and use.</p> <p>Standards development would make data set more accessible for the citizens, easier for development of certain open data based applications and increase public responsibility of institutions.</p>			
Ambition	<p>This commitment includes development of open data standards for facilitated open data identification and use. This will allow citizens easier identification of data of their concern and to monitor their timely updating.</p>			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	<p>Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement</p>			
2.1.1 Development of meta data standards for open government data	<p>A draft version of the standards for open data metadata was prepared. Currently, they are being published on the website www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk for consultation with all interested stakeholders.</p>			

2.2 Improvement of the open data platform and its approximation to the citizens

Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Information Society and Administration

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Other Actors Involved	Government	Ministry of Information Society and Administration and state institution publishing data on the www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk portal
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Free Software
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Presently, open data license model has not been established in Macedonia, and the www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk website takes over unlicensed sets. The www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk website

	<p>provides a possibility for keeping history of unpublished data sets, and it is an option for the institution that publishes a certain data set.</p>
Main objective	<p>Definition/selection of an open data license model and posting licenses on the open data portal.</p> <p>Allowing greater participatory and accountability on the open data portal through establishing archives of published data sets.</p>
Brief description of commitment	<p>Posting licenses on the open data portal for taken over data sets.</p> <p>Establishment of archives of all data sets according to the capacities of the institution that publishes data sets.</p>
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Selection of the most appropriate license model for Macedonia and its implementation on the site.</p> <p>Creation of a convenient environment for easier data sets identification and comparison in different time periods, and establishment of certain data sets trends.</p>
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the Objective 16. “Peace, justice and strong institutions”</p> <p>Target 16.7: Ensuring representative decision making at all levels, to address the issues, based on involvement and participation of all stakeholders</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for more quality decision making by the policy creators, based on consultations with all stakeholders</p>
Relevance	<p>According to the Law on public sector data use, institutions in the Republic of Macedonia are obliged to publish open data in a computer-readable format in compliance with their</p>

	<p>technical capacities. Presently, the otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk portal provides 154 data sets, and this number is expected to increase eventually. Increased number of open data sets increases the need for establishing appropriate license model to allow undisturbed access to open data, at the same time protecting institutions that create data first of all through open data abuse prevention.</p>			
Ambition	<p>This commitment includes establishment of open data licenses and open data archives on the www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk for facilitated open data identification and use and easier monitoring of trends in certain fields. On the other hand, it will contribute for data sets abuse and protection of institutions that produce these data sets.</p>			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
2.2.1 Selection of a licensing model	<p>Creative Commons license model, moreover CC-BY, was proposed for application. A detailed technical specification is under way to update the Open Data Portal, which should close several open issues foreseen in this Action Plan.</p>			
2.2.2 Implementation of the licensing model on the website www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk	/			
2.2.3 Analysis of the possibilities for saving data sets in the website's archive www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk (as per institution)	/			
2.2.4 Adaptation of the website www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk for the needs of the data set archive model (as per institution)	/			

2.3 Rising awareness of open data

Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)		New commitment
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Other Actors Involved	Government	Ministry of Information Society and Administration
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Free Software Reactor

<p>Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>In 2014, the Ministry of Information Society and Administration set up a modern open data platform for publishing open data sets of institutions. Since then, the Ministry has organized a number of events for the portal promotion, as well as the first hackathon competition for development of open data based applications.</p> <p>Despite these activities, the portal has been visited at average of 700 single visits a month, that is far from the expected number. This is considered to be due to insufficient popularization of open data as a concept, and the low citizens' awareness of the open data importance and potential.</p>
<p>Main objective</p>	<p>The main objective of this commitment is to popularize the open data concept and encourage civil sector and private companies for enhanced use of these data through presentation of the open data potential and importance.</p>
<p>Brief description of commitment</p>	<p>Campaign for the open data popularization among citizens.</p>
<p>OPG challenge addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Raising awareness of the open data benefit for data holders (institutions) and data users (citizens and private sector).</p>
<p>Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development</p>	<p>Reference to the Objective 16. "Peace, justice and strong institutions"</p> <p>Target 16.7: Ensuring representative decision making at all levels, to address the issues, based on involvement and participation of all stakeholders</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for more quality decision making by the policy creators, based on consultations with all stakeholders</p>

Relevance	Conducted analysis and contacts with the non-government sector and citizens led to the conclusion that the open data concept and the concept for free access to information are still confused. In order to increase the civil sector's involvement and open data use, that would facilitate access to information, public responsibility and increased openness and accountability, it is necessary to provide additional education for the key factors in institutions, as well as enhanced presentation and popularization of the open data concept among the citizens.			
Ambition	This commitment includes initiation of a campaign for popularization of the open data concept.			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
2.3.1 Conducting a survey on the citizens' familiarity with the open data concept	Initiated activity for preparation of a survey on the citizens' familiarity with the open data concept			
2.3.2 Organization of trainings on open data identification and publication for at least 20 institutions	/			
2.3.3 Organization of at least two advertising campaigns for the open data concept	/			
2.3.4 Organization of at least one competition – hackathon for development of open data based applications	/			

2.4 Cataloging and categorization of data sets held by state institutions

Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)		New commitment
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Other Actors Involved	Government	Ministry of Information Society and Administration
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	CCM Other NGO

Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		<p>According to Article 7 of the Law on public sector data use, public bodies and institutions are obliged to submit electronic data catalogue to the Ministry of Information Society and Administration, created within their competence and published for public use, including date of data publishing (by data sets) for their use, dynamics and their updating (daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly) and a single link, that is a web location where data are published by the public bodies and institutions. The so far experience in this provision implementation shows that the public bodies and institutions need additional support in these catalogues preparation.</p>
Main objective		<p>Implementation of an internal analysis by all state institutions obliged by the Law on public sector data use to publish open data and prepare appropriate Data Set Catalogue for each institution included in the measure.</p>
Brief description of commitment		<p>This measure provides implementation of an internal analysis by all state institutions obliged by the Law on public sector data use to publish open data. As a result of the internal analysis, each institution should create a Data Set Catalogue, as a guideline what data sets are to be collected and published in the future. The Catalogue should be based on the analysis of the legal frame regulating institutions' operation for keeping various records in their competence, as well as on cooperation with the civil and business sectors in respect of what specific public data they need.</p>
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment		<p>Creation of data set catalogues for each institution will give a clear picture of all available data sets in institutions that could be</p>

	further ranked and prioritized for publishing on the open data portal.			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the Objective 16. “Peace, justice and strong institutions”</p> <p>Target 16.10: Ensuring access to information and protection of the fundamental freedoms, in agreement with the national legislative and international agreements.</p> <p>Measures of this commitment contribute for improving access, use and trends following in respect of public information and data.</p>			
Relevance	According to the Law on public sector data use, institutions in the RM are obliged to keep a data set catalogue and inform the Ministry of Information Society and Administration about that on a regular basis. This is the central commitment for establishing a sustainable growth and development of the open data platform.			
Ambition	As a result of the internal analysis, each institution should create a Data Set Catalogue, as a guideline what data sets are to be collected and published in the future.			
Comitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
2.4.1 Identification of institutions covered by this measure in compliance with the law provisions	/			
2.4.2 Analysis of institutions’ data sets	/			
2.4.3 Creation of the central catalogue of all institutions’ data sets	Start date October /2017			
2.4.4 Prioritization of data sets to be published and preparation of a publication plan	Start date January /2018			

2.5 Open data Linking on the state institutions' portals

Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)	New commitment	
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Other Actors Involved	Government	Ministry of Information Society and Administration Public bodies and institutions that have published open data on the portal
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	/

Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Easier identification and searching for published data sets directly from the web sites of data holder institutions.	
Main objective	Each institution publishing open data on the portal, should have a special open data section on its website, where all published data set are listed, with appropriate link to the central open data portal.	
Brief description of commitment	By simulation of an ordinary citizen searching for certain data on the state institutions' portals (supposing that they could be found there), we will face a situation where a citizen fails to find required data, although they have been published on the open data portal. Therefore, it is necessary that each institution publishing open data on the portal has a special open data section on its website, where all published data set are listed, with appropriate link to the central open data portal.	
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Easier identification and searching for published data sets directly from the web sites of data holder institutions.	
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	Reference to the Objective 16. "Peace, justice and strong institutions" Target 16.10: Ensuring access to information and protection of the fundamental freedoms, in agreement with the national legislative and international agreements. Measures of this commitment contribute for improving access and data sets use on the web sites of data holder institutions.	

Relevance	Implementation of this measure will ensure a comprehensive approach to data set publication and consummation. This would eliminate cases of double published data sets.			
Ambition	Publication of all data sets centrally on the open data portal and posting direct links to those data sets on the data holder institutions' web portals.			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
2.5.1 Setting up direct links on the web portals of data holder institutions to their data sets published on the open data portal	/			

3. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION	
3.1 Improvement and facilitation of the access to information	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)	Ongoing commitment
Lead implementing agency	The Commission for protection of the right to free access to public information – CPRFAPI
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Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	The Commission for protection of the right to free access to public information
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	Center for Civil Communications, Association for Women Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality (ESE) and Open Society Foundation – Macedonia
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Limited access to public information and the information holders' silence due to their failure to address applications for free access to public information within the stipulated deadline of 30, that is 40 days, is the major reason for non-implementation of the Law on Free Access to Public Information, and citizens are insufficiently informed about their guaranteed right to access to public information. Public information holders, as main factors in the commitments implementation, still are not sufficiently transparent in their operation, and do not publish available information on their websites, document in their possession are not completely available for the citizens and public information applicants. Civil sector directs its

	activities toward improvement of the Law on Free Access to Public Information implementation, by analysis and pro-active publication of public information on the holders' websites, developing and conducting campaigns and trainings for citizens, promoting the right to free access to public information.
Main objective	Affirmation and improvement of the access to public information through a cooperation and joint promotion of the right to access to information, supported by the government and civil sectors.
Brief description of commitment	Improvement of the access to information through pro-active public information publishing, taking measures for increased access to public information, information for the citizens, as well as improvement of the Law on Free Access to Public Information are the key factors in the Law implementation and the constitutionally guaranteed right (Article 16 of the Constitution of the RM).
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Better implementation of the Law on Free Access to Public Information with active involvement of the information holders and citizens.
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the Objective 16. "Peace, justice and strong institutions"</p> <p>Target 16.10: Ensuring access to information and protection of the fundamental freedoms, in agreement with the national legislative and international agreements.</p> <p>Measures of this commitment contribute for improving access, use and trends following in respect of public information and data.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Relevance</p>	<p>Good cooperation practice between the public information holders and the civil sector is the key for better government and important factor for transparent work and implementation of the right to free access to public information.</p> <p>Affirmation and improvement of the established practices and procedures for policy creating in respect of the access to public information, supported by the information holders and the civil sector, are the basis for advancement of transparency and responsibility of the Commission for protection of the free access to public information.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Ambition</p>	<p>Cooperation with the information holders and civil sector has a great contribution to better implementation of the Law, transparency, openness and accountability of the institutions and their functioning, building mutual confidence, and development of quality democracy.</p> <p>These measures are expected to improve the Law implementation in a two-year period, increase the number of citizens that have exercised the right to access to public information and number of institutions that have implemented the Law.</p>			
<p>Comitment's implementation status</p>	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
<p style="text-align: center;">Milestone</p>	<p>Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement</p>			
<p>Comitment's implementation status</p>	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
<p>3.1.1. Pro-active publication of public information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of Instructions for pro-active public information publication - Recommendation for pro-activity prepared 	<p>- Guidelines for proactivity for publication of public information, Recommendation for proactivity prepared by the Commission for protection of the right to free access to public information and Recommendation for publication of already requested/provided public information on their websites. They are posted on the Commission's</p>			

<p>by the Commission for PRFAPI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publication of already requested/given public information on their web locations - Promotion of electronic submission of requests for access to public information - Index for monitoring pro-activity of the public information publication on the holders' web locations 	<p>website and will be submitted to the information holders (Commission for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information)</p> <p>-The Commission continuously promotes the electronic submission of requests for access to public information. (Commission for protection of the right to free access to public information)</p> <p>-Center for Civil Communications - Index of Active Transparency 2017</p>			
<p>Comitment's implementation status</p>	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
<p>3.1.2. Measures for increasing access to public information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of the "damage test" implementation as a legal obligation of the holders 	<p>The monitoring of implementation of the "harm test" as a legal obligation by the holders of information will be continued in 2017. (Commission for Protection of Right to Free Access to Public Information)</p>			
<p>Comitment's implementation status</p>	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
<p>3.1.2. Measures for increasing access to public information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainings for officials and managerial persons based on determined weaknesses in the Law on PRFAPI implementation - Guide on the damage test implementation <p>3.1.3. Development and enforcement of a media campaign for promotion of the right to free access to public information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting up a working group for preparation and definition of the campaign implementation plan - Implementation of the developed campaign plan - The campaign is aimed to inform citizens on the rights stemming from the Law on Free Access to Public Information and public institutions' obligation for pro-activity and reactivity in their work 	<p>-The implementation of trainings for officials or managerial persons based on determined weaknesses in the application of the Law on Free Access to Public Information will start in 2017.</p> <p>-Open Society Foundation - Macedonia</p> <p>-Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women, Commission for Commission for Protection of Right to Free Access to Public Information</p>			

4. PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION AND PROMOTION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 Implementation of the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection and raising the awareness for whistle-blowing

Start and end date of the obligation (7/2016 – in continuity)	New measure succeeding the previous one from the Action Plan 2014-2016	
Leading Institution for implementation	State Commission for Prevention of Corruption	
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Other involved entities	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	Ministry of Justice and institutions of public and private sector

