



Republic of Macedonia

Ministry of Information Society and Administration

INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN 2016-2018
FINAL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT

Skopje, November 2018

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Starting from 2011, the Republic of Macedonia has been part of the global Open Government Partnership Initiative (OVP), an international platform within which Governments and civil society organizations are committed to governments that are more open and accountable to citizens. In compliance with the commitment resulting from this initiative for preparation of the two-year Action Plans, in June 2012 the Government of the Republic of Macedonia adopted the first and in May 2014 the second Open Government Partnership Action Plan.

The achievements of these two Action plans and the five SMART recommendations by the independent reporting mechanism, has provided the basis for developing the priorities and achievements for the period 2016-2018, covered in the Third Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018. The Action Plan focused on eight priority areas: participatory policy making, open data, freedom of information, prevention of corruption and promotion of good governance, efficient management of public resources (fiscal transparency), openness at local level, public services and climate change.

The established system for organization of implementation and implementation supervision of the commitments with the Second Action Plan has continued in the Open Government Partnership Action Plan 2016-2018, with the establishment of working groups with representatives from all relevant institutions and representatives from civil society organizations in the respective areas (i.e. separate subgroup for each priority).

By implementing the commitments defined in the Third National Open Government Partnership Action Plan 2016-2018, progress has been achieved in the areas that contribute to the implementation of the Open Government Partnership basic principles. A number of activities have been developed in order to promote government transparency, improve the effectiveness of institutional mechanisms for public participation, greater citizen participation and inclusion in the decision-making process, budget transparency, data management and record keeping in state and public institutions, as well as rise of standards for integrity and greater access to technology for all citizens of the Republic of Macedonia.

2. NATIONAL ACTION PLAN DRAFTING PROCESS

In line with the Open Government Partnership Initiative, during the preparation process of the action plan, it is necessary to actively include all stakeholders in defining the priority objectives and commitments and the implementation of the achievements and their monitoring, through the establishment of a working group with nominated civil society representatives and representatives of all institutions holders of specific commitments as coordinators, in order to demonstrate a fully coordinated approach towards the implementation of the achievements under the Open Government Partnership Initiative.

The monitoring process of the action plan implementation is carried out by the ministry assigned as a coordinator of the initiative, which is obliged to submit regular reports at international

level and to provide a wide and public consultation process in accordance with the guidelines for all member states of this global initiative.

Hence, the Ministry of Information Society and Administration led the coordination process for the preparation of the Third Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018 with nominated representatives of all institutions, holders of specific commitments, as well as civil society representatives, in accordance with the requirements and guidelines by international rules under the global Open Government Partnership Initiative.

2.1 Consultations during the action plan preparation process

In accordance with the established timeframe, the consultation process for the preparation of the Open Government Partnership Action Plan 2016-2018 has lasted four months. The process has started by conducting a survey through an online questionnaire in order to assess the awareness of civil society organizations regarding OGP and their interest for participation in the creation process of a new AP. Three thematic workshops were also held in order to identify proposals for which civil society has made commitments to include them in the Action Plan and two public events that have created an opportunity for discussion between CSOs and government institutions for co-creating draft measures for the third action plan. The process for defining the final draft measures was carried out through thematic working meetings between representatives of civil society organizations and government institutions, that have provided their proposals, as well as by submitting comments and remarks on the published draft versions of the action plan on MISA's website and the e-democracy portal¹.

As a result of this wide consultative process with direct involvement of 489 representatives from government, civil and private sectors and academic institutions, the third Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018 was prepared and the same is defining 100 achievements, 34 commitments elaborated in 8 priority areas. After the adoption, in June 2016, the Ministry of Information Society and Administration has delivered the Action Plan in English to the Open Government Partnership International in Washington DC and the same was published on opengovpartnership.org.

2.2 Consultations during the action plan implementation process

A working group with all stakeholders on the separate priority areas: participatory policy creation, open data, freedom of information, prevention of corruption and promotion of good governance, efficient management of public resources (fiscal transparency), openness at local level, public services and climate change, was established for the implementation of the Open Government Partnership Action Plan 2016-2018. Each working group was composed of coordinator, deputy coordinator and members (representatives from relevant institutions and civil sector representatives) who contributed to the implementation of the action plan's measures. The working groups were in charge of the work and dynamics of the meetings, while meetings for the preparation of quarterly reports and undertaking of ongoing activities were regularly held at the level of working group coordinators. During the implementation of the action plan measures, in addition to the working meetings at the level of working groups according to priorities, the consultation was carried out by e-

¹ At the moment, the portal is not functional due to integration with another system. The data can be found on <http://mioa.gov.mk/?q=mk/documents/open-government-partnership>

mail, and a focus point for insight and comments was provided on the e-democracy portal. In the period June 2016 - June 2018, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia prepared and laid down 4 reports on the Open Government Partnership Action Plan 2016-2018 implementation progress.

2.3 Linking the Open Government Partnership to Sustainable Development Goals

Within Republic of Macedonia's commitments for achieving sustainable development goals, as well as the acceptance of the "Joint Declaration on Open Government for Implementation of Sustainable Development Agenda by 2030", during the preparation of this Action Plan, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia has made a pioneering effort decision for integrating the sustainable development principles into the Open Government Agenda.

During the consultations organized in the period February-May 2016, the sustainable development goals were explained and emphasized, and the participants were encouraged to think and propose how the Open Government Partnership Action Plan measures can be relevant and in line with the Sustainable Development Agenda.

The integration of the development goals in the Open Government Partnership has been done in compliance with the existing globally defined development goals and indicators, as the process of localization of the sustainable development goals for Macedonia is currently underway. Identifying the links between the Open Government Partnership measures and the global development goals achieved during this process is a major step forward in the promotion of sustainable development goals in the Republic of Macedonia, and the process itself and the outcome thereof will be taken into account in the further steps of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for localizing global development goals in other national policies.

3. IRM RECOMENDATIONS

Based on the challenges and findings set out in the second Progress Report for the Republic of Macedonia, drafted within the framework of the independent reporting mechanism, during the preparation of the Open Government Partnership Action Plan 2016-2018, the following main recommendations were taken into account:

- In the process of preparation and development of commitments for the third national action plan, special attention has been paid to include transformative, realistic and measurable accomplishments achievable for a period of two years. During the working meetings for creating the draft achievements, the representatives from civil society organizations and government institutions focused on defining and prioritizing proposal achievements in accordance with the problems identified in the previous action plans and the recommendations and criteria of the independent reporting mechanism.
- Consultations within and outside the Government, including wide consultations with ministries and other state administration bodies, as well as consultation with the general public, civil society organizations, academia and the private sector, had a central point during the drafting of this Action Plan, by means of organizing a large number of thematic workshops, public events, working meetings and publication of draft versions of the AP on MISA's website and the e-democracy portal.
- In compliance with the identified potential transformative priorities, the third Action Plan covers commitments that refer to:

- ✓ Budget transparency, including the transparency of public spending (commitment 5.1. Open Budget Initiative 5.3 Creating a legal obligation for contracting authorities to compulsorily publish information on procedures and public procurement contracts on their websites)
- ✓ Quality of data management and keeping records in state and public institutions (commitment 2.1 Creation of open data standards)
- ✓ Improving the effectiveness of the institutional mechanism for public inclusion (achievement (achieving 1.2.1 Establishing an advisory body for promotion of cooperation, dialogue and encouraging development of civil society sector composed of representatives of the Government, state administration bodies and CSOs)
- ✓ Protective measures to facilitate the right to free expression, freedom of the media and the right to assemble (commitment 4.1. Implementation of the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers and Strengthening Whistleblowing Awareness).

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL ACTION PLAN COMMITMENTS

Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018 defines 100 achievements, 34 commitments elaborated in 8 priority areas. Due to omission of the commitment 6.8 "Improvement of utility services at local level" in the report regarding the status-quo of implementation of the Action Plan, a total of 33 commitments were monitored, out of which 13 have been completed, 14 have a significant level of implementation, 5 have limited level and 1 commitment has not been started yet.

