

COUNCIL OF EUROPE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN SKOPJE

2024 AT A GLANCE

Working with national authorities, representatives of civil society and other partners, the Office is mainly implementing key European Union and Council of Europe joint programmes focusing on judicial reform, fight against economic crime, protecting the rights of vulnerable groups as well as improving the application of the European standards in the field of freedom of expression. The Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje was established in 2012.

KEY FIGURES

AS OF 1 JANUARY 2025



17 STAFF MEMBERS

- 2 Core Staff
- 15 Project Staff



COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS: 7

- 1 project funded through voluntary contributions
- 6 actions as part of the EU/Council of Europe Horizontal Facility programme



REGIONAL PROJECTS: 11



IN FOCUS: EU / COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROGRAMME

- Strengthening justice
- Fight against corruption
- Combating discrimination
- Freedom of expression
- Expertise co-ordination mechanism



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



More efficient appointment of ex officio lawyers providing free legal aid

The Council of Europe handed over the software for appointment of ex officio lawyers to the Bar Association, enhancing the efficiency, transparency, and non-discrimination in the appointment of lawyers providing legal aid in criminal proceedings.

Curbing ill-treatment in penitentiaries

Experienced Council of Europe consultants delivered the training on effective investigation of potential ill-treatment in prisons to the External Oversight Mechanism stakeholders.



Illegally obtained assets tackled

With support of the Council of Europe, North Macedonia for the first time passed a Law on Confiscation of Property in Civil Procedure (non-conviction based confiscation).

Stereotypes and prejudices towards LGBTI persons addressed

The Council of Europe contributed to the organisation of the Skopje Pride with the view to countering hate speech towards LGBTI persons, providing counter-narratives on the existing stereotypes and prejudices.



Better access to official documents

North Macedonia ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (Tromsø Convention).

Improved healthcare for Roma community

The Council of Europe actively empowered the Roma community with tailored information sessions and services of mobile gynaecological clinics, ensuring free healthcare access for women and girls.



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