	<p>Non-governmental sector, business entities, trade unions, chambers of commerce, associations and foundations</p>	<p>Transparency International Macedonia and other NGO</p>
<p>Condition or issue covered with the obligation</p>	<p>The application of the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection and the bylaws deriving therefrom commenced as of 18.03.2016.</p> <p>The Law on Whistle-Blower Protection guarantees protection of the persons in the capacity of whistle-blowers and that their rights will not be infringed when making such report, no harm will be caused to them or their close ones and they will enjoy the protection of their personal data and identity.</p> <p>The implementation of the Law requires establishing and building a system for protection when reporting through which the persons dare to report illegal, prohibited or punitive action and they can perform such report without the fear of any consequences upon their security, job position or welfare of their close ones.</p>	
<p>Main goal</p>	<p>Efficient implementation of the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection</p>	
<p>Short description of the obligation</p>	<p>The implementation of the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection and the bylaws deriving therefrom, by establishing and building a system and mechanisms for protected report and protection of whistle-blowers, is of great importance for strengthening the institutional fight against corruption and in general for prevention of corruption as socially harmful phenomenon. By strengthening the public awareness for protected report, protection of</p>	

	whistle-blowers and their importance for the prevention and fight against corruption and protection of the public interest, the reporting of punitive or other illegal or prohibited action which harms the public interest will be stimulated and encouraged.
OGP challenge covered with the obligation	Increasing the public responsibility, integrity and trust in the public and private sector
Connection with the global goals for sustainable development	Reference with Target 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions”, Target 16.5: Significant decrease of all forms of corruption and bribe. The measures from such effort contribute to prevention and fight against corruption and protection of public interest via efficient application of the system for protected report and protection of whistle-blowers.
Validity	The Law on Whistle-Blower Protection (“Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia” number 196/2015), was adopted on 09.11.2015, which regulates protected report in the public and private sector, the rights of whistle-blowers, as well as the action and responsibilities of institutions, i.e. legal entities in relation with the protected report and ensuring protection of the whistle-blowers. In March 2016, the Minister of Justice adopted the bylaws deriving from the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection: Rulebook on protected internal report in the institutions within the public sector (“Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia” number 46/16), Rulebook on external report (Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia” number 46/16) and Rulebook on instructions for adoption of internal acts on protected internal report within the legal entity in the private sector (“Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia” number 46/16). The application of the Whistle-Blower Protection

	<p>Law and the bylaws deriving therefrom commenced on 18.03.2016.</p> <p>From international aspect there are many acts as basis for adoption of legal decision which shall regulate the report and protection of whistle-blowers such as the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Civil Convention against Corruption and Criminal Law Convention on Corruption of the Council of Europe, Draft - Resolution dated 2009 on the protection of persons reporting irregularities on the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.</p> <p>The United Nations Convention refers to the “Whistle-Blower Protection” institute in anti-corruption legal frame. The Macedonian anti-corruption legal frame was upgraded with the adoption of the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection and the bylaws deriving therefrom.</p> <p>The fight against corruption will be strengthened with the establishing of the system for protected report and systematic institutional protection of the persons who report any suspicion or knowledge that any punitive or other illegal or prohibited action was committed, is being committed or will probably be committed which harms the public interest.</p>
<p>Ambition</p>	<p>Successful application of the Law is expected by establishing system of protected report and system protection of the whistle-blowers. The implementation and results from the implementation of the Law will be determined in accordance with the Methodology for assessment of the implementation of the regulation and measures will be taken for promoting the application of the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection.</p>

	Increased trust in the institutions is expected from this effort from the aspect of reporting cases therein of punitive, illegal or prohibited action which harms the public interest, thus ensuring increased number of reports from whistle-blowers. Strengthening of the public awareness with regards to the whistle-blowing and increasing of the citizen awareness for the importance of the whistle-blowers in the prevention and fight against corruption and protection of the public interest.			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Achievements	Short description of the undertaken activities and achieved results following the achievemnt			
<p><i>4.1.1. Application of the Law and bylaws on protected report (determining authorized persons for accepting reports from whistle-blowers from the institutions)</i></p>	<p>The application of the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection, as well as the application of the bylaws deriving from the Law, began On March 18th, 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acting in accordance with the competencies stipulated in the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection, the SCPC undertook activities towards building a system that would protect the whistleblowers and enable them a protected internal and external reporting. In April 2016, the SCPC appointed a person who is authorized for receiving complaints from whistleblowers in the SCPC. Following the commencement of the application of the Law and the bylaws arising from it, the institutions began submitting reports to the SCPC on appointed authorized persons for reception of reports from whistleblowers. Acting in accordance with Article 2 paragraph (1) of the Rulebook on protected internal reporting in the public sector institutions, a total of 29 institutions from the public sector submitted a report on an authorized person for reception of reports from whistleblowers, by the end of 2016. Reports on authorized persons for reception of reports from whistleblowers were also submitted by private sector institutions, although they are not legally obligated to deliver such reports to the SCPC. - By June 2017, the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption received reports on the appointment of a person authorized to receive reports from 			

	<p>whistle-blowers by 3 public sector institutions. In accordance with the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection and the Rulebook on protected internal reporting in the public sector institutions, in the institutions where there is no appointed authorized person, the protected internal reporting is carried out to the manager.</p>
<p><i>4.1.2. Strengthening the capacities of the authorized persons for accepting reports from whistle-blowers for efficient implementation of the Law via trainings and workshops</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The State Program for Prevention and Repression of Corruption and Prevention and Reduction of the occurrence of conflicts of interest, with an Action Plan for 2016-2019, foresees activities aimed at the implementation of this measure. - Within the framework of the EU-funded project "Strengthening the national capacities for fight against organized crime and corruption", in which the SCPC is one of the beneficiary institutions, during May-June 2017 activities were realized of technical and content finalization of the platform for e - Learning, launched within the Twinning Project IPA 2010 "Support for Efficient Prevention and Fight against Corruption". In the content of e-learning, one of the topics is the protection of whistleblowers. - In order to strengthen the capacities of the institutions for effective implementation of the Law on Whistle-blower Protection, trainings on the topic "Anti-corruption measures and ethics in the civil service" were implemented by the SCPC in the framework of the MISA's annual program for generic trainings of administrative officers.
<p><i>4.1.3. Annual reports on accepted reports from whistle-blowers (data on institutions and number of accepted reports from whistle-blowers)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acting in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Whistle-blower Protection, 42 public sector institutions submitted a semi-annual report to the SCPC for the period from 13.03 to 30.06.2016, while for the period 01. 07.-31. 12. 2016, a total of 18 public sector institutions submitted semi-annual reports on received reports from whistleblowers. Annual reports were not submitted due to the period of application of the law. From all the reports that were submitted, it is evident that no claim was submitted by a whistleblower in the institutions in the mentioned period. - During the first half of 2017, from all the reports that were submitted to the State Commission for

	<p>Prevention of Corruption it is evident that no claim was submitted from a whistle-blower in the institutions in the mentioned period.</p>
<p><i>4.1.4. Raising the awareness for whistleblowing (campaigns and public debates, manual)</i></p>	<p>- Activities within the framework of the IPA 2010 Twinning project "Support for efficient prevention and fight against corruption":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A Manual for Protection of Whistleblowers has been prepared and published on the website of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption. <p>2 five-day workshops on "New methods for protection of whistleblowers, collaborators of justice and persons with hidden identity for monitoring and gathering information or data" were conducted, attended by judges, public prosecutors, police officers and officers of the financial police,</p> <p>On 10.03.2016 in Skopje a conference on the topic "Compliance management and prevention of corruption in the private sector" was held, at which the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers and the bylaws deriving from it were presented.</p> <p>-Activities organized and realized or supported by the Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI):</p> <p>* Macedonia is a Member State of the RAI since 2007 and contributes to the functioning and realization of the activities organized and realized or supported by RAI with regular payment of the membership fee, active participation of the representatives in the Steering group of RAI and regular participation and presence of representatives from Macedonian institutions at every event organized and realized or supported by RAI.</p> <p>Formation and first meeting of the Southeast Europe Coalition on Whistleblower Protection, November 9th -10th 2015, Belgrade</p> <p>Workshop the topic Reporting Corruption and Protection of Whistleblower, May 10th -11th 2016, Rakitje</p> <p>Second annual meeting of the Southeast Europe Coalition on Protection of Whistleblowers, November 14th 2015, Zagreb.</p> <p>Presentation of a documentary, produced within the</p>

	<p>framework of the RAI program “The Medal of the Loud”, December 6th 2016, Belgrade</p> <p>-Activities organized by the Institute of Strategic Research and Education:</p> <p>4 round tables – discussions conducted in December 2016, within the framework of the EU-funded project “Will there be whistleblowers at the universities: Possibilities of the Law on Whistle-blower Protection for the Prevention of Corruption in the Higher Education in the Republic of Macedonia ”</p> <p>- Activities organized by Transparency International-Macedonia:</p> <p>-On April 11th, 2016 a workshop on the topic “Normative and institutional framework for the protection of whistleblowers in Macedonia”. At the workshop, 24 representatives of the interested parties had the opportunity to discuss this topic and provide their own contribution.</p> <p>-On September 27th, 2016 a workshop on the topic “Harmonization of the Law on Whistle-blower Protection with the recommendations from the Venice Commission”. The attendees at the workshop discussed about the need for harmonization with the recommendations from the Venice Commission, for which modalities or alternatives will be proposed with which these recommendations could be incorporated. 41 representatives of the institutions, the business sector, the civil sector and the media attended this workshop.</p> <p>- A round table on the topic “Implementation of the Law on Whistleblower Protection – experience and challenges” held on November 14th, 2016. The event was attended by 65 representatives of institutions, non-government organizations and the media. The attendees discussed about the implementation of the Law and the challenges that the institutions were facing.</p> <p>-A campaign for raising the public awareness of the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia was conducted, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placing billboards on three locations in Skopje
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- Placing a banner on an internet portal
- Printing a logo with the message “Reporting without consequences” on posters, leaflets, whistles,
- Publications in printed media and inserting flyers in a daily newspaper where citizens were informed about the legal and institutional mechanisms for protected reporting;

-TI-M conducted a series of activities for public advocacy that was aimed at the realization of cooperation with the competent authorities (the SCPC, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Public Prosecution of the Republic of Macedonia and the Ombudsman) for external reporting in accordance with the Law on Whistleblower Protection.

- In 2016 the TI-M, in cooperation with investigative journalists, published ten research stories based on reports submitted by whistleblowers. These stories were republished 78 times in media in Macedonian and Albanian language.

The final publication describes the situation in the Republic of Macedonia from the aspect of the problem and the need to adopt a Law on Whistleblower Protection, the legal framework for protection of the whistleblowers, implementation of the Law on Whistle-blower Protection and the published investigative journalistic stories. This publication was sent to all concerned parties in 200 copies in writing.

- The MCIC for the SCPC, within the framework of the USAID program, translated the United Nations Guide to Good Practices for Persons who submit reports in Macedonian.

- The Guide is available in electronic format on the web page of MCIC, <http://www.mcms.org.mk/mk/za-nasata-rabota/istravuvana-i-publikacii/1875-vodich-za-dobri-praktiki-za-zashtita-na-licata-koi-prijavuvaat.html> and in 300 printed copies. Part of the copies are shared on events organized by the MCIC and the rest will be sent to the concerned

	<p>parties in the following period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 24.03.2017, in Skopje, the International Day of Whistleblowers and the Day of the Free Speech were marked, organized by the Southeast Europe Coalition for Protection of Whistleblowers and the Center for Investigative Journalism – SCOPE Macedonia. - Within the framework of the EU-funded project “Strengthening the National Capacities for Fighting Against Organized Crime and Corruption” in which the SCPC is one of the beneficiary institutions, expert support was secured for preparing a Strategy for strengthening the public opinion on the positive context of the Law on Whistleblower Protection. This strategy is expected to be adopted by the end of 2017.
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4.2 Open data on property status of elected and appointed persons	
Start and end date of the obligation (2017 –2018)	New
Leading Institution for implementation	State Commission for Prevention of Corruption
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Other involved entities	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	/
	Non-governmental sector, business entities, trade unions, chambers of commerce, associations and foundations	/
Condition or issue covered with the obligation		SCPC publishes the data on the property status and changes in the property status of the elected and appointed persons; however, due to the non-existence of software solution, it is impossible to have an insight and historical review of all reported changes in the property status as of the time when the such persons assumed their functions until the time they cease to perform their function.
Main goal		Increased accountability of the elected and appointed persons and increased information to the public regarding their property status.
Short description of the obligation		The openness of the data on asset declarations of the elected and appointed persons via their chronological publication and historical review in continuity is essential for overall insight and display of the property status and changes in the property status of the elected and appointed persons as of the time of assuming their function until the cessation thereof. Prerequisite for realization of the obligation is

	<p>designing and establishing software solution which will provide insight in form of open data.</p>
OGP challenge covered with the obligation	<p>Increased openness of the data on the property status of elected and appointed persons.</p>
Connection with the global goals for sustainable development	<p>Reference with Target 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions”, Target 16.5: Significant decrease of all forms of corruption and bribe.</p> <p>The measures of this effort contribute to prevention and fight against corruption and protection of the public interest by increasing the accountability and responsibility of the elected and appointed persons towards the citizens.</p>
Validity	<p>Pursuant to Article 35 of the Law on Prevention of Corruption, the data from the asset declaration and from the report on the change of property status present information of public character, except for the data protected by law. The data from the asset declarations and from the reports for change of property status, except for the data protected by law, of the persons referred to in Article 33 paragraph (1) of this Law are posted to SCPC website.</p> <p>With the modifications and amendments to the Law on Prevention of Corruption from June 2015, SCPC keeps register of elected and appointed persons which presents unique database for these persons.</p> <p>The implementation of these norms, the submission of data to SCPC for mandate verification, election i.e. appointment and cessation of the function i.e. duty becomes an obligation of the institutions and bodies performing elections and appointments, thus entirely exceeding the problem for overall and trustworthy recording of the public function holders. SCPC intensively took over all</p>