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

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

PRIORITY/COMMITMENT	LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATIO	END DATE
---------------------	------------------------	----------

	N				
	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 LEVEL					
6.1. Developing transparency and open data standards at local level					06/2017
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					12/2019
6.5. Monitoring and evaluation of service quality at local level					12/2019
6.6. Improving social services at local level					06/2018
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
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Information Society and Administration
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Gordana Gapikj Dimitrovska Marina Shaf-Radeska
Title, Department	Head of Unit for legislation assessment, publication and supervision management Regulatory Reform Sector Junior Associate in the Unit for legislation assessment, publication and supervision management Regulatory Reform Sector
Email	gordana.dimitrovska@mioa.gov.mk marina.shaf@mioa.gov.mk
Phone	+389 3200 944 +389 3200 919
Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and
	MISA, GS of the GRM, CRM, ministries
	Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCMS), Center for Research and Policy making, (CRPM), UNDP

	foundations	
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 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

<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. 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 of the Government on determined law proposals, made decisions and other measures - Publication of basic data on civil organizations and business subjects on the website of the Central Register of RM 			
<p>Comitment'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>1.1.1 Developing methodology for monitoring, collection and processing of data for conducted consultations in the preparation of draft laws by ministries</p>	<p>Draft Guidelines for evaluation of the consultation processes with stakeholders in the preparation of draft laws were prepared, 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</p>			

	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.
1.1.2 Preparation and publication of Annual Report on conducted consultations in the preparation of draft laws by ministries	According to the guidelines for consultation process assessment with stakeholders during the preparation of draft laws through separate qualitative and quantitative analyzes of the conducted consultations, there should be preparation of a summary annual report on the consultation process for each draft law by state administration bodies, which will cover information on the relevance of the consultations and the performance of the relevant state administration bodies in this process. This will be enabled through ENER. The first report is expected to be published in 2019 with an analysis for 2018.
1.1.3. External monitoring of the Unique National Electronic Registry of Regulations (ENER) - Results published and widely distributed to decision-makers	Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC) has continued monitoring the publication of draft laws on ENER in 2017 and 2018. Although it was envisaged to publish on ENER a short document with the results of the monitoring, due to the small number of draft laws published on ENER, and due to the small number of laws passed, the report was not published.
1.1.4. Prolonging the deadline for consultation with stakeholders in the preparation of draft laws by ministries - 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 - 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	According to the Rules of Procedure for amending the Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 113 of 18.08.2017), the deadline for consultation on the Single National Electronic Register of Regulations-ENER was extended from 10 to 20 days. The extend time for consultation is intended to encourage greater inclusion of the general public in the regulations' drafting process. In this way, policymakers will make decisions based on arguments and in consultation with all stakeholders.
1.1.5 Publishing Press release from held government meetings on established proposals for laws, adopted decisions and other measures	- 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 informed on the subject matter as well as other measures relating to various rights and obligations of the citizens of Macedonia. -In accordance with the efforts and the expressed

	<p>transparency for Government's operation, a new section has been created on the Government website "Government Sessions" http://vlada.mk/vladini-sednici, which enables access to daily agendas and the adopted minutes on Government sessions (adopted conclusions on points of the agenda). This novelty was officially published and promoted in the media on August 17 2017.</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>The following data has been published on the website of the Central Register of RM http://www.crm.com.mk/DS/default.aspx?MainId=1&CatID=90:</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, 2016 and 2017. - 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, 2016 and 2017. <p>For 2018 and the following years, these data will be published once they are available.</p>

1.2 Cooperation advancement with the civil sector	
<p>Start and end date of the commitment (07/2016– 6/ 2018)</p>	<p>Ongoing commitment</p>

Lead implementing agency		General Secretariat of the Government of RM
Name of responsible person from implementing agency		Vesna Vasileva
Title, Department		Head Assistant of the Sector Sector for policy analysis and coordination
Email		vesna.vasileva@gs.gov.mk
Phone		00389 76 490 881, 00389 23 118 022
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.
Main objective		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.

Brief description of commitment	<p>Setting up a Council for cooperation between the Government and the civil sector and its constitution Publication of appeal for civil sector's contribution in preparation of the Government's Annual Work Program; 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>			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Civil sector involvement			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>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</p>			
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)

A functional Council for cooperation with and development of the civil sector has been established as an advisory body of the Government of RM, for the promotion of cooperation, dialogue and encouraging civil sector development in the Republic of Macedonia, composed of 16 representatives of civil society organizations and 15 representatives of the state administration bodies. In compliance with the Decision on the Establishment of the Council for Cooperation with and Development of the Civil Sector ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 98/16 and 164/17) and after a public call for the selection of 16 members of the Council from among the associations and foundations, the Government adopted a Decision on the appointment of members of the Council for Cooperation with and Development of the Civil Sector (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 66/18), on its session held on April 3th 2018. The constitutive session of the Council was held on April 16, 2018, and on the session held on May 14th 2018, the Council chose a Chairman from among the members of the civil society organizations and a Deputy Chairman from among the members of the state administration bodies and adopted the Rules of Procedure for its operation. Two sessions of the Council (May 30, 2018 and June 13, 2018) were thematic, reviewing there the Draft Strategy of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for cooperation with and development of the civil sector, with the Action Plan 2018-2020 and reaching an opinion with observations and recommendations, while on the sessions held on September 13, 2018 and October 9, 2018, issues on the importance of the civil sector were considered.

In June 2018, the Unit for Cooperation with Non-Governmental Organizations of the General Secretariat of the Government, which performs administrative and technical support to the work of the Council, within the twinning project "Further institutionalization of structured mechanisms for cooperation between the Government and the civil sector" funded by the European Union and implemented by the Office for cooperation with NGOs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia has organized two workshops for the members of the Council on the topics operational planning and effective communication, while on May 7,2018 the Unit has organized a round table on "Further institutionalization of structured mechanisms for cooperation between the Government and the civil sector," presenting the key measures of the Strategy and

	<p>the role of the Council in the implementation and monitoring of this strategic document.</p>
<p><i>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</i></p>	<p>On its 47th Session held on January 4th 2018, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia reviewed and adopted the Analysis of the implementation of consultations and participation of CSOs in the process of policy creation of the Government and the state administration bodies. The analysis is one of the measures of the Government under the Plan 3-6-9 that refer to the civil society and is drafted by virtue of the answers to the questionnaire for conducting consultations and participation of civil society organizations in the policy making process for the period 2016 - 2017, which the General Secretariat of the Government - Unit for Cooperation with NGOs has distributed to all ministries. The analysis contains recommendations for the state administration bodies to continue regular communication and consultations with civil society organizations at all stages of the policy making process, including as members of working groups, and the consultations should be credible, inclusive and non-discriminatory. It is also recommended that the state administration bodies, when analyzing the status-quo in the policy-making process, should use the documents (analyzes, reports, etc.) drafted by the civil society organizations.</p> <p>Every August, the General Secretariat publishes a Call to the civil sector on the web site of the Unit for Cooperation with NGOs www.nvosorabotka.gov.mk and on ENER, for a contribution in the preparation of the annual Government Work Program. With the call published on August 17th 2018 for contribution in the preparation of the Government's Work Program for 2019, a template of initiatives was</p>

	<p>introduced in order to unify and facilitate the procedure. The initiatives of the civil society organizations, as well as the responses from the line ministries, are published on the website www.nvosorabotka.gov.mk.</p> <p>In accordance with the determination of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for partnership with the civil society in the process of creating and implementing policies, the Government has introduced "Open Days for CSOs' Initiatives. The first of the series of events was held on June 8th 2018, on the topic "Practices of cooperation between the Government and civil society organizations - how to improve?", and the second was held on July 6th 2018 on the topic "Fighting corruption". Civil Society Initiatives are submitted for response to the line ministries through the Unit for Cooperation with NGOs of the General Secretariat, and the initiatives and answers are published on the web site 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>The Strategy of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for cooperation with and development of the civil sector, with the Action Plan 2018-2020, was adopted at the session held on October 9th 2018. The Strategy is based on the results achieved so far, but it also elaborates a framework for future activities that will enable further improvement of the cooperation and encouraging the development of the civil sector, such as policy correction, citizen service and solidarity channel, partner of the state and business and the driver of EU integration. The measures in this strategic document are aimed at promoting the cooperation and encouraging the development of the civil sector, and the same are systematized in three areas: Normative, institutional and financial framework for the development of the civil sector; Democratization, active inclusion of the civil sector in the social processes, in the creation and monitoring of the policies, with a special focus on the process of integration in the EU and the Civil Sector as an actor in the socio-economic development. The creation of the strategy and the action plan was part of a long, inclusive and consultative process (a working group was formed from representatives of 68 civil society organizations that have applied on a public call and members of the Civil Servants' Network for cooperation with the civil sector, consultations were organized through the website www.nvosorabotka.gov.mk from November 16 to December 31, 2017 and from 11 to 30 April 2018 as well as</p>

	public hearings on 16 and 19 April 2018 in Skopje and Bitola). The Council for Cooperation with and Development of the Civil Sector has a significant contribution to the creation of the strategy and the action plan, which discussed the proposal and reached an opinion with remarks and recommendations that were incorporated in the text on two thematic sessions (May 30 th and June 13 th 2018)
--	--

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	
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Filip Manevski - Coordinator Nadica Josifovski – Deputy Coordinator Vladimir Radosavljevic – Deputy Coordinator	
Title, Department	ICT Adviser ICT Adviser Junior Associate	
Email	Filip.manevski@mioa.gov.mk Nadica.Josifovski@mioa.gov.mk vladimir.radosavljevik@mioa.gov.mk	
Phone	+389(0)2 320-0870 +389(0)2 320-0878	
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		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. 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.

Ambition	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.			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
2.1.1 Development of meta data standards for open government data	Prepared draft version of metadata standards for open data. There is an ongoing wider consultation on standards, with the working group for developing a national open data strategy. After their alignment, they will be published on the new Open Data Portal.			

