

Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje



KEY FIGURES

19 STAFF MEMBERS

2 Core staff

17 Project staff

7 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS

6 actions as part of the EU/Council of Europe Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Türkiye

1 project funded through voluntary contributions

10 REGIONAL PROJECTS

The Council of Europe work in North Macedonia enables the country to meet its reform agenda in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy and to comply with European standards. Both also represent priorities for the EU enlargement process. The Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje was established in 2012, covering a variety of co-operation projects.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Decreasing discrimination and hate speech

Acquainting youth with the concepts of antidiscrimination, anti-gypsyism and combating hate speech.

More competent prison staff

Regular induction and continuous capacity-building for the penitentiary staff set through the New Prison Training Strategy and Programme.

Fighting gender-based violence in the field of protection of freedom of expression

Enhanced capacities of media professionals when it comes to professional reporting on gender-based violence.

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Better treatment for victims of trafficking

Increased knowledge of health professionals in contact with potential victims of trafficking in particular for proactive identification and referral.

Increased capacity to fight against economic crime

Better institutional capacities of staff from the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption on matters related to financial crimes, with a particular focus on money laundering vulnerabilities.

Enhanced awareness about free legal aid

Promotional activities concerning the Law on Free Legal Aid reached more than 120 000 rights-holders.

HIGHLIGHT

The action "Combating Hatred and Intolerance" supported an initiative of the Ministry for Labour and Social Policy, namely a caravan with open-air events called "Leave a Mark", aiming to reach out to people, especially youth, and provoke discussions about gender equality and the fight against hate speech and discrimination, including personal experience in overcoming barriers and contributing sustainable change in society.

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