	<p>activities for establishing electronic database for the elected and appointed persons. All these activities are implemented in synchronization with the activities within Component 6 of the IPA TWINNING Project “Support to efficient prevention and fight against corruption” from which an IT solution should derive for the register of elected and appointed persons. The monitoring of the property status and changes in the property status of the elected and appointed persons is a basic tool for developing the integrity of the elected and appointed persons. The information provisioned to the citizens regarding the aforementioned should be relevant. Hence, it is important SCPC to allow to the public not only insight in the current status to the public, but also to monitor the change of the status.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Ambition</p>	<p>The entire insight and monitoring of the property status and the changes in the property status will increase the accountability and responsibility of the elected and appointed persons. The openness of the data on the asset declarations is a possibility to facilitate the analyses of the citizen associations in the role of supervisors alarming any possible risks and misuses.</p>			
<p>Comitment’s implementation status</p>	<p>unstarted</p>	<p>limited</p>	<p>significant</p>	<p>finished</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Achievements</p>	<p>Short description of the undertaken activities and achieved results following the achievement</p>			
<p><i>4.2.1. Creating technical conditions for publishing asset declarations in form of open data (created and established software solution)</i></p>	<p>The data of the assets declarations are publicly available on the website of the SCPC, with the exception of the personal data protected by law. In 2016, as a part of the software solution for the registry of elected and appointed persons, within the framework of the IPA Twinning project “Support for efficient prevention of and fighting against corruption”, a new software solution for electronic filling and delivery of the asset declarations has been made and it will be put into use after the</p>			

	<p>adoption of the necessary law changes. The new software solution for the website of the SCPC will provide an insight into every change of the property status that elected and appointed persons have reported during the period of performing their function.</p> <p>- In the first half of 2017 there were no changes regarding this achievement.</p>
<p><i>4.2.2. Establishing historical review of the changes in the property status of the elected and appointed persons</i></p>	<p>At this moment, there is no possibility for getting an insight into the historic review about the changes of the property status of the elected and named persons on the website of the SCPC, but solely in the internal electronic base, i.e. only the information about the current property status of the elected and appointed persons are published on the website. The use of the new software solution on the website of the SCPC will provide an insight into every change of the property status that elected and appointed persons reported during the period of performing their function.</p> <p>- In the first half of 2017 there were no changes regarding this achievement.</p>

4.3 Promotion of integrity, transparency and accountability on local level and monitoring the progress	
Start and end date of the obligation (6/ 2016 – 6/ 2018)	New measure succeeding the previous one from the Action Plan 2014-2016
Leading Institution for implementation	State Commission for Prevention of Corruption
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Other involved entities	Governmental Ministries, division/agency	Local Self-Government Units
	GO, private sector, multilateral and work groups	CRPM and other NGO
Condition or issue covered with the obligation		Considering the policies for more dynamic and sustainable economic and social development of LSGU, entirely directed towards the citizens and the realization of their rights, with the strong determination to cope with corruption and unethical conduct, 47 municipalities in cooperation with SCPC have signed anti-corruption policies/integrity policies. It is necessary this process to continue and to be entirely completed by signing anti-corruption policies by all LSGU, thus establishing overall system of mechanisms and procedures which tighten the space and possibilities for corruption and affirm the principles of the rule

	of law. This will simultaneously contribute to bigger openness of LSGU and involvement of the citizens in their operation.
Main goal	Improvement of the transparency, accountability and integrity of institutions on local level and monitoring the progress.
Short description of the obligation	<p>The promotion of integrity in the institutions on local level is focused towards prevention and non-tolerance of conduct prohibited by law which is contrary to the ethical code and any form of corruptive conduct in the operation of the municipalities. At the same time, the capacities for supervising anti-corruptive practices on local level will be built and strengthened. The transparency and accountability of the institutions on local level ensure promotion of their openness by involving the public in the creation of the policies of good governance, integrity and prevention of the risks of corruption.</p> <p>The innovative tools for openness and responsibility (via IT tools, responsibility, transparency and accountability index and integrity index of the municipalities) are in the capacity of creating a culture of responsiveness of the local self-government units.</p>
OGP challenge covered with the obligation	Strengthened integrity of local self-government units.
Connection with the global goals for sustainable development	<p>Reference with Target 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions”, Target 16.5: Significant decrease of all forms of corruption and bribe.</p> <p>The measures from this effort contribute to the prevention and fight corruption and protection of the public interest by systematic introduction of mechanisms, tools and measures for promotion of the integrity of</p>

	public institutions.			
Validity	<p>As part of the integrity concept, throughout 2014 and 2015 SCPC in cooperation with UNDP promoted signing of anti-corruption policy/integrity policy on local level and 47 municipalities have signed the anti-corruption policy so far. The goal is all local self-government units to sign such document as the first step in establishing the integrity concept.</p> <p>Responsibility, transparency and accountability index as well as the integrity index of the municipalities were prepared.</p> <p>The involvement of the citizen associations in the additional development of these indexes and their further testing in the local self-government units will significantly contribute to the assessment of the municipality integrity.</p>			
Ambition	<p>The measures determined in this effort will ensure promotion of the openness of the institutions on local level by involving the citizen organizations in the creation of indexes, monitoring and assessment of good governance and integrity of the local self-government units.</p> <p>The measures from such effort are focused towards promotion of the open government partnership by establishing sustainable and continuous approach via responsibility and openness of the institutions towards the non-governmental sector and the citizens.</p> <p>The affirmation of the mechanisms and the tools which ensure better interaction between the municipalities and the public will also contribute to promotion of the transparency and accountability of the municipalities.</p>			
	unstarted	limited	significant	finished

Comitment's implementation status	
Achievements	Short description of the undertaken activities and achieved results following the achievement
<p><i>4.3.1. Signing anti-corruption policies - integrity policies with all local self-government units</i></p>	<p>Within the framework of the integrity concept, 47 municipalities have signed an anti-corruption policy/integrity policy. In June 2016, the Minister of Local Self Government signed an integrity policy, with which the Ministry of Local Self Government became the first central level institution that accepted this initiative. In addition, MLSG, in cooperation with the SCPC, prepared a new, updated text on the integrity policy in the area of risk assessment of corruption, as well as in accordance with the latest legal changes regarding the whistleblower protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2017 the SCPC continued cooperation with OSCE in the direction of prevention of corruption and promotion of integrity within which 3 activities will be realized: - providing an expert to conduct an analysis of the discretionary authorizations. - 2 workshops for the working group to conduct an analysis of the discretionary authorizations - 6 workshops with representatives of the Local Self Government in order to exchange experiences and sign integrity policies for those municipalities that still have not signed <p>It is expected that in the following period, after the end of the local elections, the rest of the municipalities, followed by the other entities, sign the integrity policy.</p>
<p><i>4.3.2. Supervising the responsibility, transparency and accountability on local level through the integrity index and responsibility, transparency and accountability index of the municipalities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IDSCS <p>Regarding the commitment 4.3, the results of a project application are expected, in which the IDCS will cooperate with the SCPC. The project refers to the integrity and assessment of the risks of corruption in institutions at central and local level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SCPC in cooperation with the CRPM, in order to realize this commitment, will undertake activities for updating the index of integrity and the index of responsibility, transparency and accountability of the municipalities.

4.4 Promotion of cooperation and increased proactivity in the prevention of corruption and conflict of interests		
Start and end date of the obligation (7/2016 – in continuity)		New
Leading Institution for implementation		State Commission for Prevention of Corruption
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Other involved entities	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	MoJ, MoI, MLSP, MLSG
	Non-governmental sector, business entities, trade unions, chambers of commerce, associations	MCIC, IDSC, CRPM, Transparency International Macedonia, ADI

	and foundations	
Condition or issue covered with the obligation	<p>When speaking about the prevention of corruption and conflict of interests, it is necessary to create a political culture and valuable system wherein the corruption will be clearly identified as social evil which needs to be prevented and sanctioned on regular basis. In this area, besides SCPC as an institution competent for prevention of corruption and conflict of interests and other relevant factors, the civil sector has a significant role which with its mechanisms of action presents a significant entity in the fight against these socially negative occurrences. Hence, preparedness and bigger initiative for promotion and strengthening the cooperation and partnership between the civil sector and the institutions in the fight against corruption is necessary through realization of mutual activities and projects, exchange of information and coordination for development of sustainable solutions in order to enhance the system of good governance for efficient prevention of corruption and conflict of interests.</p>	
Main goal	<p>Increase the efficiency and effectiveness in the prevention of corruption and conflict of interests.</p>	
Short description of the obligation	<p>The action of the competent bodies, as well as the separated preventive anti-corruption projects and activities of the civil sector will not provide the expected results if sustainable system of cooperation is not established between all relevant actors, considering their specifics, as well as the determined legal competences.</p> <p>Of great importance is the holding of periodical coordinative work meetings where specific</p>	

	<p>topics or projects from the area of corruption and conflict of interests will be discussed with proposals and recommendations for undertaking future activities and measures for improvement of the conditions. This will contribute to intensifying the implementation of the established general frame for cooperation for prevention of corruption, with visible results and establishing systematic approach for exchange of information and data, proposals and recommendations which will be discussed and considered from the relevant factors that handle issues from this area.</p> <p>For the purpose of bigger involvement, the civil organizations should develop methodologies for monitoring the corruption as a mechanism and approach for measuring the perceptions of the citizens and their experiences with regards to the exposure to corruption. The civil organizations should transfer the experiences from such methodologies and the results so that they can be included in the development of one all-encompassing and long-term system for prevention of corruption and conflict of interests and establishing good governance.</p> <p>In direction to informing and introducing the public with the effects from the cooperation, public events-debates will be organized, as well as workshops and thematic conferences and campaigns for raising the awareness of the public regarding the corruption and conflict of interests.</p>
OGP challenge covered with the obligation	Strengthening the integrity in general through sustainability and long lasting of the effects as a result from the cooperation and participation of civil organizations.
Connection with the global goals for sustainable development	Reference with Target 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions”, Target 16.5: Significant

	<p>decrease of all forms of corruption and bribe.</p> <p>The measures of this effort contribute to prevention and fight against corruption and protection of the public interest by introducing systematic consultations with the civil sector for the purpose of mutual diagnosing and addressing of the problems.</p>
<p>Validity</p>	<p>In order to regulate the manner of cooperation, coordination and mutually agreed activities with the civil sector, SCPC in December 2010 initiated signing of Memorandum for mutual support to prevent corruption and conflict of interests with 17 NGO, whereby their number increased to 22 NGO until 2014 inclusive. The activities encompassed with the Memorandum refer to the exchange of information and initiatives from the area of corruption and conflict of interests, analyses and researches, holding meetings and other events for raising the public awareness, mutual professional cooperation for anti-corruption education and training as well as in the course of legal regulation and realization of projects of interest for fight against corruption and conflict of interests. In the strategic anti-corruption document State Programme for prevention and repression of corruption and prevention and reduction of the conflict of interest with the Action Plan 2016-2019, activities are planned referring to the promotion and expansion of the cooperation between SCPC and the civil organizations and activities for implementation of surveys and researches regarding the conditions with the corruption by preparing reports with findings and recommendations, as well as public debates and campaign for raising the awareness of the public for the corruption and conflict of interests.</p>

	<p>In direction to realization of the mutually agrees activities arising from the signed documents for cooperation as well as the measures determined in the strategic anti-corruption document, it is of great importance to promote the already established cooperation and to increase the initiative and proactivity for prevention of corruption and conflict of interests.</p>			
Ambition	<p>The civil organizations in cooperation with the institutions actively monitor and participate in initiatives for monitoring and fight against corruption and are active partner in the process of establishing good governance.</p>			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Achievements	<p>Short description of the undertaken activities and achieved results following the achievement</p>			
<i>4.4.1 Holding periodical coordinative work meetings</i>	<p>Following consultations, the MCIC and the SCPC established a cooperation for regular, quarterly, submission of information from the List of Public Information held by the SCPC. The cooperation is established on the basis of a Memorandum for cooperation with the NGO. The information will be used for preparation of reports for monitoring the work of the SCPC, within the framework of a project supported by the British Embassy.</p> <p>-The MCIC and the SCPC have established a cooperation for the project "Monitoring the work of the SCPC", supported by the British Embassy and conducted by the MCIC: the SCPC submits information to the MCIC on quarterly level. This information is used to prepare quarterly reports about the monitoring of the work of the SCPC. The MCIC has published two reports:</p> <p>"Monitoring of the work of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption: Report on the situation" which gives summary review of the status, capacities and legal competencies of the SCPC, for the previous ten years of functioning, available at http://www.mcms.org.mk/mk/za-nasata-</p>			

	<p>rabota/istrazuvana-i-publikacii/1885-sledenje-na-rabotata-na-drzhavnata-komisija-za-sprechuvanje-na-korupcijata-izveshtaj-za-sostojbata.html and Quarter report No. 1 which contains the results from the monitoring of the SCPC's work for the period October-December 2016, available at : http://www.mcms.org.mk/mk/za-nasata-rabota/istrazuvana-i-publikacii/1902-sledenje-na-rabotata-na-dsk-kvartalen-izveshtaj-br-1.html. A quarter report No.2, referring to the monitoring of the SCPC's work for the period January - March 2017, has been prepared and it will be published in the following period.</p>
<p><i>4.4.2 Developing methodologies for monitoring the conditions related to corruption and conflict of interests</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MCIC, within the framework of the project “Monitoring the work of the SCPC”, supported by the British Embassy, develops a methodology for external monitoring of the work of the SCPC. The aim of this methodology is to contribute to the increase of transparency, accountability and to raise the public awareness about the effects of the SCPC's work, as one of the institutions competent for the prevention of corruption in the Republic of Macedonia. - Transparency International – Macedonia within the framework of the project “Strengthening the National System of Integrity (NSI) in the countries of the Western Balkan and Turkey, and monitoring of the development of the anti-corruption efforts” prepared an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the institutions in the form of a comprehensive report. The report “National System of Integrity – assessment for Macedonia” was published on May 31st, 2016. - The National System of Integrity (NSI) of Transparency International is a tool used for the assessment of all key players in the fight against corruption and refers to its integrity, transparency and accountability. Basically, NSI marks the principle of concerned parties and institutions in a country that influence the manner of governing of the country. The assessment component of the research focuses on the evaluation of key public institutions and all relevant parties in the fight against corruption in relation to: (1) their total capacity, (2) internal management systems and