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
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Filip Manevski - Coordinator Nadica Josifovski – Deputy Coordinator Vladimir Radosavljevic – Deputy Coordinator
Title, Department	ICT Adviser ICT Adviser Junior Associate
Email	filip.manevski@mioa.gov.mk nadica.josifovski@mioa.gov.mk vladimir.radosavljevik@mioa.gov.mk
Phone	+389(0)2 320-0870 +389(0)2 320-0878
Other Actors Involved	Government Ministry of Information Society and Administration and state institution publishing data on the www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk

	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Free Software
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment	<p>Presently, open data license model has not been established in Macedonia, and the www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk website takes over unlicensed sets.</p> <p>The www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk website 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	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. 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.			
Ambition	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.			
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	At this stage, it was proposed to use the Creative Commons license model, morespecifically CC-BY 4.0. This license model is also provided in the draft national open data strategy.			
2.2.2 Implementation of the licensing model on the website www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk	The selected license model defined in the national Open Data Strategy will be implemented in the new Open Data Portal.			
2.2.3 Analysis of the possibilities for saving data sets in the website's archive www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk (as per institution)	The analysis of the possibilities for storing the data sets in the archive of the site will result from defining the technical specification for the new Open Data Portal.			
2.2.4 Adaptation of the website www.otvorenipodatoci.gov.mk for the needs of the data set archive model (as per institution)	This possibility will be defined after the implementation of the aforementioned item 2.2.3, after defining the technical specification for the new Open Data Portal.			

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

Name of responsible person from implementing agency		Filip Manevski - Coordinator Nadica Josifovski – Deputy Coordinator Vladimir Radosavljevic – Deputy Coordinator
Title, Department		ICT Adviser ICT Adviser Junior Associate
Email		Filip.manevski@mioa.gov.mk Nadica.Josifovski@mioa.gov.mk vladimir.radosavljevic@mioa.gov.mk
Phone		+389(0)2 320-0870 +389(0)2 320-0878
Other Actors Involved	Government	Ministry of Information Society and Administration
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	Free Software Reactor
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		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. 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.
Main objective		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.			
Brief description of commitment	Campaign for the open data popularization among citizens.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Raising awareness of the open data benefit for data holders (institutions) and data users (citizens and private sector).			
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	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	An activity was launched for preparation of questionnaire for citizens' awareness of open data concept.			
2.3.2 Organization of trainings on open data identification and publication for at least 20 institutions	Four institutions, MLSP, MOF, MoH and MoES have launched activities for identification and publication of open data. The persons from these institutions, together with the members of MISA's team, would help in identifying and publishing open data from other institutions in the next stages. This achievement will be limited to 4 institutions instead of 20 within this AP.			
2.3.3 Organization of at least two advertising campaigns for the open data concept	Activities for Open Data Advertising Campaigns have been launched, which will approximate the concept of open data closer to all stakeholders in the process.			
2.3.4 Organization of at least one competition – hackathon for development of open data based	After the analysis and discussions, it was decided that at this stage of the process, the hackathons will not be effective,			

applications	and due to this, such activities will not be planned for the time being.
---------------------	--

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
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Information Society and Administration
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Filip Manevski - Coordinator Nadica Josifovski – Deputy Coordinator Vladimir Radosavljevic – Deputy Coordinator
Title, Department	ICT Adviser ICT Adviser Junior Associate
Email	filip.manevski@mioa.gov.mk nadica.josifovski@mioa.gov.mk vladimir.radosavljevic@mioa.gov.mk
Phone	+389(0)2 320-0870 +389(0)2 320-0878
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	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

	<p>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 further ranked and prioritized for publishing on the open data portal.</p>
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<p>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, use and trends following in respect of public information and data.</p>
Relevance	<p>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.</p>

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	Four institutions for which a catalog of datasets will be created were identified within this AP, for MOH, MLSP, MoES and MF.			
2.4.2 Analysis of institutions' data sets	An analysis of data sets was launcheh in 4 ministries: MOH, MLSP, MoES and MF, in the frames of the project for preparation of a National Open Data Strategy and a new Open data portal. This analysis should provide a detailed overview of the data sets at at the institution's disposal (or should be available in accordance with their legal obligations), as well as to define methodology and guidelines for independent analysis and implementation of the same and other institutions in the Republic of Macedonia.			
2.4.3 Creation of the central catalogue of all institutions' data sets	Start date 01/2018 Catalog of data sets will be created only for 4 ministries: MOH, MLSP, MoES and MF, within this AP.			
2.4.4 Prioritization of data sets to be published and preparation of a publication plan	Catalog of data sets will be created only for 4 ministries: MOH, MLSP, MoES and MF, within this AP.			

2.5 Open data Linking on the state institutions' portals	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/2016– 6/ 2018)	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Information Society and Administration
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Filip Manevski - Coordinator Nadica Josifovski – Deputy Coordinator Vladimir Radosavljevic – Deputy Coordinator
Title, Department	ICT Adviser ICT Adviser Junior Associate
Email	filip.manevski@mioa.gov.mk nadica.josifovski@mioa.gov.mk vladimir.radosavljevik@mioa.gov.mk
Phone	+389(0)2 320-0870 +389(0)2 320-0878

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 consumption. 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	The technical specification for upgrade of the national open data portal has been launched. The new portal will also provide for the possibility of linking data sets of institutions as well as their direct attachment to the platform itself for easier search and visualization by end users.			

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
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Oliver Serafimovski, Coordinator Tsveta Trajkovska, Deputy Coordinator Indzi Xhodja, Deputy Coordinator
Title, Department	Junior Associate, Unit for cooperation with information holders and public information Head of the Unit for analytics and education of applicants for information and public information holders Junior Associate, Unit for appeal procedure, legal and general affairs
Email	oliverserafimovski@komspi.mk
Phone	02/3118-038

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	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, use and trends following in respect of public information and data.			
Relevance	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. 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.			
Ambition	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. 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.			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			

<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 by the Commission for PRFAPI - 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The following has been prepared: Guidelines for proactivity for publication of public information; Recommendation for proactivity drafted 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 published on the Commission's website and submitted to the information holders. The Commission is continuously promoting the electronic submission of requests for access to public information. (Commission for protection of the right to free access to public information) - Active Transparency Index 2018 (Center for Civil Communications) 			
<p>Comitment's implementation status</p>	<p>unstarted</p>	<p>limited</p>	<p>significant</p>	<p>finished</p>
<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From the data available to the Commission for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information, it was concluded that 148 complaints were filed in the period January-April 2018, 29 of which were filed against Decisions where the holders of information refused access to the requested information in accordance with Article 6 of the Law. In twenty-eight cases, the holders of public information did not implement the "harm test" as a legal obligation arising from Article 6 paragraph 3 of the Law. In 1 case, the holder misconducted the "harmful test". On May 2nd 2018, the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia accepted the resignation of the Chairman of the Commission, and now the Commission has only a deputy and one member, which means that there is no majority of the total number of members and therefore the Commission cannot perform its legal obligations, ie to work and make decisions, until the appointment of a Chairman and members. For the provided reasons, this activity has been assessed with considerable significance. (Commission for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information). 			
<p>Comitment's implementation status</p>	<p>unstarted</p>	<p>limited</p>	<p>significant</p>	<p>finished</p>
<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One training for public officials or managers for public enterprises from the City of Skopje was held by virtue of identified weaknesses in the application of the Law on Free Access to Public Information in 2018. The managers showed no interest for this type of counseling, and thus an ignorant attitude towards the implementation of the Law on Free Access to Public Information. For the above reasons, this activity is rated limited. (Commission for protection of the right to free access to public information) 			

Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
<p>3.1.2. Measures for increasing access to public information</p> <p>- Guide on the damage test implementation</p>	<p>-The stakeholders held a meeting regarding this activity, but due to the above mentioned reasons, the activity was not launched even after FOSM's directions (coordinator of the measure). The work on the manual will be continued and it will be implemented outside of NAP 3 for OGP. (Foundation Open Society Macedonia)</p>			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
<p>3.1.3. Development and enforcement of a media campaign for promotion of the right to free access to public information</p> <p>- Setting up a working group for preparation and definition of the campaign implementation plan</p> <p>- Implementation of the developed campaign plan</p> <p>- 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>	<p>- A group was established in order to prepare a plan for conducting a campaign for raising citizens' awareness of the right to free access to public information.</p> <p>- The group held a meeting on November 27th 2017, and the same was attended by six people (three representatives from CPRFAPI - Commission for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information and three representatives from ESE).</p> <p>- The decision agreed on the meeting was to prepare and submit joint information to national and local media where the campaign and the right to access public information will be promoted.</p> <p>- The decision agreed on the meeting was to make a short informative video in cooperation with an expert hired by the ESE Association</p> <p>- The decision agreed on the meeting was to submit joint requests by ESE and CPRFAPI - Commission for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information to the national and local media in order to free media space for broadcasting the video.</p> <p>- ESE has developed and promoted several videos in this area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyTe-ieJrRE - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovsdKH-i2PQ - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g18xuqykiYc - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHm9TkuCeTA - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITOXszF7GYs - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAQk6_CvpS8 <p>The group held a meeting on January 15th 2018, thus preparing the guidelines for scenarios (the objective of the video, targets, content, etc.). In May, the video was shot and the same was promoted at the Second Conference "Open Government Partnership-Dialogue with Civil Society Organizations for the National Action Plan 2018-2020". The video has been made and uploaded to the ESE Associations'</p>			

	<p>YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eb16t-4wGtA https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXUQyCcfj8 and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGJjAMlnBqQ</p> <p>The video was also made in Macedonia and Albanian language, and it is also adapted for people with hearing impairment, in cooperation with NGO "Inclusion" from Kumanovo, which adds value to the activity. In the next period, the video will also be broadcasted on the national service. (ESE Association, CPRFAPI - Commission for Protection of the 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	
Name of the responsible person in the institution for implementation	Vesna Doneva Vladimir Georgiev	
Function, Division	Analytical advisor State advisor Department for programmes, analytics, international cooperation and administrative affairs SCPC Secretariat	
E-mail	vdoneva@dsk.org.mk vgeorgiev@dsk.org.mk	
Telephone	3215-377 075 273-023 070/342 782	
Other involved entities	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	Ministry of Justice and institutions of public and private sector

	Non-governmental sector, business entities, trade unions, chambers of commerce, associations and foundations	Transparency International Macedonia and other NGO
Condition or issue covered with the obligation		<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>
Main goal		Efficient implementation of the Law on Whistle-Blower Protection
Short description of the obligation		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 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.