	<p>procedures and(3) their role in the overall integrity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The subject of this research were 15 pillars: legislative power, executive power, judiciary, public sector, law enforcement agencies, State Election Commission, Ombudsman, State Audit Office, State Commission for Prevention of Corruption, Public Prosecution, political parties, media, civil society, private sector and public enterprises. - The results of the report will be used as a tool for monitoring and measuring the progress throughout the process, as well as after, in order to make a comparison of the performances exhibited by the institutions and to identify the good and bad practices. All recommendations deriving from this research will be delivered to the competent institutions with the aim of undertaking future steps and finding systemic solutions. That will contribute to the building of a healthy and solid system of national integrity, which will be efficient in combating corruption. - The report is distributed via mail in 330 copies to all of the concerned parties, and published on the following link: http://www.transparency.mk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1168&Itemid=77 - MCIC , within the framework of the project “Monitoring the work of the SCPC”, developed the methodology for external following of the efficiency of the SCPC’s work. The SCPC was actively engaged in the making of the Matrix of Indicators by giving comments about the improvement. The Matrix of Indicators used by the SCPC for preparation of reports is available at: http://www.mcms.org.mk/images/docs/2017/matrix-na-indikator-dsk.pdf
<p><i>4.4.3 Promoting the results from the monitoring of the conditions related to corruption and conflict of interests (public events–debates, workshops and thematic conferences)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On March 30th, 2017, the MCIC held a conference at which the result of the monitoring of the SCPC’s work was presented. More than 40 participants from the GO, state organizations and the media, as well as representatives of the SCPC and the Secretariat of the SCPC, were present. - On May 30th, 2017 the MCIC organized a forum “Prevention of Corruption - Governance and Coordination in Macedonia”. A discussion about the

	<p>role, the past achievements and possibilities for improvement of the work of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption in implementing the anti-corruptive policies and combating corruption was opened.</p> <p>The main findings and recommendations from the monitoring of the SCPC's work for the period October-December 2016 were presented. Additionally, representatives of the SCPS, the Primary Public Prosecutor's Office for Prosecuting Organized Crime and Corruption and the State Audit Office shared their mutual experiences and cooperation of the institutions, as some of the relevant institutions for fighting against corruption in Macedonia.</p> <p>Different existing models of the anti-corruption entities and the experience of the Agency for Combating Corruption in Serbia were also shared at the Forum.</p> <p>More than 50 representatives of the NGO, state institutions and media attended the forum.</p> <p>The MCIC regularly shares the reports and the summaries of the reports, with the general public through their web page, Facebook and Twitter account.</p>
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5. EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC RESOURCES (FISCAL TRANSPARENCY)	
5.1 Open budget initiative	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016- 6/ 2018)	1 current and 2 new commitments
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Other Actors Involved	Government ministries, department/agency	budget users
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women In Macedonia Center for Economic Analysis Zenith Association
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Insufficient transparency in public funds management: Lack of simplified form of the state budget, understandable to citizens and easily available, disabled monitoring of the way the budget is implemented in terms of whether it is within the planned budget by quarters, not publishing a semi-annual report on the implementation of the Budget.
Main objective		Increased transparency in public funds management through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the state budget in simplified form understandable to citizens and easily available. - Informing the public about projected revenues and expenditures at the beginning of the year on a quarterly basis, thus providing an opportunity for analysis and comparison of the implementation of the

	<p>budget in view of the planned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informing the public regarding our semi-annual implementation of the Budget of the Republic of Macedonia
<p>Brief description of commitment</p>	<p>Following the adoption of the state budget by the Parliament, the Ministry of Finance will prepare and publish civil budget.</p> <p>A projection of planned revenues and expenditures for the current budget year by quarters will be published at the beginning of the year on the website of the Ministry of Finance. The screening will be done in cooperation with relevant institutions and budget users based on historical data as well as on expectations, announcements and financial plans provided by the budget users.</p> <p>The preparation and adoption of the semi-annual report on the implementation of the budget by the Government will be published on the website of the Ministry of Finance.</p>
<p>OPG challenge addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Approximation of the most important budget document to the citizens and providing additional information to citizens and civil society organizations regarding the design and execution of the state budget will contribute to greater involvement of civil society in monitoring and analyzing the performance of the budget.</p>
<p>Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development</p>	<p>Reference to the Objective 16. “Peace, justice and strong institutions”</p> <p>Target 16.6: Development of effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of the public finance managing institutions.</p>

Relevance	Increasing transparency and accountability in the fiscal sphere.			
Ambition	Expected future continuous publication of the civil budget, the projected income and expenditure and semi-annual report on the implementation of the budget to allow increased access to information regarding public finances.			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
5.1.1 Preparation and publication of the civil budget	<p>First quarter after adopting the Budget Ministry of Finance has drafted and published the first version of the civil budget regarding the Rebalance for 2017 (http://www.finance.gov.mk/files/GB%20Final%20MK%20%283%29.pdf).</p> <p>In the following period, the civil budget will be upgraded by means of drafting a transparent civil budget which will be published on the web site of the Ministry, following the adoption of the Budget for 2018.</p>			
5.1.2 Publication of the projection of revenues and expenditures of the state budget for the current year per quarters at the beginning of the year	Will strat its implementation from January 2018			
5.1.3 Publication of semi-annual report regarding the implementation of the state budget on the website of the Ministry of Finance, following the adoption by the Government	<p>Launched implementation activities as anticipated from August 2016 and published on the website by the Ministry of Finance on the following link http://www.finance.gov.mk/files/u12/Izveshtaj%20za%20ostvaruvanje%20na%20prihodi%20i%20realizacij%20na%20rashodi%20na%20Budgetot%20na%20RM%20zaklucno%20so%2030.06.2016%20godina%20final.pdf</p> <p>Activities for realization of trhis measure were launched in 2016 and the semianual report for Budget implementation as of June 30, was published on the website by the Ministry of Finance on the following link http://www.finance.gov.mk/files/u12/Izveshtaj%20za%20ostvaruvanje%20na%20prihodi%20i%20realizacij%20na%20rashodi%20na%20Budgetot%20na%20RM%20zaklucno%20so%2030.06.2016%20godina%20final.pdf</p>			

	<p>a%20ostvaruvanje%20na%20prihodi%20i%20realizacij a%20na%20rashodi%20na%20Budgetot%20na%20RM% 20zaklucno%20so%2030.06.2016%20godina_final.pdf</p> <p>The budget implementation report as of June 30, 2017, will be published after its adoption by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance has already made efforts and publishes monthly reports on budget implementation (Ministry of Finance/Public Finance/Treasury/Reports) on its website, and plans to prepare and publish more transparent and detailed reports on the Budget's implementation in the following period.</p>
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5.2 Open Data on Health Programs		
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016- 6/ 2018)	Ongoing commitment	
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Other Actors Involved	Government ministries, department/agency	Ministry of Health
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women in Macedonia

Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Denied access to information on the spending of funds from the budget of the Ministry of Health intended for health programs.	
Main objective	Continuous disclosure and narrative description of the implementation of health programs	
Brief description of commitment	In cooperation with Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women in Macedonia, Ministry of Health will prepare a standardized report format to be used for publication of data from the realization of budget assets by the Ministry of Health intended for preventive and curative health programs.	
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Citizen participation	
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	Reference to the Objective 16. "Peace, justice and strong institutions" Target 16.6: Development of effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels and Objective 4 "Good health and wellbeing" Target 3.8: Achievement of universal health protection including financial risk protection, access to necessary health services and access to secure, effective and quality and affordable basic medicines and vaccines for all. The measures of this commitment contribute for transparency and accountability in spending funds and delivering services aimed for preventive and curative health programs.	
Relevance	Enhancing fiscal transparency regarding the implementation of health programs.	

Ambition	Increased access to information on funds spending for health programs.			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities und ertaken and results achieved per achievement			
5.2.1 Preparation and publication of semi-annual and annual reports on budget and program implementation of 20 programs for preventive and curative health care financed by the budget of the Ministry of Health with technical assistance and support from the ESE	Reached agreement on the Reports' format regarding the budget and program implementation for part of the programs for Health protection, financed by the Budget of the Ministry of Health.			
5.2.2 Campaign for providing citizens with information on these data availability and how they can be of their benefit	Activities under this segment have not been undertaken yet. The same shall be undertaken after implementation of achievement 5.2.1.			

5.3. Creating a legal obligation for the contracting authorities for mandatory publication of information regarding the public procurement contracts on their websites	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016- 6/ 2018)	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Finance/ Public Procurement Bureau
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Other Actors Involved	Government ministries, department/agency	All contracting authorities, Public Procurement Bureau / Ministry of Finance
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Civil Communications Center
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		The obligation resulting from the second Action Plan of OGP (2014-2016) to determine the minimum information from public procurement, that contracting authorities should publish on their websites by Bureau's recommendation, is voluntary and is not respected by many contracting authorities. This regards information that provides at least a minimum level of transparency in public spending agreed in consultations (to publish information of contracting authorities on the web sites with a link to EPPS regarding the public procurement contracts, calls for public procurement, annual procurement plan and to fill in the part for ESPN's realized contracts).
Main objective		To provide basic information regarding the public funds spending in a manner and place that can easily be found and understood by citizens. By publishing this information as an obligation for contracting authorities, transparency and accountability of the institution will not depend

	<p>on the willingness of individuals.</p> <p>Information disclosure on public money spending via public procurement is also a part of the efforts for Open procurement initiative, administered by the World Bank, and is similar to the OGP initiative.</p>
Brief description of commitment	<p>Each contracting authority shall publish the annual procurement plan, information with a link to ESPP regarding public procurement calls and public procurement contracts and must also complete the part for realized contracts of ESPN.</p>
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Effective public funds management</p>
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the objective 17 “Target partnership” Target 17.1: Enhancement of the mobilization (collecting) of domestic resources, including through international support for developing countries in order to improve domestic capacities for tax and other revenues collecting, and Objective 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions” Target 16.6: Development of effective accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of the public finance managing institutions through increase transparency and accountability in public funds management.</p>
Relevance	<p>Compulsory publication of this information which are now voluntary will increase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transparency and accountability of public institutions regarding public money spending; - The degree of awareness of citizens on the manner their money are spent; - Integrity and trust in institutions -Efficiency in public funds management.

Ambition	All contracting authorities registered on EPPS shall publish this information on their websites, and those who do not have their own website to do so on the website of the institution under whose authority they work.			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
5.3.1. Mandatory publication of annual procurement plan on the website of the contracting authority no later than February 15 of the current year as well as updated versions of the plan with amendments during the year	Start date: July 2017			
5.3.2. Mandatory publication of public procurement calls by setting a link to the call published on EPPS	Start date: July 2017			
5.3.3. Mandatory publication of notices for concluded contracts by setting a link to the relevant notices on EPPS	Start date: July 2017			
5.3.4. Mandatory publication of notice for executed contract by setting a link to this notice by EPPS	Start date: July 2017			

5.4. Involving representatives of associations and foundations, as well as other civil society organizations, in transparent and objective manner in sector working groups for planning and programming of IPA 2	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Secretariat for European Affairs
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Other Actors Involved	Government ministries, department/agency	Coordinators of sector working groups in department ministries
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Interested associations, foundations and their networks
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Sector working groups set up for IPA 2 planning and programming should be enlarged with involving transparently selected representatives of associations and foundation, to allow civil organizations to take part in the work. Though consultations have been organized with civil organization in preparation of certain draft sector plan documents, they do not provide equal participation of the civil sector in all planning and programming phases of the pre-accession support by the EU.
Main objective		Promoting the involvement of civil society in programming of assistance from the pre-accession Instrument (IPA II)
Brief description of commitment		The involvement of civil society in the process of programming is one of the preconditions for implementation of sector approach for IPA 2 and in

	<p>this regard on the sessions held on 31.03.2015 and 07.14.2015, the Government of RM has adopted and amended the composition of the frame for sector working groups for programming, according to which civil society organizations are included in the composition of sector working groups (if necessary, a decision by the institution running the sector working group).</p> <p>For transparent and legitimate involvement of civil society organizations in the work of the sector working groups, the Secretariat for European Affairs announced a call "Open with civil society," for registration of all interested civil society organizations for consultation and participation in working groups for IPA 2. The list of applicants from civil society organizations is published on our website at the following link: http://www.sep.gov.mk/nvo-list/.</p> <p>Also, based on the list of registered civil society organizations, an indicative overview has been made on the scope of work of registered civil society organizations and their connection with the areas defined by the sector working groups for IPA 2 (attached)</p> <p>In order to increase accountability and ownership in the programming process, the published list of civil society organizations and the indicative overview are delivered to the sector working groups, stating that the possibility of cooperation with other relevant civil society organizations is open.</p> <p>Sector working groups have discretionary right on the method and timetable of consultation with civil society.</p>
<p>OPG challenge addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Efficient public resources management</p>
<p>Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development</p>	<p>Reference to the Objective 16. "Peace, justice and strong institutions"</p>

	<p>Target 16.6: Development of effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of the public finance managing institutions.</p>			
Relevance	<p>The measure allows citizen participation in the planning and programming of foreign assistance. It will ensure greater legitimacy and inclusiveness of the process of planning and programming of pre-accession assistance through the direct involvement of civil society representatives in the preparation of sector planning documents.</p>			
Ambition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Created new mechanisms for citizen participation in the management of public resources - Application of knowledge and data available to civil society to better identify the key social challenges and how to deal with them - Enhanced mutual trust between the state and civil society as a result of increased transparency and inclusiveness of the process of programming, and improving the quality of democracy 			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	<p>Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement</p>			
5.4.1. Establishment of a transparent process and objective criteria for involving representatives of associations and foundations in sector working groups	<p>A meeting was held with Alexandar Nikolov from Zenith, with SEP (State Secretary Anna Blazheska and State Secretary O.Kaljoshevska) in view of this priority, and the possibilities for implementation regarding the same were reviewed thereof. Draft Rules of Procedure of the sectoral working groups was submitted to Alexandar Nikolov from Zenith in</p>			

	order to perform consultations with NGOs and to provide proposals regarding interventions on the subject matter, given that the frame is already published on the website of SEA
5.4.2. Presentation of the Framework for Coordination of IPA2 after the final comply with EU Delegation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPA Sectorial coordination framework was published on the website of SEA - Public call for all interested GO that want to contribute in the programming of IPA was published by SEA
5.4.3. Including civil society representatives in the work of sectoral groups by the relevant institutions based on transparent process and objective criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation of NGOs in all sectoral working groups for IPA. With respect to the inclusion in the Sectoral Working Groups, there will be application of the sectoral approach for cooperation in all IPA 2 sectors (1) Democracy and Governance, (2) Rule of law and fundamental rights, (3) Environment (4) Transportation / Energy, (5) Competitiveness and innovation, (6) Social development, (7) Agriculture and Rural development, and (8) regional and territorial cooperation. - Participation of SEA's representatives at the Second National Forum for Open Government Partnership (OGP) which took place on Wednesday November 2, 2016 in Hotel Continental - Participation of SEA's representatives and Ministries on events for IPA mechanism. Held debate: <i>IPA 2 Current state</i> to be held as part of the activities for coalition building, and will take place on December 23, 2016 (Friday) in Skopje, Hotel Continental.