	<p>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.</p>
<p>Validity</p>	<p>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 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 style="text-align: center;">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> <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.</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 achievemnt</p>			
<p>4.1.1. Application of the Law and bylaws on protected report (determining authorized persons for accepting reports from whistle-blowers from the institutions)</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> <p>- 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 20 private sector institutions, although they are not legally obligated to deliver such reports to the SCPC.</p> <p>- Until and including 31st December 2017, 8 public sector institutions have submitted a notification on the</p>			

	<p>authorization of a person in charge of receiving applications from whistleblowers to the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At its 34th Session held on 31 October 2017, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia has adopted a conclusion under item 1, obliging all ministries and other state administration bodies to publish, among other materials and acts for publication in accordance with the law, and contact information for the authorized persons in charge of receiving application from whistleblowers. <p>On December 7th 2017 the Ministry of Justice submitted to the Government a Draft Law Amending the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers in order to harmonize the Law with the recommendations given by the Venice Commission with Opinion no. 829/2015 dated March 15th 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Law Amending the Law on Whistleblowers was adopted in February 2018 and was published in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia", no. 35/18. The adopted amendments and supplements harmonize the Law with the opinion by the Venice Commission, especially in the part concerning the protected public whistleblowing, introducing also a supervision on the provisions' implementation.
<p>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</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. One of the topics of these trainings is protection of whistleblowers. - In May 2017, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the SCPC and the Directorate for Execution of Sanctions, and as part of that event, 1 training was held for the directors of penitentiary institutions. During June 2017, in the organization of the Directorate for Execution of Sanctions, 3 more trainings were held for the employees in

	<p>penitentiary institutions. One of the topics of these trainings, conducted by SCPC is protection of whistleblowers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An EU-funded project "Strengthening National Capacities for Combating Organized Crime and Corruption" was conducted in March 2018 with an expert mission for developing a strategy for the promotion of the system for protection of whistleblowers. Concept documents have been prepared for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A campaign for raising public awareness and promoting the positive aspects of protected whistleblowing and whistleblowers; and - a training program for authorized persons in charge of receiving disclosures from whistleblowers. - The first series of training of trainers for protection of the system of whistleblowers was held in the period from 16-18 May 2018, and the same was supported and organized by the Council of Europe. Representatives from SCPC, MoJ, Mol, PRO, the Customs Administration of the Republic of Macedonia took part in the training. The second series of this training was held in the period from 03-05 October 2018.
<p>4.1.3. Annual reports on received disclosures by whistleblowers (data on institutions and number of received disclosures by whistleblowers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acting in accordance with the provisions under the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers, 42 public sector institutions have submitted a semi-annual report to the State Commission for the period from 13th March - 30th June 2016, while for the period July 1st – December 31st 2016, 18 public sector institutions have submitted semi-annual reports on received disclosures by whistleblowers. <p>Annual reports are not submitted due to the period of application of the law.</p> <p>As it can be noted from all the submitted reports, there are no submitted disclosures by whistleblowers in the institutions in the stated period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the first half of 2017, it is evident from all submitted reports to the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption, that there weren't any submitted disclosures by whistleblowers in the institutions for the stated period. - Having in mind the legal obligation to submit semi-annual reports for disclosures by whistleblowers which should contain general statistics and data on formed cases upon received disclosures, the obligation to submit a semi-annual report to the State Commission for preventing corruption for the period January 1st –June 30th 2017, 42 public sector institutions and 15 private sector institutions have adhered to their obligation, although according to the Law, they have no obligation to submit reports to the SCPC. Until and including January 4th 2018, the obligation to submit a semi-

annual report to the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption for the period July 1st – December 31st 2017, was fulfilled by 4 public sector institutions public sector and 1 private sector institution, although according to the Law, they have no obligation to submit reports to the SCPC. Considering the fact that the legal obligation to submit semi-annual reports is to have them submitted after the expiration of the reporting period, and having in mind that these data are submitted during the period for submission of these reports, the procedure for collecting semi-annual reports from public and private sector institutions is underway. From the semi-annual reports submitted so far, it can be seen that there aren't any disclosures by whistleblowers in neither institution for the stated period. Pursuant to Article 15 paragraph (2) of the Law, the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption and the Ministry of Justice have submitted special annual reports for received reporting from whistleblowers to the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia.

In the first half of 2018, the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption has received semi-annual reports on received reporting from whistleblowers by 42 public sector institutions and 9 legal entities from the private sector.

The analysis of the all semi-annual reports submitted in the first half of 2018, showed that there were no submitted disclosures by whistleblowers from public and private sector institution, when it comes to the protected internal reporting.

Given the fact that the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption is one of the several listed institutions in the Law where protected external disclosures can be done, no disclosure was submitted to the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption in the first half of 2018 regarding protected external disclosure.

The legal obligation for submitting an annual report for received disclosures by whistleblowers remains stipulated only for the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption with the amendments to the Law adopted in February 2018.

In accordance with the amendments to the Law changes, the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption is obliged to submit to the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia an annual report on received disclosures by whistleblowers within its annual work report. The Ministry of Justice shall supervise the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

4.1.4. Raising the awareness for whistle-blowing (campaigns and public debates, manual)

- Activities within the framework of the IPA 2010 Twinning project "Support for efficient prevention and fight against corruption":

- A Manual for Protection of Whistleblowers has been prepared and published on the website of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption.

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,

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.

-Activities organized and realized or supported by the Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI):

* 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.

Formation and first meeting of the Southeast Europe Coalition on Whistleblower Protection, November 9th -10th 2015, Belgrade

Workshop the topic Reporting Corruption and Protection of Whistleblower, May 10th -11th 2016, Rakitje

Second annual meeting of the Southeast Europe Coalition on Protection of Whistleblowers, November 14th 2015, Zagreb.

Presentation of a documentary, produced within the framework of the RAI program "The Medal of the Loud ", December 6th 2016, Belgrade

-Activities organized by the Institute of Strategic Research and Education:

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 "

- Activities organized by Transparency International-Macedonia:

-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.

-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.

- 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.

-A campaign for raising the public awareness of the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia was conducted, through:

- Placing billboards on three locations in Skopje
- 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 Whistle-blower 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

	<p>writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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/istrazuvana-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 parties in the following period. - 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. <p>On November 3rd 2017, within the frames of the Research Film Festival - Skopje, a public debate was held on the topic Whistleblowers - "secret" players who can change history. Supported by the OSCE Mission to Skopje, through the project Promoting the Principles of Democratic Governance, the SCPC has continued with the activities for promotion of integrity, transparency and accountability at local level through conducting series of trainings. The trainings, a total of 6, were conducted in November and December 2017 and covered the local self-government units in the Republic of Macedonia, by regions. The contents of the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers were covered within these trainings.</p> <p>Within the project financed by the EU Strengthening the national capacities for fight against organized crime and corruption, expert support was provided for the preparation of a Strategy for strengthening the public opinion on the positive context of the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers. The Strategy is expected to be adopted by March 2018.</p> <p>In the meantime, support has also been provided by the Council of Europe - Unit for Economic Crime and Cooperation Department for implementation of the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers. In accordance with the established plan, the activities will be launched after the</p>
--	---

	<p>adoption of the Strategy for Strengthening the Public Opinion on the Positive Context of the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers.</p> <p>In November 2017, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between SCPC and Transparency International Macedonia for an effective implementation of the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers.</p> <p>In March 2018, within the EU-funded project "Strengthening National Capacities for Combating Organized Crime and Corruption", an expert mission was conducted in order to develop a Strategy for the promotion of the system for protection of whistleblowers. There was concept paper preparation for a Strategy, for a campaign for raising public awareness and promotion of the positive aspects of protected whistleblowing and whistleblowers.</p> <p>There was preparation of a Guide for public sector employees "By whistleblowing to protection of public interest", which was published on the SCPC's website. The preparation of this publication was made possible with the support of the project funded by the European Union through IPA 2012 "Strengthening National Capacities for Combating Organized Crime and Corruption".</p>
--	---

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
Name of the responsible person in the institution for implementation	Vesna Doneva Vladimir Georgiev
Function, Division	Analytical advisor State advisor Department for programmes, analytics, international cooperation and administrative affairs SCPC Secretariat
E-mail	vdoneva@dsk.org.mk vgeorgiev@dsk.org.mk
Telephone	3215-377; 075 273-023; 070/342 782
Other involved	State administration bodies, independent state /

entities	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 designing and establishing software solution which will provide insight in form of open data.
OGP challenge covered with the obligation		Increased openness of the data on the property status of elected and appointed persons.
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.

	<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>
<p>Validity</p>	<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 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>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</p>

	role of supervisors alarming any possible risks and misuses.			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Achievements	Short description of the undertaken activities and achieved results following the achievement			
4.2.1. Creating technical conditions for publishing asset declarations in form of open data (created and established software solution)	<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 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>There are no changes in view of this achievement during 2017 and 2018.</p>			
4.2.2. Establishing historical review of the changes in the property status of the elected and appointed persons	<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>There are no changes in view of this achievement during 2017 and 2018.</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
Name of the responsible person in the institution for implementation	Vesna Doneva Vladimir Georgiev
Function, Division	Analytical advisor State advisor Department for programmes, analytics, international cooperation and administrative affairs

		SCPC Secretariat
E-mail		vdoneva@dsk.org.mk vgeorgiev@dsk.org.mk
Telephone		3215-377 075 273-023 070/342 782
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		The promotion of integrity in the institutions on local level is focused towards prevention and non-tolerance

	<p>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 public institutions.</p>
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</p>

	<p>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. 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>			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Achievements	Short description of the undertaken activities and achieved results following the achievement			
<p>4.3.1. Signing anti-corruption policies - integrity policies with all local self-government units</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>With the support of the OSCE Mission in Skopje, through the project Promoting the Principles of Democratic Governance, SCPC has continued its activities to promote integrity, transparency, accountability at local level, through the implementation of series of trainings. The trainings, a total of 6, were conducted in November and December 2017 and covered the local self-government units in the Republic of Macedonia, by region. The training included topics related to civil society as a partner in promoting good governance and strengthening local institutional integrity and presented experiences at local level. Further steps were addressed and agreed in the final part of the sessions, regarding the promotion of the integrity system, signing the policy of</p>			

	integrity in municipalities where it has not been done yet
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	<p>-SCPC in cooperation with CRPM, in the direction of implementing this commitment, will undertake activities for updating the integrity, responsibility, transparency and accountability index of municipalities.</p> <p>-IDCS</p> <p>Results of a project application are expected in view of the commitment 4.3, where IDSCS will cooperate with the SCPC. The project refers to integrity and assessment of risks of corruption in institutions at central and local level. IDSCS was rejected for the project application. But a mini pilot project that is certain is about to start measuring the anticorruption performance at the institutional level in one test institution.</p>

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
Name of the responsible person in the institution for implementation	Vesna Doneva Vladimir Georgiev
Function, Division	Analytical advisor State advisor Department for programmes, analytics, international cooperation and administrative affairs SCPC Secretariat
E-mail	vdoneva@dsk.org.mk vgeorgiev@dsk.org.mk
Telephone	3215-377, 075 273-023, 070/342 782
Other involved entities	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies
	Non-governmental sector, business entities, trade
	MoJ, MoI, MLSP, MLSG
	MCIC, IDSC, CRPM, Transparency International Macedonia, ADI

	unions, chambers of commerce, associations 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	Increase the efficiency and effectiveness in the prevention of corruption and conflict of interests.	
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 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</p>	

	<p>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	<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 introducing systematic consultations with the civil sector for the purpose of mutual diagnosing and addressing of the problems.</p>
Validity	<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</p>

	<p>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	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.			
Comitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Achievements	Short description of the undertaken activities and achieved results following the achievement			
<p>4.4.1 Holding periodical coordinative work meetings</p>	<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 "Monitoring SCPC's operation", which is supported by the British Embassy, and implemented by MCIC. The SCPC has submitted data to MCIC on a quarterly basis, and the data was used for the preparation of quarterly reports for monitoring SCPC's operation. 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</p>			

	<p>functioning, available at http://www.mcms.org.mk/mk/za-nasata-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 :</p> <p>http://www.mcms.org.mk/mk/za-nasata-rabota/istrazuvana-i-publikacii/1902-sledenje-na-rabotata-na-dsk-kvartalen-izveshtaj-br-1.html.</p> <p>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>In November 2017, the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption and Transparency International Macedonia have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for the purpose of implementation of activities of mutual interest, which will result from the program for mutual cooperation through the project "Strengthening of the national system of integrity in the countries of the Western Balkans and Turkey and Monitoring the Development of Anti-Corruption Reforms", supported by the European Union and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in the Republic of Macedonia.</p> <p>The Memorandum covers cooperation in the area of activities for strengthening the effective implementation of the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers, Cooperation and Communication between SCPC and TI-M, exchange of information, joint cooperation and presence at public debates, workshops, conferences for raising public awareness and presentation of jointly implemented activities on the official websites of the signatories of the Memorandum.</p> <p>In December 2017, the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption and the Institute for Democracy - Societas Civilis – Skopje, have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for the purpose of conducting activities for the implementation of the project "Anti-corruption education of the students from the secondary schools".</p>
<p>4.4.2 Developing methodologies for monitoring the conditions related to corruption and conflict of interests</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 procedures and (3) their role in the overall integrity.

- 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/matrica-na-indikator-dsk.pdf>

In cooperation with the Center for the Study of Democracy from Bulgaria, MCIC prepared the Matrix for monitoring SCPC’s operation. Indicators are divided into three groups: 1. Transparency indicators (de jure and de facto transparency), 2. Accountability indicators, 3. Performance

	<p>indicators. The matrix consists of the title of the indicator, definition (explanation) of the indicator, the legal basis of the indicator, sources of data collection and frequency of collection. The preparation also took into consideration the comments by CSO's representatives. In cooperation with the Centre for Intercultural Dialogue and local experts, a questionnaire was prepared for public opinion assessment. The questionnaire has 19 questions, 7 of which refer to the SCPC, its activities and competences, and the rest are related to the level of corruption in the country.</p>
<p>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)</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 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>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. 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> <p>A conference "The model of the preventive body for anticorruption: how does the current model work and is there a need for changes?" was held on October 9th 2017 in cooperation with Transparency Macedonia. The aim of the conference was to open a discussion on SCPC's operation in the implementation of anti-corruption policies and the fight against corruption and the need to modify the SCPC model as a preventive anti-corruption body. The key speaker at the conference was Drago Kos, chairman of the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Relations and former President of the Anti-Corruption Commission in Slovenia. The conference also presented the results of the monitoring regarding the work of the SCPC in the period from January to June 2017, as well as the analysis of the Law</p>

	<p>on Prevention of Corruption and the Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interests and Recommendations for Improving the Institutional and Legal Framework, prepared by Vanja Mihailova, a former member of the SCPC. Representatives from the SCPC, the Ministry of Justice, a representative of the Commission for Political System and Community Relations and former anticorruption officers presented their views on the improvement of the existing anti-corruption model. The conference was attended by more than 50 representatives from state institutions, CSOs and the media. Apart from the reports and summary of the reports, and in order to approximate the results to the citizens, easy-to-read infographics and videos are created and published on the MCIC's website and on social media.</p>
--	--

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	
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Finance	
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Ljubica Jovceska Bari Iseni	
Title, Department	Head of Budget Funds Unit, Budgets and Funds Sector	
Email	ljubica.jovceska@finance.gov.mk bari.iseni@finance.gov.mk	
Phone	+389 3255 531 +389 3255 581	
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

		<p>Center for Economic Analysis</p> <p>Zenith Association</p>
<p>Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>Main objective</p>	<p>Increased transparency in public funds management through:</p> <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 budget in view of the planned. - 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>	

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. The measures of this commitment contribute for improvement of transparency and accountability of the public finance managing institutions.			
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>The Ministry of Finance has continued to draft and publish the Citizens' Budget as a continuous commitment in the first quarter after the adoption of the Budget for the current year, so that the Citizens' Budget for 2018 has already been published on the Ministry's website: http://www.finance.gov.mk/mk/node/6810.</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance has conducted a hackathon in July 2018 selecting the best design solution for developing a website that will visually show the Citizens' Budget for each year. This website enables the citizens to get acquainted with all the details regarding the Citizen's budget of Macedonia and make certain interaction with the Web site itself. The website is under construction and testing.</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	The Ministry of Finance is currently drafting a revenue and expenditure projection of the Budget of RM for 2018 by quarters, and the same will be published as defined under this plan.			
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>The Ministry of Finance has published the semi-annual report for Budget execution for the period January-June 2017 on the following link: http://www.finance.gov.mk/files/u9/Polugodisen%20izvestaj%20za%20izvrsvanje%20na%20Budzetot%20na%20RM%200.pdf</p> <p>A detailed overview of realized revenues and realized expenditures by budget users were published as an accompanying material, on the following link: http://www.finance.gov.mk/mk/node/898</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance has already made efforts and</p>			

	publishes monthly reports on budget execution (Ministry of Finance / Public Finance / Treasury / Reports) on its website, as well as time series with previously unpublished data that can be seen on the link: http://www.finance.gov.mk/mk/node/6448
--	---