5.5. Publication of data on signed contracts and received assistance through Infrastructure Development Program (ORIO) Netherlands	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016- 6/ 2018)	Ongoing commitment
Lead implementing agency	Secretariat for European Affairs
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Other Actors Involved	Government ministries, department/agency	Ministry of Health
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		There is no publicly available information and data on signed contracts and received assistance through the program ORIO funded by the Netherlands which includes R. Macedonia.
Main objective		Improving transparency of public institutions when receiving and using foreign assistance and loans.
Brief description of commitment		In the section intended for ORIO Program on its website, the Secretariat for European Affairs, as the competent institution for promoting the ORIO program in R. Macedonia, will publish a list of public institutions from RM that applied for and received funds from ORIO program; will publish agreements signed between the applicant institutions of RM and

	the Netherlands; will publish the overall application detailing the objectives and the course of projects funded through this ORIO program; will provide information on the status of the project (development phase, implementation phase and maintenance phase) and will publish data on semi-annual basis for a total received and spent funds during the projected period.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Efficient public resources management			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the Objective 16. “Peace, justice and strong institutions”</p> <p>Target 16.6: Development of effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of the institutions in foreign assistance management</p>			
Relevance	The measure contributes to increasing the transparency and accountability of public institutions in the management of foreign assistance.			
Ambition	Created new mechanisms for publishing data on foreign assistance management.			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
5.5.1. Publication of: a list of public institutions in R. Macedonia which have applied for and received funds from the ORIO program; Contracts signed between applicant institutions of R. Macedonia and the Netherlands; overall application	<p>In view of this activity, SEA’s responsibility was to mediate in the process of informing for ORIO opportunities and submitting applications to the Dutch government.</p> <p>Full responsibility for the realization and implementation of the project, related to agreed</p>			

detailing the objectives and the course of the projects funded through this ORIO program; status information of the project (development phase, implementation phase and maintenance phase) and data on semi-annual basis for a total received and spent funds during the projected period.

activities and expenditures are Ministry of Health's responsibility. In this regard, we ask you to exclude SE A of this activity and to turn to Ministry of Health.

The Ministry of Health hereby informs that the Applicant Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women - ESE, residing on "Maxim Gorky" 20 / 1-4, 1000 Skopje, through the representative/authorized legal representative of the information requester Darko Antic, submitted requests no. 0801-885 / 16-1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22, 23 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 46 47 47, 48, and received and registered at the Ministry of Health under number: 11 - 3703/1, 3601/1, 3600/1, 3599/1, 3598/1, 3597/1, 3596/1, 3595/1, 3594/1, 3593/1, 3592/1, 3591/1, 3590/1, 3589/1, 3588/1, 3587/1, 3586/1, 3585/1, 3584/1, 3583/1, 3582/1, 3581 / 1, 3580/1, 3579/1, 3578/1, 3577/1, 3576/1, 3575/1, 3574/1, 3573/1, 3572/1, 3571/1, 3570/1, 3569/1, 3568/1, 3567/1, 3566/1, 3565/1, 3564/1, 3563/1, 3562/1, 3561/1, 3560/1, 3559/1, 3558/1, 3557/1, 3556 / 1, 3555/1.

Following all these requests, the Ministry of Health responded individually to each request within its competence, in compliance with the procedure under the Law on Free Access to Public Information ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 13/06, 86/08, 6/10, 42/14, 148/15 and 55 / 16).

After both parties complied with all legal steps in the procedure, the Commission for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information provided conclusions that stopped and closed the procedure by virtue of all requests since the applicant received the requested information.

5.6. Introduction of a publicly accessible register of concession contracts

Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)		New commitment
Lead implementing agency		Ministry of Economy
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Other Actors Involved	Government ministries, department/agency	
	CO, private sector, multi- lateral and working groups	Center for Civil Communication
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Insufficient access to public information on concluded contracts and concessions, as well as contracts concluded between state institutions and private subjects, as opposed to the existing transparency of concluded public procurement

	contracts, which are basically.			
Main objective	Ensuring a certain degree of transparency for more efficient public funds management			
Brief description of commitment	The Ministry of Economy should create a register of concluded contracts and concessions, and make it available with regular updating on its Internet website			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Efficient public funds management			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the Objective 16. “Peace, justice and strong institutions”</p> <p>Target 16.6: Development of effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of the public finance managing institutions as concerns concession granting.</p>			
Relevance	Introduction of a concession register and its availability for the public is one of the basic information of open governments worldwide. Effective and transparent management of licenses and concession contract means not only increased transparency and accountability, but foreign investors attraction as well.			
Ambition	Total transparency of the concession contracts following the example of publicly available information on concluded public procurement contracts.			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			

<p>5.6.1 Publication of a table register consisting of the following data:</p> <p>Name of the concessioner, number and date of the contract, kind of mineral raw material, municipality carrying out concession activities and spread of the concession area.</p>	<p>The Register is published in the form of a table and contains the following information: Name of the concessionaire, number and date of contract, type of mineral resource, the municipality in which the concession activity is being conducted, and the concession area. The table is available on the website of the Ministry of Economy, and you can access it on the following link: http://www.economy.gov.mk/docs/sektor-mineralni-surovini</p>
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5.7 Increased budgetary fund benefits in preventive and curative health protection for citizens		
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016 - ongoing)	New commitment	
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Health (MH)	
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Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	Public health facilities, executors of the preventive and curative health protection programs
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality (ESE) and Open Society Foundation - Macedonia

<p>Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Spending budgetary funds of the Ministry of Health for services that are not delivered to the citizens. At the same time, differences have been noted between data presented in reports on the program realization in the Ministry of Health and those presented by various executors. Also, differences have been noted between reports and real implementation</p>
<p>Main objective</p>	<p>Building capacities in the Ministry of Health for application of the social accountability methodology with a technical assistance and support by a non-government organization authorized and trained for implementation of the methodology recognized and accepted in developed countries.</p>
<p>Brief description of commitment</p>	<p>The social accountability methodologies provide measurement, monitoring, reporting and performance improvement in public institutions. They allow monitoring of the real implementation and benefits for the citizens provided with the implementation of the Ministry of Health's programs.</p> <p>In order to build capacities for the social accountability methodology implementation, the Ministry of Health with technical assistance by a non-government organization authorized and trained for the methodology implementation, will select 10 people from the Ministry of Health and from public health institutions to attend the social accountability training.</p> <p>For piloting one of the social accountability methodologies selected by the MH, the Ministry of Health will select a preventive or curative program and engage the 10 people who have attended the social accountability training to design a plan for the selected methodology piloting and to implement the selected</p>

	methodology in the selected program.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Inspection and evaluation of the budgetary funds spending			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the Objective 3 “Good health and wellbeing” Target 3.8: Achievement of universal health protection including financial risk protection, access to necessary health services and access to secure, effective and quality and affordable basic medicines and vaccines for all and Objective 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions” Target 16.6: Development of effective accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for transparency and accountability in spending funds and delivering services aimed for preventive and curative health programs.</p>			
Relevance	<p>Ensuring efficacy in budgetary funds spending by the Ministry of Health, that is spending budgetary funds for services that would be really delivered to citizens.</p> <p>Citizens’ involvement allowed by this methodology will advance transparency and accountability of the Ministry and other public health institutions, and will contribute for better health resources management.</p>			
Ambition	Citizens can feel benefits of the budgetary fund spending for preventive and curative programs of the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Health can reduce spending on services that have not been delivered to citizens.			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			

<p>5.7.1 Conducting a training for 10 people from the Ministry of Health and from selected public health institutions on the social accountability methodologies implementation</p>	<p>There are no undertaken activities concerning this segment. The same shall be conducted after realization of the achievement 5.7.2.</p>
<p>5.7.2. Selection of a preventive or curative program that will apply the selected social accountability methodology</p>	<p>A meeting was held on December 19, 2016 with representatives of the Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women in Macedonia – ESE, on which they presented draft programs for health care where social accountability was of their interest in view of its implementation, and at the same time, they presented the methodologies for social accountability. An agreement was reached on the meeting that in the future, the Ministry of Health will select one health care program where the selected methodology for social accountability will be applied on.</p>
<p>5.7.3. Designing a piloting plan for the social accountability methodology and its implementation in the selected program</p>	<p>There are no undertaken activities concerning this segment. The same shall be conducted after realization of the achievement 5.7.2.</p>

<p>5.8. Publication of data on planned and realized domestic and foreign assistance for rural development and agriculture on a quarterly basis</p>	
<p>Start and end date of the commitment (08/ 2016 – ongoing)</p>	<p>New commitment</p>
<p>Lead implementing agency</p>	<p>Agency of financial support for agriculture and rural development Ministry of Health</p>
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	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	Center of Economic Analysis
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		<p>Insufficient transparency in the public funds management. Nonexistence of concrete information on the amount of funds and measure of the Program for financial support of agriculture in a certain year, paid according the Program, or have been paid according to programs from previous years.</p> <p>Often amendments and supplements to the Program, (sometimes even a day after its adoption), make confusion in respect of data availability and reduced transparency and accountability of the public funds flow.</p> <p>Nonexistence of a mechanism to show concentrated funding in agriculture by location/region.</p>
Main objective		<p>Increased transparency in public finances management, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publication of the provided state and foreign assistance according to a ground/measure, by location, amount of state of foreign

	<p>assistance and according to a Program for financial support</p> <p>- Information available to the citizens on the data accessibility</p>			
Brief description of commitment	<p>Before and after adoption of the Program for financial support in a certain year, the Agency for financial support in agriculture and rural development publishes it on its website, and publish data quarterly information on what amount of funds planned in the previous Program has been realized according to a ground/measure, by location, and amount of provided assistance. Data on the Program realization should be updated quarterly.</p>			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Efficient public resource management			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to Objective 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions”</p> <p>Target 16.6: Development of effective accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for transparency and accountability in spending funds and delivering services aimed for rural development and agriculture</p>			
Relevance	Increased transparency and accountability in the fiscal sphere			
Ambition	Discipline is expected in the future in publication of public finances utilization and realization, as well as increased awareness of their efficiency and legitimacy.			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
5.8.1. Quarterly data publication on the amount of provided state and foreign assistance in agriculture by Program, ground/measure, location.	/			

5.9. Determination of data on state assistance to be published and their publication		
Start and end date of the commitment (08/ 2016 – ongoing)	New commitment	
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Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	Agency for financial support in agriculture and rural development, Directorate for technological industrial development zones (DTIRZ), ministries for encouraging foreign investments and other budget users
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	Center for Economic Analysis Center for Civil Communications
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Insufficient transparency in the public funds management. Nonexistence of concrete information on the amount of funds paid or freed of payment for foreign investments attraction.	
Main objective	Increased transparency in public finances management, through: -Publication of the amount of state assistance	

	for foreign investments (specified on granted and paid) by ground (the company's name will not be published to avoid undermining of the negotiation position of the country with potential companies that would invest in the country).			
Brief description of commitment	Publication of data on all grounds of state assistance for foreign investments (specification of granted and paid on all grounds). Data are published at least once a year without giving the name of the company. Categorized data are published as a minimum by different grounds, with specification of the granted and paid assistance to foreign investors.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Efficient public resource management			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	Reference to Objective 16 "Peace, justice and strong institutions" Target 16.6: Development of effective accountable and transparent institutions at all levels. The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of the public finance managing institutions through increase transparency and accountability in public funds management in the field of state assistance for foreign investments.			
Relevance	Increased transparency and accountability in the fiscal sphere.			
Ambition	Discipline is expected in the future in publication of public finances utilization and realization, as well as increased awareness of their efficiency and legitimacy.			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished

Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement
<p>5.9.1. Publication of data on state assistance amount for foreign investments on all planned grounds</p>	<p>On 13 June 2017, there was a meeting in the premises of the Commission for Protection of Competition, regarding the implementation of Measure 5.9 of the Establishment of State Aid Data, which should be published periodically, and their publication which should be part of the 2016-2018 Open Government Partnership National Action Plan.</p> <p>On 14.06.2017, after the end of the meeting, the Commission for Protection of Competition sent a report to all the members of the working group, emphasizing that in order to realize the measure, all members of the NGOs should have a common position on the aforementioned implementation, since non-governmental organizations are proposers of measure 5.9</p> <p>The Commission for Protection of Competition has received a written proposal for implementation of the measure by the Center for Economic Analysis. In September, the commission will arrange a meeting with the members of the working group and the non-governmental sector and will start implementation of measure 5.9 of the 2016-2018 Open Government Partnership National Action Plan.</p>