5.2 Open Data on Health Programs	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/2016– 6/ 2018)	Ongoing commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Health
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Anka Georgievska
Title, Department	Head of Department
Email	anka.georgievska@zdravstvo.gov.mk
Phone	075 327 408
Other Actors Involved	Government ministries, department/agency
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups
	Ministry of Health
	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	Agreement has been made on the format of the reports on budget and program implementation for health care programs financed from the budget of the Ministry of Health in cooperation with the Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women in the Republic of Macedonia – ESE. The reports are under preparation and once they are ready, they will be published on the website 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
Name of responsible person from implementing agency		Aleksandar Danailov
Title, Department		Junior Associate at the Department of Regulatory Affairs, Training and International Relations in the Public Procurement Bureau
Email		aleksandar.danailov@bjn.gov.mk
Phone		+389 3255 706
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

	<p>funds spending in a manner and place that can easily be found and understood by citizens.</p> <p>By publishing this information as an obligation for contracting authorities, transparency and accountability of the institution will not depend 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	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.				
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	Effective public funds management				
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.				
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>unstarted</td> <td>limited</td> <td>significant</td> <td>finished</td> </tr> </table>	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
unstarted	limited	significant	finished		

Commitment's implementation status			
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	<p>The draft proposal on the Law on Public Procurements, where the objectives of the measure will be implemented, is drafted and available to the public on ENER. Meanwhile, the Government of RM has obliged the contracting authorities to upload the public procurement contract on the public procurement e-system. The public procurement e-system provides access to open data, with a new tool developed by the Public Procurement Bureau, which increases the transparency in public procurement.</p> <p>The commitment under this measure is stipulated in Article 74 paragraph 3 of the Draft Law on Public Procurement, which is in an adoption phase, currently published on ENER.</p>		
5.3.2. Mandatory publication of public procurement calls by setting a link to the call published on EPPS	<p>The Public Procurement Bureau has sent a recommendation to all contracting authorities to post links on their websites of the published calls on the public procurement e-system. Considering that part of the contracting authorities don't have websites/additional funds are required for the realization of such a measure, it is not worthwhile to stipulate this as a commitment, since the calls are available through the public procurement e-system</p>		
5.3.3. Mandatory publication of notices for concluded contracts by setting a link to the relevant notices on EPPS	<p>The Public Procurement Bureau has sent a recommendation to all contracting authorities to post links on their websites of the published notifications for concluded contracts on the public procurement e-system. Considering that part of the contracting authorities don't have websites/additional funds are required for the realization of such a measure, it is not worthwhile to stipulate this as a commitment, since the notifications, as well as the contracts are available through the public procurement e-system</p>		
5.3.4. Mandatory publication of notice for executed contract by setting a link to this notice by EPPS	<p>The commitment under this measure is achieved with the Government Conclusion for all contracting authorities, and is already implemented. The same shall be stipulated with amendments to the current Law on Public Procurements, which shall be applied starting from January 1st 2019.</p>		

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

Name of responsible person from implementing agency		Orhideja Kaljoshevska
Title, Department		State Advisor for coordination of European funds and other foreign assistance
Email		Orhideja.Kaljosevska@sep.gov.mk
Phone		070 409 519
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 (SWGs) 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 this regard on the sessions held on 31.03.2015 and 07.14.2015, the Government of RM has adopted and

	<p>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>
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 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	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>	<p>Project Support for Managing the EU Funds has been provided at the request of NIPAC/ SEA through the Instrument for Support of the EU Integration Process. The project started in June 2017 and will be completed by the end of May 2020 with a total of EUR 2.45 million.</p> <p>The project support for managing the EU funds aims to assist NIPAC office and SWGs to plan and program EU funds pursuant to the rules of the IPA II program. NIPAC and the NIPAC office have a special role in this process in coordination of the SWGs, and the same are bodies that discuss the documents for planning and programming. Sectors that are relevant to the project are the following:</p> <p>Sector 1: Democracy and governance Sector 2: Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Sector 3: Actions on environment and climate change Sector 4: Transport Sector 5: Competitiveness and Innovation and Agriculture and Rural Development</p> <p>The project is articulated in two components: Component 1 - Strengthening the sectoral approach; Component 2 - Improving the programming, monitoring and evaluation of the program.</p> <p>The following activities are carried out under Component 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthening the Framework for Sectoral Approach and Coordination; 2. Horizontal support for the relevant national authorities for strategic planning of IPA assistance to all sectors for the entire period until the end of 2020 3. Support for establishing a framework for performance assessment; 4. Support for establishing and/or strengthening the functional sectoral coordination; 5. Support for improvement of the planning / management / 			

	<p>reporting / assessment capacities</p> <p>6. Sectoral budgeting</p> <p>The implementation of these activities aims to fully apply to the sector.</p> <p>The following activities are carried out under Component 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for IPA programming 2. Support to NIPAC office in monitoring, evaluating and reporting on IPA implementation at program level. 3. Consultative support for improvement of IT tools and systems 4. Support for a sustainable IPA-related training function <p>The implementation of these activities aims to improve the programming, use and evaluation of EU funds and are an excellent ground that will contribute to the development of this commitment.</p> <p>At the 50th session held on 23 January 2018, the Government adopted the Information on the programming process of the funds from IPA 2 (2018 and 2019), where the institutions are obligated to include CSOs in the process in the SWGs and to submit report to SEA regarding this. We could expect a clearer on site picture around March 2018.</p>
<p>5.4.2. Presentation of the Framework for Coordination of IPA2 after the final comply with EU Delegation</p>	<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 - All IPA Programming documents adopted by the EC, have been published on SEA's website.
<p>5.4.3. Including civil society representatives in the work of sectoral groups by the relevant institutions based on transparent process and objective criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication with IPA Mechanism and information exchange regarding IPA Sectoral Working Groups. 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 Representatives on almost all IPA mechanism events. • Participation of SEA representatives and line ministries on IPA mechanism events. • two programming information was drafted during 2017, where the relevant institutions are encouraged to consult CSOs in Sectoral Working Groups and consult in the programming process. • As an example in SWG for social policy education and employment, we are informed that representatives of CSOs

	<p>who have expressed willingness to participate on the programming meetings are: Biljana Dukovska (biljana_dukovska@yahoo.com) from the Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform, Aleksandar Kolekeski (aleksandar.kolekeski@eurothink.mk) from Eurothink, Suzana Pecakovska (suzana.pecakovska@fosm.mk) from FOSM, Blazen Maleski (blazen@reactor.org.mk) from Reactor, Sasko Jovanov (sashejovanov@humanost.org.mk) from Humanity, Dragana Karovska Čemerska (dragana.karovska@hera.org.mk) from Hera, Klimentina Ilijevska (klimentina@public.org.mk) from Public.</p> <p>These organizations also participated in the IPA 2 consultative processes (they provided comments on the AP that was published on the MLSP’s website and were part of the consultative events). More importantly, the MLSP cooperates in the planning and implementation of policies, and this does not happen at the level of a sectoral working group, but also in other working groups on various issues. Most of them are part of the IPA2 mechanism and the list of CSOs that you have sent us two years ago, including the Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform, which represents a large number of organizations and individuals.</p>
--	---

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	
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Orhideja Kaljoshevska	
Title, Department	State Advisor for coordination of European funds and other foreign assistance	
Email	Orhideja.Kaljosevska@sep.gov.mk	
Phone	070 409 519	
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		Reference to the 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 in foreign assistance management
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			
<p>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 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.</p>	<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. Full responsibility for the realization and implementation of the project, related to agreed activities and expenditures are Ministry of Health's responsibility. In this regard, we ask you to exclude SEA of this activity and to turn to Ministry of Health.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Ministry of Health will start publishing the data at the Ministry of Health's website, with regards to ORIO, that are at their disposal.</p>			

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
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Fatmir Shaqiri
Title, Department	Adviser for mineral resource exploitation and analysis Unit for mineral resource exploitation and analysis and environment protection
Email	fatmir.shaqiri@economy.gov.mk
Phone	(0) 2 30 93 438 072 575 570
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	Reference to the 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 as concerns concession granting.			
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			
5.6.1 Publication of a table register consisting of the following data: <i>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.</i>	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			

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

Name of responsible person from implementing agency		m-r Biljana Babushkovska
Title, Department		Head of unit
Email		biljana.babushkovska@zdravstvo.gov.mk
Phone		076 485 049
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
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		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
Main objective		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.
Brief description of commitment		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. In order to build capacities for the social accountability

	<p>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. 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 methodology in the selected program.</p>			
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. 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	<p>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.</p>			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			

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	There are no undertaken activities concerning this segment. The same shall be conducted after realization of the achievement 5.7.2.
5.7.2. Selection of a preventive or curative program that will apply the selected social accountability methodology	The Ministry of Health has selected the preventive program for health care: "Program for protection of the population from HIV/AIDS in the Republic of Macedonia", on which the selective methodology for social accountability will be applied.
5.7.3. Designing a piloting plan for the social accountability methodology and its implementation in the selected program	There are no undertaken activities concerning this segment. The same shall be conducted after realization of the achievement 5.7.2.