6. OPENNESS ON LOCAL LEVEL	
6.1. Developing standards for transparency and open data on local level	
<p>Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016- 6/ 2017)</p>	<p>New commitment</p>
<p>Lead implementing agency</p>	<p>Ministry of Local Self-Government</p>
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	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Change Management Center COs at local and regional level
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Due to nonexistence of transparency standards at the local level, the municipalities' websites differ in the structure and published data. Also, there is no implementation of the Law on Open Data at the local level, though it also applies to the local self-government units. These circumstances do not provide adequate access to data of citizens' interest. Also, there is neither predictability in searching data, nor they can be compared or processed.
Main objective		Establishing standards for transparency and open data that will be beneficial for citizens as well as accepted and applied by all local government units.
Brief description of commitment		Data and data sets arising from municipal responsibilities and which should be published on the web sites of all municipalities as well as in open data format will be identified by analyzing the legal framework and consultation with Civil society organizations and municipalities. Training of Civil society organizations for open data use as well as creating network among CSOs, local and central government, in order to ensure applicability and

	sustainability.
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Implementation of the measure via wide consultative process, putting new technologies into operation (exclusively electronic publication of data and their processing in an open format) and increasing the benefits for citizens, businesses, local authorities and for the whole community in general.
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	Reference to Objective 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions” Target 16.6: Development of effective accountable and transparent institutions at all levels. The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of the institutions through establishing transparency standards and their implementation for providing open data at the local level.
Relevance	Pursuant to the Law on Local self-government and other sector laws, Local self-government in the Republic of Macedonia, provides services to citizens in the ten vital areas and thus performs about one hundred and ten functions resulting in direct legal obligations to inform as well as transparent and accountable operation. Information, transparency and accountability of local self-government are the basic principles of good governance at local level, to which Republic of Macedonia is committed to with the ratification of the Additional Protocol for citizen participation in the work of local authorities that entered into force on 01.01.2016. Macedonia generally has a favorable legal framework for information and consultation of citizens. To allow applicability to full capacity, institutional mechanisms and tools

	are necessary in order to raise the level of awareness of citizens as well as the transparency and accountability of local authorities.								
Ambition	By providing predictable, timely, useful, process able as well as open data on the performance of local authorities at all local self-government units (LGU) will increase the transparency and accountability of LGUs, will encourage citizen participation, will increase confidence, will encourage development in general, will increase the usefulness of the entire local community, including a financial benefit from the open data use.								
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Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement								
6.1.1. Analysis of the legal framework regarding the competences of LSG units and information publication on their websites	<p>Drafted analysis on the legal framework of Local Government Units in terms of publicity of work performance and publishing information on websites</p> <p>Drafted comparative analysis on the best open data practices in municipalities in the European Union</p> <p>Conducted survey on representative respondents on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia on the subject what kind of data and information would the citizens like have available in a simple and easy way by the Local Government Units.</p> <p>Prepared barometer on LGU e- transparency as a basic indicator for improving the access to data and information</p> <p>Note: the electronic version of the research can be found on www.cup.org.mk ili na http://www.cup.org.mk/projectspage.php?id=7</p>								
6.1.2. Networks establishment between civil organizations, local and central government in function of standards	<p>Call for participation in local organizations' platform for Open Government Partnership</p> <p>Established platform for dialogue on open data at</p>								

<p>application and sustainability of their implementation</p>	<p>the local level Conducted national conference and workshop on "Standards for e-transparency and e-accountability at the local level" in cooperation with MLS and MISA where research findings were presented. Debate on the need to strengthen the link between the LGU and national institutions in the collection and publication of open data</p>
<p>6.1.3.Elaboration of standards and protocols for transparency and open data at a local level</p>	<p>The following open data guidelines/protocols on local level were developed as a result of a wide consultation process involving the non-governmental sector, the municipalities and the responsible ministries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-transparency standards in local self-government units - which determine the information that need to be published on local government's websites as well as data sets that need to be published as open data; • Open data instructions in local self-government units - providing guidance on how to publish open data by local governments. <p>It is recommended that the standards for e-transparency be adopted by the Government in an appropriate legislative act, in order to make them an obligation and guidance for the municipalities. The form of these standards can also be reflected in central institutions.</p>
<p>6.1.4. Strengthening capacities for using open data at a local level</p>	<p>Held regional trainings (3) for civil society organizations and local self government units on open data; importance of LGUs in the preparation and presentation of open data and the role of CSOs application and access to open data and information.</p> <p>8 mentoring workshops were held for a wide number of civil society organizations in the country, for further dissemination of the concept of open data and support to Civil Society organizations and Local Self Government Units.</p>

6.2. Establishment of new tools to improve financial transparency and accountability of Local self-government units	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016- 12/ 2017)	Ongoing activity
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	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups
	Ministry of Finance Local self-government units
	UNDP Sonja Stefanovska-Trajanoska/Toni Popovski Sonja.Trajanoska@undp.org /Toni.Popovski@undp.org ALSU (Association of Local Self-government Units)
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	There is a need to ensure institutional and easier access to information regarding local government operation, emphasizing the implementation of public finance.
Main objective	Providing conditions for greater local government financial transparency.
Brief description of commitment	Establishing control boards in municipalities as a very accessible way of informing the council

	<p>members and citizens on key financial data from the operation of municipal and public services, through automatic assuming quarter reports on the budget realization, prepared by the municipal administration and their accessibility to the council members and the public using the control boards.</p>			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Innovative approaches and tools for easier access to information as well as information processing in a way that will be understood by citizens. Proactive council members and citizens, more open local government.</p>			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to Objective 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions” Target 16.6: Development of effective accountable and transparent institutions at all levels. The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of the public finance managing institutions at the local level</p>			
Relevance	<p>Easier access to information encourages participation among citizens and increases confidence. The purpose of information for the council members, as elected representatives by the citizens allows strengthening the control over the implementation of local public finances by the municipal councils, and thus transparency, accountability and responsibility in spending public money.</p>			
Ambition	<p>Higher level of transparency and accountability in the operation of local authorities, conditions for greater control over the spending of public finances as well as quality improvement of public services.</p>			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	<p>Brief description of activities undertaken and</p>			

	results achieved per achievement
<p>6.2.1. Data analysis and identification of the most important indicators in quarterly reports, in consultation with the Council members, administration and CO</p>	<p>During 2016 there were totaly 30 held consultation meetings which were attended by over 700 participants (councilors, municipal administration, mayors, experts, NGOs and business sector) where about 20 most important financial performance indicators for local government units were established by participatory and transparent manner. The purpose of the identification of the most important financial indicators was to provide transparent financial information on the municipalities' operation and to facilitate civil monitoring improvement on the processes of decision and determination of municipal budget.</p>
<p>6.2.2. Establishment of a software solution for the control boards and designing a mobile application</p>	<p>In October 2016, by virtue of the prior defined most important financial indicators for local self-government units' operation, the Control E-board was prepared and the same is a software solution that will undertake the most important financial data for municipalities' operation and will present them on the website: http://indikatori.opstinskisoveti.mk</p> <p>The Control E-board is designed to be a practical platform for financial data exchange in a way that is understandable to those who are not specialized in financial management (advisers and citizens). Hereinafter is data which will be collected on the E-board in view of the following financial aspects: revenues, expenditures, liabilities, etc., and reports on the municipal budget, municipal final accounts, as well as the annual and quarterly reports will also be published there.</p> <p>The development of mobile application from control E-board is in the final phase after a specialized IT company was hired to transform the look of the web solution into two mobile operating systems for iOS and Android. The designs of mobile applications are currently being developed and they are in the process of registration on Apple App Store and Google Play Store.</p>
<p>6.2.3. Posting the control board on the municipalities' websites and putting the mobile application into use</p>	<p>At the moment, a consultative process is underway with some of the municipalities regarding the installation of the control board on their official websites, while the official launch of the mobile</p>

	application is scheduled for the second half of 2017.
6.2.4. Implementation of the additional tool (one in each of 6 municipalities) for introducing innovations in the management.	Implementation is planned for 2017

6.3. Improvement of the institutional consultation mechanism at the local level	
Start and end date of the commitment (06/ 2016– 12/ 2018)	New commitment
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	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups
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Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	Legal regulation provides bodies and mechanisms (equal possibility commissions, commissions for relations of communities, consumer advice councils, local communities) to enable institutional consultation with relevant subjects about matters in the fields of

	<p>their competence, before issues are included in the Municipality Council agenda and during certain local policy creating. The bodies are mainly set up at the local level, but they function with a limited capacity and results that marginalize their role</p>
Main objective	<p>Improvement of the mechanism function in institutional consultation at the local level</p>
Brief description of commitment	<p>Analysis to detect reasons for the existing weaknesses and concrete instruments to be created for strengthened function of these bodies for institutional consultation</p>
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>Increased influence of the citizens in the policy creating and right protection of certain categories or groups of citizens, through their direct involvement</p>
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to Objective 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions” Target 16.7: Ensuring representative decision making at all levels, as a reaction to issues, based on involvement and participation of stakeholders and Objective 5 “Gender equality” Target 5.5: ensuring complete and effective women’s participation and equal possibilities for leadership at all decision making levels in political, economic and public living.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of the representative decision making at the local level through a direct participation and protection of rights of women, specific categories or groups of citizens.</p>
Relevance	<p>Improved function will ensure greater openness of these bodies towards the citizens and their interests, as well as institutional articulation of their interests towards the local authorities that are in charge of their</p>

	resolution, in a way most convenient to the citizens			
Ambition	Functional bodies and mechanisms for institutional consultation at the local level (equal possibility commissions, commissions for relations of communities, consumer advice councils, local communities) with a direct participation of citizens, to enable local authorities to prevent problems rather than work on their resolution			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
6.3.1 Preparation of equal possibilities action plans in 7 municipalities, created and implemented with civil society participation	<p>1. A Handbook for Gender Equality Improvement at Local Level has been drafted and the same will be published in March 2017.</p> <p>2. Programs for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men were prepared in 2017 for the municipalities of Chucher Sandevo, Saraj, Karposh, Gjorce Petrov. The programs are in line with the municipalities' needs and requirements via the Commissions for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men.</p> <p>3. According to the Strategy for Gender Equality Promotion in the Municipality of Gjorce Petrov, "Women's Action" prepared a ROB Analysis - Improvement of the water and sewage network in the municipality of Gjorce Petrov from a gender aspect. There was conduction of a survey on citizens from rural and urban part of the municipality of Gjorce Petrov.</p> <p>4. On November 28th, in the Secondary School ASUC, a workshop on the subject "Concept of equality and non-discrimination" was held for the final year students.</p> <p>5. A survey is under way to identify the needs of risk groups and identified victims of domestic violence from new specialized services for the prevention and</p>			

	protection against domestic violence. 50 people will be interviewed after consulting the Inter-municipal Center for Social Work in Skopje.
6.3.2. Development of model for including gender approach in the public involvement in local policy creating through protocols and checking lists, as well as special gender forms for identification of different priorities and needs of men and women.	Public inclusion model in local policies creation through protocols and checklists was developed, the same was tested in 10 municipalities and moderated into a guideline for municipal employees. Generic training for representatives of the municipalities working on public relations, in the mayor's office and as contact persons for equal opportunities, was developed and delivered by virtue of the guideline. Products: Protocol Guidelines; Checklists; Module for two-day generic training for local officials
6.3.3. Financial support for 6 municipalities that have accepted institutional mechanism for involvement and consultation with citizens through a grant scheme. (The support will be directed toward definition and implementation of a project in each of 6 municipalities, for social inclusion of marginalized citizen groups, in a way to integrate gender matters and issues connected with inter-ethnic cooperation and good government in general).	Launch of activity implementation is planned for December 2017.

6.4. Capacity strengthening for cooperation between the local self-government units and civil organizations	
Start and end date of the commitment (09/ 2016- 12/ 2017)	New commitment
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Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Most of the municipalities still do not have institutional mechanisms and tools for cooperation of the local self-government units (LSU) with civil organizations (COs). The result is insufficiently developed cooperation, particularly in fields of special interest with civil organizations – delivery of services of competence of municipalities by the CO.
Main objective		Establishment of mechanisms for cooperation between the LSU and CO, particularly in the part of service delivery to provide greater financial sustainability of the CO.
Brief description of commitment		Development of mechanisms and tools for transparent funds granting from the municipal budgets for financing CO's projects, design of grant schemes, capacity strengthening of LSU and CO for the funds realization and utilization and the process monitoring.
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment		Ensuring transparent budget funds granting to civil organizations, improvement of the financial sustainability of civil organization, providing more quality and more economical services for citizens in an innovative way.
Reference to the global objectives of		Reference to the Objective 16 "Peace, justice and strong institutions", Target 16:6: Development

sustainable development	of effective, accountable and transparent institution at all levels. The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability in public funds granting at the local level.			
Relevance	Transparent cooperation between the LSU and CO is a precondition for better management at the local level. Establishment of mechanisms and tools creating provide conditions for establishing a practice of institutionalized and predictable cooperation, and increased mutual confidence to encourage participatory and better quality public services.			
Ambition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established mechanism for granting funds to CO - Strengthened capacities of the local administration and civil organizations for institutional cooperation - Granting funds to CO - Delivery of certain social services of LSU competence to CO - Monitoring of the entire process by the CO 			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
6.4.1. Assessment of the existing mechanisms in the country at the level of the local self-government units for granting public finances to civil organizations, as well as concrete recommendations for their improvement based on experiences.	<p>These activities are foreseen with the European Commission's project: Regional Program on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans (ReLOaD). The project implementer is the UNDP office in Bosnia and Herzegovina and it will be implemented in 6 countries in the region (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Albania and Serbia). The holder of the project activities (partner-implementer) in the Republic of Macedonia will be the local UNDP office.</p> <p>However, despite the fact that this project was to</p>			

	<p>begin in the second half of 2016, due to the need for additional administrative harmonization among the implementing partners, the launch of the project was prolonged for the beginning of February 2017. In this context, the dynamics of some of the envisaged activities will suffer some shift.</p> <p>The implementation of the project started in February 2017. An ongoing analysis of the existing mechanisms and practices for financing Civil Society organizations at national and municipal level, as well as the legal framework for financing Civil Society organizations, is underway. Certain activities, such as selection of municipalities and strengthening the capacities of municipalities and Civil Society organizations are postponed for the end of the year due to the upcoming local elections.</p>
6.4.2. Designing a methodology and tools for financing civil organization from municipal budgets and monitoring of the funds realization.	Launch of activity implementation is planned for December 2017.
6.4.3. Designing of adapted grant schemes for each selected municipality	Launch of activity implementation is planned for 2018.
6.4.4. Capacity development of the local administration and CO in selected municipalities for the public appeal realization.	Launch of activity implementation is planned for 2018.
6.4.5. Ensuring social services by civil organizations	Launch of activity implementation is planned for 2018-2019.

6.5. Monitoring and evaluation of service quality at the local level	
Start and end date of the commitment (09/ 2016- 12/ 2017)	New commitment
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Other Actors Involved	Government, ministries, department/agency	MLS, LSU
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	UNDP, CO
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		There is still a lack of integrated and standardized measurement system for citizens' satisfaction with services provided by the local self-government units, as well as for monitoring results of service delivery. Taking into account the fact that monitoring and evaluation are the key factors depending on transparency, accountability and responsibility of local government institutions, creation of more direct and standardized feedback relations is one of the objectives in the new Program and Action Plan for sustainable local development and decentralization. Activities to be taken within this commitment will allow citizens to set their goals and priorities, and at the same time the civil sector can monitor success of municipalities in public services providing.
Main objective		Providing a functional and standardized measurement system of the "life quality" in all municipalities (focused on local services), quality monitoring in public service delivery, as

	well as getting continual insight in citizens' satisfaction with the local level services quality.
Brief description of commitment	Establishment of monitoring and evaluation system in all 81 local self-government units. Ensuring a continual insight in the local level services quality, through capacity strengthening of the civil sector. Conducting annual researches of the citizens' satisfaction level with services provided by the local self-government units.
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Continual and timely monitoring of life quality in all municipalities in the country through application of standardized indicators, monitoring of public service delivery by municipalities and getting real insight in citizens' satisfaction with local level services quality, in cooperation with the civil sector.
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	Reference to the Objective 16 "Peace, justice and strong institutions", Target 16:6: Development of effective, accountable and transparent institution at all levels. The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of local level institutions through a standardized service monitoring system and citizens' involvement.
Relevance	Establishment of a standardized life quality measurement system in all municipalities will contribute for getting a continual insight in quality of services provided by the local self-government units, and will strengthen monitoring role of municipal councils in municipal administration. On the other hand, measurement of citizens' perceptions of the local services quality will allow the citizens themselves to set their goal priorities (prioritized services), and to assess service

	delivery by the local self-government.			
Ambition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established functional and standardized life quality measurement system focused on local services in all municipalities in the country; - Created data base on the life quality in all 81 municipalities in the Republic of Macedonia; - Strengthened capacities of the civil sector for monitoring services provided by the local self-government; - Strengthened monitoring role of municipal councils in municipal administration delivering local level services. - Conducted annual researches of the citizens' satisfaction with the local level services quality. 			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
6.5.1. Definition of life quality indicators; data collecting in municipalities and data base creating for all municipalities	<p>These activities are foreseen with the IPA project: Supporting the consolidation of the local self-government system in its capacities to ensure inclusive governance and growth, which will be implemented by the local UNDP office in the Republic of Macedonia.</p> <p>However, despite the fact that this project was to begin in the second half of 2016, due to the need for further harmonization with the procedures and regulations of the European Union, the launch of the project was prolonged.</p> <p>The project has already been approved by the European Union in June 2017, which means that EU funding is provided. The initial phase of the project which will last 3 months is underway, and then the implementation phase continues for 27 months. The implementation of the planned activities according to the planned dynamics should begin in October 2017.</p>			

6.5.2. Capacity strengthening of all stakeholders (municipalities) for coordination, monitoring and evaluation of quality and efficacy in local service delivery.	The implementation is planned for the second half of 2017 and entire 2018.
6.5.3. Organization of trainings (4 workshops) aimed for the municipal administration bodies in charge of monitoring and evaluation, in order to improve their efficacy and knowledge.	The implementation is planned for the second half of 2017 and entire 2018.
6.5.4. Capacity strengthening of 30 CO and 3-4 NGO networks for conducting monitoring in municipalities' performance and transparency and accountability promotion in service providing.	The activity in the last phase of the project approval has been revised.
6.5.5. Implementation of two (2) annual researches of the citizens' satisfaction with the local level services quality	It is envisaged to make one annual report, one in 2018, and one in 2019.

6.6 Improvement of the local level social services	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2018)	New commitment
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		<p>PKG “13 Noemvri” – Municipality of Center</p> <p>PKG “Detska Radost” – Municipality of Gazi Baba</p> <p>PKG “Buba Mara” – Municipality of Aerodrom</p> <p>PKG “8 Mart” – Municipality of Kisela Voda</p> <p>Ministry of Labor and Social Policy</p>
	<p>Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations</p>	<p>Research and Policy Creating center, (CIKP)</p> <p>Sole Communication Network - DOOEL</p>
<p>Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment</p>		<p>Nonexistences of electronic system for communication between pre-school children care institutions (kindergartens) and parents as their services users. Also, kindergartens have not established internal communication electronic system with other clients, which generally reflects to their efficacy and service quality, as well as to their performance transparency and accountability.</p>
<p>Main objective</p>		<p>Developed platform and capacity building for communication and improvement of effectiveness and efficacy in service delivery by the kindergartens.</p>
<p>Brief description of commitment</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a tool (web, mobile and desktop application) containing the following elements: 2. Electronic network of all cooperative subjects with the kindergarten 3. Electronic communication and service delivery through electronic form application for enrolling kindergartens, daily menu publication, event organization, possibility for citizens to have a direct impact through their

	comments, suggestions and proposals on the kindergarten WEB site.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Increased civil involvement, new technologies application, service quality improvement .			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the Objective 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions”, Target 16:6: Development of effective, accountable and transparent institution at all levels.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute for improved efficacy, transparency and accountability of the local level institutions in the field of social services.</p>			
Relevance	Direct and active parents’ involvement in the children care process, improved transparency and accountability of the kindergarten for confidence increase.			
Ambition	Direct involvement of citizens in creating and using services provided by kindergartens through establishing electronic communication.			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
6.6.1. Creation of a dynamic web platform, development of a mobile and desktop communication application	<p>The product titled 'SOLENET' is in the advanced phase of work. Due to the change of ownership structure, the production is delayed by about 6 months, and due to this the start of the next phases will be delayed for about 6 months. In the meantime, another three kindergartens showed interest in engaging in the implementation of the project.</p> <p>Currently, this stage provided an assessment of kindergartens’ requirements. A solution is currently required ил ордер to provide the necessary financial resources for server provision and for three trainers. Unless funds are provided from a donor, the funds are to be provided by</p>			

	kindergartens that are interested in the project.
6.6.2. Training and raising awareness of employees	The training will be conducted right after the financial resources are provided.
6.6.3. Platform implementation in a real environment	The implementation is planned for 2017-2018.
6.6.4. Evaluation and implementation	The implementation is planned for the end of 2018.

6.7 Improvement of disabled people social inclusion at the local level	
Start and end date of the commitment (09/ 2016– 12/ 2017)	New commitment
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Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	According to the Law on Local Self-government in RM, any municipality is obliged to provide citizens with an access to basic information on services they provide. Disabled people face with a different kinds of

	<p>barriers in their everyday activities: entering and using public facilities, public transportation, service using.</p> <p>Web sites of municipalities are not modulated for disabled people's use (defective vision).</p> <p>Municipalities do not have appointed contact persons for disabled people to ensure easier exercise of their rights and resolution of issues in direct communication with the local administration and local government.</p>
Main objective	Easier access for disabled people to information and services delivered by municipalities
Brief description of commitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modulation of the municipalities' websites in order to provide unhindered access to information for disabled people (defective vision). 2. Appointment of a trained person for communication with disabled persons in all municipalities.
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Increased social inclusion of disabled people at the local level.
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the Objective 1 "All forms of poverty prevention", Target 1.3: Implementation of adequate national social protection systems and all inclusion measures to achieve a sustainable coverage of poor and vulnerable people by 2030.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment will improve inclusion of disabled people at the local level as a vulnerable group of people.</p>
Relevance	By the website modulating and appointing a trained person for communication with disabled people, each municipality will provide more information, easier access,

	efficient and more quality service delivery for disabled users, increased participation and inclusion in local level policy creating, as well as increased confidence in institutions with disabled citizens.			
Ambition	Ensured access to information and services for disabled people in all municipalities in the Republic of Macedonia.			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
<i>6.7.1. Assessment of the needs of citizens with visual impairments</i>	Consultative workshops were conducted in Bitola, with participation by representatives from municipalities and civil organizations, thus making assessment of all the requirements.			
<i>6.7.2. Opening an INFO center for municipalities from 3 planning regions</i>	There is a procedure for providing space, with support of local self-government.			
<i>6.7.3. Providing an adequate electronic manner of informing the citizens with visual impairments in the Info Center. Adjusting the municipalities' WEB pages. Preparation of additional information materials.</i>	At the same time, preparations are underway to provide technical requirements by UNDP.			

6.8. Improvement of utilities at local level

Ministry of Local Self Government informs that this commitment is omitted in accordance with the notification by the Association for Sustainable Development that they failed to secure the funds they expected from the German Society for Technical Cooperation GIZ and are unable to fulfill the activity.

6.9 More information for the citizens on the Ombudsman institution		
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 7/ 2017)	New commitment	
Lead implementing agency	The Ministry of Local Self-Government	
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Other Actors Involved	Government, ministries, department/agency	Ombudsman
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	CO for citizens' rights protection
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	The Ombudsman institution was established in 1997, with the adoption of the Law on Ombudsman. However, citizens are not sufficiently familiar with its competences and role in their rights protection, particularly in smaller and rural municipalities.	
Main objective	Easier access for the citizens to the Ombudsman institution	
Brief description of commitment	Each municipality should post on its website clearly visible link to the Ombudsman's website.	
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Application of innovative ways and new technologies for easier citizens' access to the Ombudsman institution, for their rights	

	protection in front of the central and local government bodies.			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Reference to the Objective 16 “Peace, justice and strong institutions”, Target 16.6: Development of effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.</p> <p>The measures of this commitment will contribute for improvement of efficacy and transparency of the local institution in the field of human rights protection.</p>			
Relevance	<p>Posting of the link to the Ombudsman will increase the level of information on the Ombudsman institution existence, as well as the citizens’ awareness of the possibility for their rights protection in front of the central and local government bodies. In this way, citizens will be informed about the manner of its operation, as well as about the possibility for submitting complaints via e-mail.</p>			
Ambition	<p>Information for the citizens on the possibility for their rights protection in case of a right violation by the municipal bodies.</p>			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			

6.9.1. Posting a link to the Ombudsman's website on the websites of the municipalities

- Report submitted to Local self-government units NPR 03-560 / 3 as of October 10, 2016.

- Monitoring the activities of Local self-government units.

- Municipalities that did not submit a link to the Ombudsman's website until 28.12.2016:

- Aracinovo, Bogovinje, Brvenica, Vevcani, Gazi Baba, Debarca, Demir Kapija, Demir Hisar, Dojran, Dolneni, Gorche Petrov, Zelenikovo, Ilinden, Jegunovce, Karposh, Konche, Lipkovo, Lozovo, Mogila, Petrovec, Plasnica, Prilep, Radovish, Rankovce, Rosoman, Saray, Sveti Nikole, Sopishte, Staro Nagorichane, Studenicani, Tetovo, Center, Center Zupa, Chair, Cheshinovo and Obleshevo, Chucher Sandevo and Shuto Orizari.

Due to the necessity of the requirement, the activity will be continued until the end of 2018, with a recommendation that at the same time, the same should be implemented by state institutions and bodies.

7. PUBLIC SERVICES

7.1 Favorable legal environment for social contracts

Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 6/ 2017)	New commitment
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Other Actors	State administration Ministry of Local Self-Government

Involved	bodies, independent state administration bodies	Eli Chakar, State Adviser, elicakar@gmail.com Local self-government units
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	SOS Children's Village Macedonia Zoran Bogdanovski zoran.bogdanovski@sos.org.mk ; 070 260 957
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		<p>According to the existing legal regulation, different subjects can offer social services to the community, however, this process has not been developed enough yet. Basically all social services are provided from the central level. In order to improve services for the citizens, more factors need to appear as social service providers, including CO. This model has been practiced in many countries with a developed civil sector, with ensured cooperation with CO, sustainability of CO, as well as service providing in a more efficient way, without any additional binding to human resources. Social entrepreneurship concept in the Republic of Macedonia has not been adequately regulated within the legal system, though some laws and policies provide provisions as a support to future development of the social entrepreneurship. The Law on Civil Associations and Foundations regulates possibilities for the non-government organizations to have business activities, but there is a little exploitation of these opportunities. Many of the non-government organizations possess limited resources and/or face with a donator dependence, which diminishes the possibility for their long-term sustainability.</p>
Main objective		Improve social services to citizens in Macedonia pursuant to their needs by creating a favorable legal environment for social contracts, and improvement of national legislation and policies

	<p>by developing mechanisms for social contracts in the field of social protection in the country. Further objective of this measure is to help create an appropriate environment for social entrepreneurship in civil society organizations (CSOs) and to improve their sustainability, financial viability and social impact.</p>
Brief description of commitment	<p>Creating and improving conditions for social services delivery by creating a model for social contracts in the field of child protection and social services. Solving social problems through creative solutions based on business logic and delivered by non-profit organizations.</p>
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>The introduction of this model provides an innovative approach to improve social services quality delivery by involving CSOs, expanding the scope of social services for marginalized groups, as well as greater financial sustainability of CSOs. On the other hand this measure is improving and facilitating citizens' access to social services and their sustainability.</p>
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>SDG 1 “End poverty in all its forms“ , Target 1.3: To implement national social protection systems and measures to include all and achieve sustainable inclusion of the poor and marginalized until 2030.</p> <p>These measures will improve social services to citizens by improving national legislation.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Relevance</p>	<p>Creation of mechanisms for social services delivery by CSOs will increase trust and cooperation between government institutions and civil society, and contribute to greater use of the possibility for delegating functions / responsibilities and improve the quality of services to citizens.</p> <p>The introduction of this model will improve the capacity of the social security system, involving different stakeholders in the delivery of services, which will directly lead to greater competitiveness and quality in accordance with the specific needs of citizens' social protection.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ambition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elaborated document (action plan) with procedures for effective implementation of social contracts for the upcoming 3 years; - Proposals to improve the legal framework for social protection in the country, in accordance with relevant international standards and regulations, which allows the conclusion of social contracts in the field of social protection; - Preparation of draft bylaws on standards for social services, the proposed procedures for the regulation of social contracts in the field of social protection, as well as establishing conditions and procedure for selection of other social services providers. - Promotion of social contract as a model for improving the social services quality and sustainability of civil society in Macedonia and strengthening inter-sectorial collaboration. - Strengthened capacities of 100 CSO representatives, central and local government, institutions and businesses by training for successful implementation of the model of social contracts in the field of social