5.8. Publication of data on planned and realized domestic and foreign assistance for rural development and agriculture on a quarterly basis	
Start and end date of the commitment (08/ 2016 – ongoing)	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Agency of financial support for agriculture and rural development Ministry of Health
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Stefan Vasilevski
Title, Department	Junior Associate in the Accounting Unit Sector for financial matters
Email	stefan.vasilevski@ipardpa.gov.mk
Phone	+389 3097986
Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies Budget users
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, Center of Economic Analysis

	associations and foundations	
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 assistance and according to a Program for financial support - Information available to the citizens on the data accessibility
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 are 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	
Lead implementing agency	Commission for competition protection (CCP)	
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Malinka Nikolic	
Title, Department		
Email	malinka.nikolic@kzk.gov.mk	
Phone	070 396 727	
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
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement		
5.9.1. Publication of data on state assistance amount for foreign investments on all planned grounds	On 13 June 2017, there was a meeting in the premises of the Commission for Protection of Competition, regarding the		

	<p>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.</p> <p>In October 2017, the commission held a meeting with the members of the working group and the non-governmental sector in order to define the steps to be taken for the implementation of measure 5.9 of the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018.</p> <p>At the 25th session, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia adopted a decision to initiate a procedure for declassification of classified information and agreements for granting state aid, concluded between the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and companies/foreign investors.</p> <p>This decision obliges the Agency for Foreign Investments and the Directorate for Technological Industrial Development Zones, as well as all other ministries and state authorities to initiate procedures for the availability of this information and agreements. Pursuant to the Law on Classified Information and the recommendation by the Directorate for Security of Classified Information, all the information, as well as the agreements for granting state aid with foreign investors will become public.</p> <p>In order to effectively implement this decision, the Government obligated the General Secretariat to submit a list of classified information and agreements for state subsidies of foreign companies.</p>
--	---

6. OPENNESS ON LOCAL LEVEL	
6.1. Developing standards for transparency and open data on local level	
Start and end date of the commitment 2016– 6/ 2017)	(07/ New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Local Self-Government

Name of responsible person from implementing agency		Eli Chakar
Title, Department		State Advisor
Email		elicakar@gmail.com
Phone		071 226 415
Other Actors Involved	Government, ministries, department/agency	Ministry of Information Society and Administration Local government units (Skopje, Kumanovo, Veles, Stip, Strumica, Tetovo, Bitola, Struga)
	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.			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
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	Drafted analysis on the legal framework of Local Government Units in terms of publicity of work performance and publishing information on websites			

	<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>
<p>6.1.2. Networks establishment between civil organizations, local and central government in function of standards application and sustainability of their implementation</p>	<p>Call for participation in local organizations' platform for Open Government Partnership</p> <p>Established platform for dialogue on open data at the local level</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

	Units.
--	--------

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
Lead implementing agency		Ministry of Local-Self Government
Name of responsible person from implementing agency		Eli Chakar
Title, Department		State Advisor
Email		elicakar@gmail.com
Phone		071 226 415
Other Actors Involved	Government, ministries, department/agency	Ministry of Finance Local self-government units
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups	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 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.

OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	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.			
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 at the local level			
Relevance	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.			
Ambition	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.			
Commitment’s implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
6.2.1. Data analysis and identification of the most important indicators in quarterly reports, in consultation with the Council members, administration and CO	The analysis was done with the participation of 700 participants on 30 consultative meetings (advisors, municipal administration, mayors, experts, NGOs and business sector), where a total of 20 most important financial indicators for the operation of the local self-government units’ operation was determined in a transparent and participatory 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.			
6.2.2. Establishment of a software solution for the control boards and designing a mobile application	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 The Control E-board is designed to be a practical platform			

	<p>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>
6.2.3. Posting the control board on the municipalities' websites and putting the mobile application into use	A WEB banner has been made and the Control boards have been set up on the websites of the first 6 municipalities. (Veles, Strumica, Ohrid, Cair, Valandovo and Sveti Nikole).
6.2.4. Implementation of the additional tool (one in each of 6 municipalities) for introducing innovations in the management.	The public call has been announced and the process of project selection in 6 municipalities that will have an impact on good governance at local level, especially on transparency, accountability and encouraging civil participation, will be completed.

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
Lead implementing agency	The Ministry of Local Self-Government
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Eli Chakar
Title, Department	State Adviser
Email	elicakar@gmail.com
Phone	071 226 415
Other Actors Involved	Government, ministries, department/agency
	CO, private sector, multi-
	The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs Local Self-Government Units
	Research and Policy Creating center (CIKP), ON women

	lateral and working groups	Marija Risteska Women's Action - Skopje 070 590 014
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 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
Main objective		Improvement of the mechanism function in institutional consultation at the local level
Brief description of commitment		Analysis to detect reasons for the existing weaknesses and concrete instruments to be created for strengthened function of these bodies for institutional consultation
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment		Increased influence of the citizens in the policy creating and right protection of certain categories or groups of citizens, through their direct involvement
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development		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. 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.
Relevance		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 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			
<p>6.3.1 Preparation of equal possibilities action plans in 7 municipalities, created and implemented with civil society participation</p>	<p>In consultation with stakeholders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A survey was conducted in order to identify the needs of risk groups and identified victims of domestic violence by new specialized services for prevention and protection against domestic violence. 50 people were interviewed in consultation with the Inter-Municipal Center for Social Work in Skopje. 2. A Handbook has been prepared to promote gender equality at local level. 3. Programs for equal opportunities for women and men have been prepared in 2017 for the municipalities of Chucher Sandevo, Saraj, Karpos, Gjorche Petrov. The programs are in line with the needs of the municipalities through the Commissions for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men. 4. According to the Strategy for the Promotion of Gender Equality in the Municipality of Gjorce Petrov, "Women's Action" has prepared a ROB Analysis - Improvement of water and sewage network in the municipality of Gjorce Petrov from a gender aspect. 			
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Products: Protocol Guidelines; Checklists; Module for two-day generic training for local officials</p>			
<p>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).</p>	<p>The criteria have been set, the financial support for the project's implementation has been provided by CSOs in 6 municipalities and the public call for projects has been announced.</p>			

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
Lead implementing agency	The Ministry of Local Self-Government
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Eli Chakar
Title, Department	State Adviser
Email	elicakar@gmail.com
Phone	071 226 415
Other Actors Involved	Government, ministries, department/agency MLS
	CO, private sector, multi-lateral and working groups UNDP, LSU
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 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 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>Selection was made on the municipalities in where the activities are being implemented-Strumica, Kumanovo, Gostivar, Kavadarci and Resen.</p> <p>An analysis was prepared on the existing mechanisms and practices for financing CSOs at national and municipal levels, as well as the legal framework for financing CSOs.</p> <p>There was organization and implementation of trainings for civic organizations that showed interest.</p> <p>The public call for projects was repeated due to the unsatisfactory quality of the projects submitted the first time.</p> <p>The choice and implementation of the projects remains to be made, thus completing the entire process of strengthening the institutional capacities of local administration and CSOs.</p> <p>These activities are implemented with the project by the European Commission: Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans (ReLOaD). The project implementer is the UNDP office in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the same is implemented in 6 countries in the region</p>			

	(Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Albania and Serbia). The local UNDP office is the leader of project activities (partner-implementer) in the Republic of Macedonia.
6.4.2. Designing a methodology and tools for financing civil organization from municipal budgets and monitoring of the funds realization.	The methodology has been developed in all 5 selected municipalities.
6.4.3. Designing of adapted grant schemes for each selected municipality	Based on the Methodology, a grant scheme has been developed in all 5 municipalities.
6.4.4. Capacity development of the local administration and CO in selected municipalities for the public appeal realization.	The activity was implemented through trainings for all CSO applicants on the first public call for projects.
6.4.5. Ensuring social services by civil organizations	Implementation of the activity will start with the launch of the projects implementation by civil society organizations in five municipalities. For each municipality, there are around 120 thousand euros for implementation of the projects, and the projects can be implemented by several CSOs.

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
Lead implementing agency	The Ministry of Local Self-Government
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Eli Chakar
Title, Department	State Adviser
Email	elicakar@gmail.com
Phone	071 226 415
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

	<p>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.</p>
Main objective	<p>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.</p>
Brief description of commitment	<p>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.</p>
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	<p>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.</p>
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 improvement of transparency and accountability of local level institutions through a standardized service monitoring system and citizens’ involvement.</p>
Relevance	<p>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.</p>

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>The implementation will start from the beginning of 2018, with increased dynamics. The persons in the competent institutions who will work on the envisaged activities are defined. The activity is implemented at expert level. These activities are envisaged with the IPA project: <i>Supporting consolidation of the local self-government system in its capacities to ensure inclusive governance and growth</i>, whose implementor is the UNDP office in the Republic of Macedonia.</p>			
6.5.2. Capacity strengthening of all stakeholders (municipalities) for coordination, monitoring and evaluation of quality and efficacy in local service delivery.	The activity is being implemented.			
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 activity is being implemented.			
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 report for 2017 is finished.			

6.6 Improvement of the local level social services	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/2016– 6/ 2018)	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	The Ministry of Local Self-Government
Name of responsible person from implementing	Eli Chakar

agency		
Title, Department		State Adviser
Email		elicakar@gmail.com
Phone		071 226 415
Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy PKG "Astibo" – Shtip PKG "13 Noemvri" – Municipality of Center PKG "Detska Radost" – Municipality of Gazi Baba PKG "Buba Mara" – Municipality of Aerodrom PKG "8 Mart" – Municipality of Kisela Voda Ministry of Labor and Social Policy
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	Research and Policy Creating center, (CIKP) Sole Communication Network - DOOEL
Status quo or problem addressed by the commitment		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.
Main objective		Developed platform and capacity building for communication and improvement of effectiveness and efficacy in service delivery by the kindergartens.
Brief description of commitment		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		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 improved efficacy, transparency and accountability of the local level institutions in the field of social services.			
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	There are no information on the activities' progress.			
6.6.2. Training and raising awareness of employees	/			
6.6.3. Platform implementation in a real environment	/			
6.6.4. Evaluation and implementation	Evaluation 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
Lead implementing agency	The Ministry of Local Self-Government
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Eli Chakar
Title, Department	State Adviser
Email	elicakar@gmail.com
Phone	071 226 415
Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies Ministry of Local Self-Government and Ministry of Information Society and Administration Local self-government units

	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	INKLUZIVA – Association for Inclusive Society Promotion and Development e-mail: inkluziva@gmail.com tel: 076 279 663,076 279 662
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 barriers in their everyday activities: entering and using public facilities, public transportation, service using. Web sites of municipalities are not modulated for disabled people’s use (defective vision). 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.
Main objective		Easier access for disabled people to information and services delivered by municipalities
Brief description of commitment		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		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. The measures of this commitment will improve inclusion of disabled people at the local level as a vulnerable group of people.
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			
6.7.1. Assessment of the needs of citizens with visual impairments	Consultative workshops were conducted in Bitola, with participation by representatives from municipalities and civil organizations, thus making assessment of all the requirements.			
6.7.2. Opening an INFO center for municipalities from 3 planning regions	It has been announced that the Info Center will be open by the end of the month.			
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.	UNDP has provided technical requirements.			
6.7.4. Greater access to information for persons with disabilities in the North-East region.	<p>Implemented activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An analysis has been conducted on the municipalities' WEB sites in the Northeast planning region. - A report has been prepared with recommendations for adapting the web sites to the needs of the persons with disabilities in Macedonian, Albanian and English language. -Memorandum for cooperation was signed with the municipalities of Kumanovo, Kriva Palanka and Kratovo. The Municipality of Kriva Palanka is already working on its web site adaptation. - A Manual on the manner of exercising the right to free access to public information in an easy and understandable language was drafted for persons with mild intellectual disabilities. -Video material was prepared in order to inform the persons with disabilities on the manner and procedure for free access to public information through a sign language, which will be ready by mid-February, when the project will end. 			

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	
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Eli Chakar	
Title, Department	State Adviser	
Email	elicakar@gmail.com	
Phone	071 226 415	
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	Reference to the 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 will contribute for improvement of efficacy and transparency of the local	

	institution in the field of human rights protection.			
Relevance	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.			
Ambition	Information for the citizens on the possibility for their rights protection in case of a right violation by the municipal bodies.			
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	Two thirds of the municipalities have implemented this commitment. This is an ongoing process that needs to be improved.			

7. PUBLIC SERVICES	
7.1 Favorable legal environment for social contracts	
Start and end date of the commitment (07/2016– 6/ 2017)	New commitment
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Sofija Spasovska
Title, Department	Head Assistant of the Sector for social protection and social policy
Email	SSpasovska@mtsp.gov.mk
Phone	+ 389 75 306 027
Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade
	Ministry of Local Self-Government Eli Chakar, State Adviser, elicakar@gmail.com Local self-government units
	SOS Children's Village Macedonia

	unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations	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	<p>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 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</p>	

	is improving and facilitating citizens' access to social services and their sustainability.
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	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. These measures will improve social services to citizens by improving national legislation.
Relevance	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. 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.
Ambition	<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 protection. - Establishing business activities and strengthen the social impact of 10 CSOs by re-grant 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. Conducted comparative analysis on the implementation of the model for social agreements	<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. Promoted Report with results and recommendation from the conducted comparative analysis	<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. Drafted report – proposal on standards for social services delivery by CSOs and raising public awareness	<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 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) 			
7.1.4. Drafted document- proposal on model for Social agreements	<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 			

	<p>selection process, conducted meetings for introducing the work with the selected experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. Drafted document – proposal on improvement of the manner of selection and licence issuance regarding the provision of social services by SCOs (package procedures for selection and conclusion of agreements with social services providers)</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 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)
<p>7.1.6 Promotion of a model proposal of social agreements</p>	<p>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.</p> <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. 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.
<p>7.1.7 Submitting/handing over the documents prepared in the framework of the model proposal of the Social Agreements to MLSP</p>	<p>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</p>

	and adoption to the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy.
<i>27.1.8 Training of representatives of institutions and organizations in the area of social protection for the implementation of the model of social agreements</i>	-This activity should follow as a follow-up activity after the submission and adoption of the model of social agreements by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia as a preparation of representatives of public institutions and organizations in the field of social protection, for successful implementation of the model of social agreements. By implementing this activity, the terms, conditions and the preparations for piloting and successful implementation of the social agreements for some of the social services will be completed, as well as the positive impact of the project in view of social policies and social services improvement will be fully realized.
<i>7.1.9 Regulatory 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>7.1.10 Cost 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>7.1.11 Public event for promotion of results from the Regulatory impact assessment and Cost benefit analysis, and transfer of the Social Agreements Model to the MLSP</i>	On July 28th 2017, at 10 o'clock, a public event was held in the premises of Hotel Meriot in Skopje in order to present the initiative for introducing the model of social agreements, as well as to present the findings and the results of the conducted analyzes on the usefulness and benefits of applying the model of social agreements within the project "Introduction of the Model of Social Agreements in the provision of social services", which was financed by UNICEF and implemented by SOS Children's Village Macedonia. The conducted analyzes were focused on RIA- Regulatory Impact Assessment and the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA), and the results thereof support the justification of the introduction of the model of social agreements. At the event, a public handover of the model of social agreements was made to the Minister of Labor and Social Policy Ms. Mila Carova.
<i>7.1.12 Submission of the prepared documents within the framework of the Model of Social Agreements and the results of the conducted analyzes to the MLSP and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia. Macedonia</i>	In September 2017, the Model of Social Agreements and the Conducted Regulatory Impact Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis were submitted to the MoLSP and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for adoption, the results of which are in favor of the adoption and introduction of the Model of Social Agreements, which would enable more quality, effective and efficient social services for users.

² 7.1.8 - Активност за реализација – Со оглед на тоа дека проектот е завршен, во однос на реализацијата на овие обуки се надеваме да бидат реализирани откако ќе биде обезбеден донатор кој би ги финансирал истите.

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
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Teodora Obradovikj Grncharovska
Title, Department	State Advisor
Email	t.grncharovska@moepp.gov.mk , dori.moeppgovmk@gmail.com
Phone	
Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations
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.			
OPG challenge addressed by the commitment	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)			
Reference to the global objectives of sustainable development	<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>			
Relevance	Greater transparency in the process shall enable more informed decision making process on sectorial and local policies.			
Ambition	<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. 			
Commitment's implementation status	unstarted	limited	significant	finished
Milestone	Brief description of activities undertaken and results achieved per achievement			
8.1.1. Organize at least three consultative workshops with stakeholders to prepare the second bi-annual audited report on climate change	<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 - 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 wheather 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 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. • 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.
--	---

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
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Teodora Obradovikj Grncharovska
Title, Department	State Advisor
Email	t.grncharovska@moepp.gov.mk dori.moepgovmk@gmail.com
Phone	
Other Actors Involved	State administration bodies, independent state administration bodies
	Non-government sector, business subjects, trade unions, economic chambers, associations and foundations
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	Target 13:., Climate Action "Target 13.2: Integrating measures on climate change into national policies, strategies and planning 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			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Will provide improved systems for collecting relevant data; -Will improve quality of the collection and analysis of data; -Will strengthen national capacity to address climate change; -Will improve the quality of reporting to the UNFCCC and the EU; 			
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	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. 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.
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
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning	
Name of responsible person from implementing agency	Teodora Obradovikj Grncharovska	
Title, Department	State Advisor	
Email	t.grncharovska@moepp.gov.mk dori.moeppgovmk@gmail.com	
Phone		
Other Actors	State administration bodies, independent state	National Committee on Climate Change Government of RM

Involved	administration bodies	
	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		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 The measures of this commitment contribute to raising awareness, responsibility and involvement in national climate change action.
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		Will improve reporting, monitoring and verification of data which the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning requires from industry - 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	The draft version of the rulebooks is ready. They will be part of the new Law on Climate Action, whose preparation will start soon. EMI software has been installed on the Ministry's server.			