	<p>protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing business activities and strengthen the social impact of 10 CSOs by regrant of creative solutions to solve social problems - Improved environment for social entrepreneurship 			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
7.1.1. Develop draft standards for social services delivery by civil society organizations and increase public awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducted comparative analysis of the implementation of social agreements in the region and in Europe, as well as analysis of the legal framework in Macedonia and the conditions for developing and implementing a model for social agreements - Drafted report with findings and recommendations resulting from the comparative analysis 			
7.1.2. Develop a draft model for Social agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of the results report and the recommendations from the comparative analysis (before the members of the Multipartite Board and the public professionals at national level - 30 representatives from the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, UNICEF, Institute for Social Activities, Social Work Center, Institute for Social Work and Policy, Civil Society Organizations in the field of social activity, etc.) - Regional promotion of the results report and the recommendations from the comparative analysis (regionally in six cities in Macedonia - Bitola, Strumica, Tetovo, Ohrid, Veles and Stip, participation of 80 representatives from the municipal social work centers, municipal sectors for social activities and Civil Society Organizations in the field of social activity, etc.) 			
7.1.3 Proposal for improving the selection process and granting permission for social services delivery to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established working group of experts (2 national and 2 international) for preparation of draft documents for developing a model of social contracts (developed conditions for the public call, announced 			

<p>civil society organizations</p>	<p>public call, implemented selection process, conducted meetings for introducing the work with the selected experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developed draft proposal on standards for delivery of social services -Presented and discussed draft document on standards for delivery of social services at a two-day national conference with participation of international and national experts, representatives of donors, institutions and organizations in the field of social protection and public policies, 6 regional public debates in 6 cities in Macedonia and with the Multipartite Board (advisory, expert body on the project)
<p>7.1.4. Developing financial mechanisms for granting start-up grants to 10 NGOs for business ideas solving social problems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established working group of experts (2 national and 2 international) for preparation of draft documents for developing a model of social contracts (developed conditions for the public call, announced public call, implemented selection process, conducted meetings for introducing the work with the selected experts - Developed draft public policy document on social services - Developed document on legal issues regarding the implementation of the model of social agreements in Macedonia - Presented and discussed draft documents on public policies and legal issues for successful implementation of the model of social agreements at a two-day national conference, with participation of international and national experts, representatives of donors, institutions and organizations in the area of social protection and public policies, 6 Regional public debates in 6 cities in Macedonia and the Multipartite Board (advisory, expert body on the project).
<p>7.1.5. Promote social entrepreneurship and creative solutions to solve social problems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established working group of experts (2 national and 2 international) for preparation of draft documents for developing a model of social contracts (developed conditions for the public call, announced

	<p>public call, implemented selection process, conducted meetings for introducing the work with the selected experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developed draft document on procedures for licensing and issuing social services contracts - Presented and discussed draft document on procedures for licensing and awarding social services delivery contracts, on a two-day national conference, 6 regional public debates in 6 cities in Macedonia and with the Multipartite Board (advisory, expert body on the project)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoted draft-model of Social Agreements. Organized two-day National Conference for promotion of draft model for social agreements, attended by about 150 representatives, among which were the Minister of Labor and Social Policy, representatives of EU Delegation, UNICEF, GIZ, MLSP, SOS Children's Villages from Bulgaria, Finland, Armenia, Kosovo, experts from Netherlands, Save the children, Institute for Social Activities, Centers for Social Work, Institute for Social Work and Politics, as well as representatives of local self-government and civil organizations, etc. - Submitting/handing over the drafted documents within the framework of the draft model of Social Agreements to the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy. Regional promotion of the social agreements model - 6 meetings were held in 6 towns in Macedonia (Bitola, Strumica, Veles, Tetovo, Stip, Ohrid) covering the surrounding municipalities, attended by about 100 representatives from the Centers for Social Work, ULSG and CSOs . - Meeting of the Multiparty Board (advisory, expert body on the project) for promotion and discussion regarding the developed documents within the framework of the draft model of Social Agreements.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submitting/handing over the drafted documents within the framework of the draft model of Social Agreements to the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy. After the model was promoted and discussed at several public debates with various stakeholders, it was finalized and on 18 May 2017, the same was submitted for consideration and adoption to the

	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy.
	<i>Policy Impact Assessment.</i> In addition, outside the project activities, supported by UNICEF, SOS Children's Village Macedonia realized the RIA - Regulatory Impact Assessment, which will contribute to additional support for the implementation of the proposed social agreement model for providing social services.
	<i>Cost and Benefit Analysis.</i> In addition, outside the project activities, supported by UNICEF, SOS Children's Village Macedonia realized CBA (Cost Benefit Analysis), which will provide insight into the costs and benefits of introduction and implementation of the proposed social agreement model for providing social services.
<i>7.1.6 Establishing business activities and strengthening the social impact of 10 Civil Society Organizations through re-granting of creative solutions for solving social problems</i>	Implemented program for strengthening the capacities of over 20 Civil Society Organizations for social entrepreneurship (business planning, marketing, branding) in the period from December 2016 to May 2017. On June 22, 2017, 10 start-up grants in the amount of 6,000 euros were granted to 10 CSOs to start their own social business. They are linked to 10 major companies that will be their mentors in the next 18 months and will support them in the implementation of the grants and the development of social entrepreneurship.

8. CLIMATE CHANGES	
8.1 Developing climate policies at national level in a transparent and participatory manner	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016- 1/ 2018)	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning
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Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	National Committee on Climate Change Ministry of Economy Ministry of Transport and Communications Ministry of Finance Secretariat of European Affairs Government of Macedonia - Sector for Economic Policies Structural Reforms and Investments
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts Chamber of Commerce NGOs / CSOs Donors / projects implemented in the area of climate change
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Although existing national plans and other national reports on climate change were made in a transparent and participatory manner, there is a need for additional efforts present this issue to wider groups in order to achieve a higher degree of sense of mutual ownership over the results. This will enable a greater implementation of the measures envisaged in the documents.
Main objective		Transparent and participatory development of climate policy at national level
Brief description of commitment		Elaboration of Second bi-annual audited report on climate change through participation of all relevant parties in working groups, public debates and other forms of consultation.

<p>OPG challenge addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>Providing a wide consultative process in the preparation of a strategic document on climate change, which is also submitted to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)</p>			
<p>Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development</p>	<p>About Target 16,, Peace, Justice and strong institutions, "Target 16.7: Ensure inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making process at all levels and Target 13,, Climate Action" Target 13.2: Integrating measures for climate changes in national policies, strategies and planning</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute to harmonization of national policies with climate change measures and better decision-making by policy makers based on consultation with stakeholders.</p>			
<p>Relevance</p>	<p>Greater transparency in the process shall enable more informed decision making process on sectorial and local policies.</p>			
<p>Ambition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will provide a better environment for climate policy development; - Will strengthen existing and create new cooperation mechanisms; - Will ensure availability and possibility of involvement of all relevant parties in the preparation of national documents on climate change to international bodies in order to cover state's obligations to UNFCCC and EU. 			
<p>Commitment's implementation status</p>	<p>unstarted</p>	<p>limited</p>	<p>significant</p>	<p>finished</p>
<p>Milestone</p>	<p>Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement</p>			

<p>8.1.1. Organize at least three consultative workshops with stakeholders to prepare the second bi-annual audited report on climate change</p>	<p>Organized one workshop for consultative detailing of project activities.</p> <p>The remaining planned workshops, the finalization of the GHG inventory and the assessment of the potential for climate change mitigation were postponed for 2017, after establishment of the new Government.</p> <p>Organized workshops in a wide consultative process with all stakeholders on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailing the project's activities • finalizing the GHG inventory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the potential for climate change mitigation
<p>8.1.2. Prepare innovative information materials regarding state's efforts in terms of the Treaty of Paris and the possible national action measures</p>	<p>Within the framework of the project "Second National Communication on Climate Change", the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning and the United Nations Development Program have implemented a series of activities related to the preparation of innovative materials for the state's commitment regarding climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared detailed report on the National Perspectives on Climate Change in Paris "National Climate Change Notification Obligations and Synergies to the UNFCCC and the EU", which presented the achievements of the international climate change processes and the respective contributions of the state, but also reviews the national Obligations for reporting on climate change, taking into account the status of the Republic of Macedonia as a candidate country for EU membership. • Preparation and distribution of the first e-journal on climate change • Preparation and distribution of survey aimed at assessment of the public opinion on climate change, filling out an e-questionnaire entitled "Are you concerned about climate change?" The aim of this research is to show whether awareness and preparedness to respond to the climate challenges that have lately become more and more high has been changed. Comparative analysis of the results will help further targeted

	<p>approach to the communication and active participation of the civil and public sector, as well as progress of the Republic of Macedonia in fulfilling the commitments concerning climate change (the international community/Paris Agreement UNCFCC). The results of the survey's analysis will be ready in January 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared report on the progress of implementation of the Communication on Climate Change (2013) for the period 2013-2016, as well as preparation of a short-term action plan for communication on climate change for the period 2017-2020. • With the support of UNDP and the Center for Innovation of the City of Skopje, the first comprehensive survey on heating methods in Skopje was conducted for a large number of respondents. There are 5,044 households in all 17 urban and rural municipalities in Skopje valley. This example is representative and allows analyzes of data at municipal level, or even settlement. The survey was carried out in January 2017, by professional surveyors, using the Mobile tool Placeformer. This innovative tool enables collection of data from a large group of citizens in a short period of time and geographically labeled information that can be used to design policies and measures at local and micro level, but also at regional and national level. On the basis of the obtained data, there was an update of the potential for mitigation of climate change and preparation of a Study on Heating methods in Skopje - STUGRES with the analysis of policies and measures, which gives specific recommendations for making informed decisions and policies.
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8.2 Open data on climate change at national and local level	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016- 1/ 2018)	New commitment
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		Planning
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Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	National Hydro meteorological Service National Committee on Climate Change State Statistical Office Administration HMS Local Self-Government
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts Academic community
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Existing database - GHG inventory will be updated with new data every 2 years. Locally, prepared inventories of greenhouse gas emissions by 8 municipalities in the preparatory phase are inventory for Skopje (which covers all 11 municipalities in Skopje) This measure will contribute to constant upgrade of this data, as well as understanding and easily accessibility in one place - portal www.klimatskipromeni.mk .
Main objective		More transparent and participatory

	development of climate policy at national level			
Brief description of commitment	Improvement of information quality regarding climate changes and its review			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Providing open access to national databases on amounts and sources of greenhouse gas emissions at national and local level; information and data on climate change effects including relevant climate scenarios; information and data on climate change mitigation.			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Target 13:., Climate Action "Target 13.2: Integrating measures on climate change into national policies, strategies and planning</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute to the harmonization of national policies with climate change measures and better decision-making by policy makers based on consultation with stakeholders</p>			
Relevance	Data on climate change should be available in one place, be in a form that is understandable to general public and will enable greater citizen participation in policy making as well as open up opportunities for transfer and application of new technologies and innovations.			
Ambition	<p>-will provide improved systems for collecting relevant data;</p> <p>-Will improve quality of the collection and analysis of data;</p> <p>-Will strengthen national capacity to address climate change;</p> <p>-Will improve the quality of reporting to the UNFCCC and the EU;</p>			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished

Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement
8.2.1 Revision of national inventory of greenhouse gas emissions by supplementing the data series (1990-2012) with 2013 and 2014.	The National Greenhouse Gas Inventory has been amended and supplemented by 2014.
8.2.2 Improving the quality of national GHG inventory	The quality of the national inventory has been greatly improved, to the extent permitted by the data collected at national level. There are a number of recommendations, as well as a missing data table and proposed institutions that are most appropriate to collect the data in order to improve the quality of inventories.
8.2.3 Providing free access to national inventory of greenhouse gases	The National Greenhouse Gas inventory is open to public and presented in a visually interesting way on http://www.unfccc.org.mk/Default.aspx?LCID=244 . The database can be searched for gas / sector / subsector / year, and the information is visible in dynamic charts. They can be exported to excel / photo or printed.
8.2.4 Strengthening the capacity of relevant parties in order to ensure regular collection of data related to climate change and their sharing	<p>During the updating of the GHG inventory, there was a continuous strengthening of the capacities of the relevant institutions and data collection and preparation of the inventories themselves, especially for the inventory in the forestry sector and land change. Two juniors were trained in MANU for preparation of inventories, and working meetings with relevant institutions (State Statistical Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, etc.) were held in relation to the collection of more detailed data.</p> <p>The Corine base was used for the first time in order to find alternative ways to prepare a more detailed GHG inventory for the agriculture, forestry and land use change. This has strengthened the national capacities for these sectors.</p>
8.2.5 Providing free access to GHG inventory at local level in 8 municipalities and the City of Skopje	Free access available at www.klimatskipromeni.mk

8.3. Ensuring private sector accountability and involvement in national climate change action

Start and end date of the commitment (07/ 2016– 1/ 2018)		New commitment
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Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	National Committee on Climate Change Government of RM
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts Chamber of Commerce NGOs / CSOs Donors / projects implemented in the area of climate change
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning collects information from industry in writing through several types of questionnaires regarding different segments related to environmental pollution. EMI software for monitoring emissions from industry is prepared with support by United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Global Environmental Facility-GEF, but start of the requests adjustment of bylaws documents.

Main objective	Measures to ensure accountability and involvement of private sector in national climate change action.			
Brief description of commitment	Improving the legal framework concerning private sector and climate change.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Establishing appropriate legal and regulatory framework from the private sector for delivery of data relevant to climate change.			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>Target 13,, Climate Action "Target: 13.3 Improving education, raising awareness, human and institutional capacities for climate change mitigation, adaptation, reducing the impact and early warning</p> <p>The measures of this commitment contribute to raising awareness, responsibility and involvement in national climate change action.</p>			
Relevance	This measure will connect all information the Ministry requires from the industry in electronic form; it will facilitate reporting and improve quality of collected data related to air pollution and climate change.			
Ambition	<p>Will improve reporting, monitoring and verification of data which the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning requires from industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will strengthen cooperation with private sector - Will provide support for reporting to UNFCCC and EU 			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
8.3.1. Preparation of guidelines for software for emission monitoring from industry Emission Monitoring from Industry sector (EMI) software upgraded	<p>The draft version of the rulebooks is ready. The status of this activity is related to the drafting and adoption of a new Law on Climate Action.</p> <p>To this end, manuals (not rulebooks) have been prepared for application of this software, which is required to be set up on a ministry's server.</p>			