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ABOUT US

Finance Think is an independent and non-for-profit economic research and policy institute, founded in 2012.

Our Vision

To steer economic thinking for increased well-being tomorrow.

Our Mission

To enhance the impact of economic and social trends and policies on citizens in Macedonia and the Western Balkans, through economic research, evidence-based and data-driven advocacy, and steering critical debate on economic processes.

The research of Finance Think helps policymakers, policy advocates, opinion makers, journalists, and the public understand the issues affecting ordinary citizens.

Programmatic Domains

- Poverty, employment and skills
- Fiscal transparency and accountability
- Gender and income inequalities
- Social entrepreneurship and women
- Migration and remittances
- Sectoral economic policies

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Project title: Analysis of youth underemployment in Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia	19.500	Coordinator	Partnership for Economic Policies	01/07/2017 to 30/06/2018
Objectives of the action		The objective of the study is to describe underemployment and investigate its effect on personal wellbeing in the three countries. Special reference to gender will be made. By so doing, it opts to bring the issue to policymakers' agenda and formulate ideas for policies tackling underemployment.		

Project title: Challenging unemployment in the Western Balkans: Enhancing active labour market policies in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina	7.250	Co-applicant	European Fund for the Balkans	01/01/2016 to 31/08/2016
Objectives of the action		The main objective of the project is to contribute to improvement of active labour market policies and boosting employment in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Macedonia.		

Project title: Active inclusion of disadvantaged persons excluded from the labor market

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	163.851,94	Co-applicant	European Commission – Instrument for Pre-Accession	14/12/2015 to 14/08/2017
Objectives of the action		Overall objective of the project is to increase the activation of persons at risk of social exclusion in the labor market by improving their skills, education, qualification and facilitating their full integration into the society and the labor market. Core activity of the action is the Social Mentoring Model that is piloted during the project implementation.		

Project title: Simulation of voucher policy for improving the social condition of individual remittance receivers in Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	23.000	Coordinator	Partnership for Economic Policies	27/05/2014 to 27/05/2015
Objectives of the action		The purpose of the study is to develop a simulation of potential voucher system for social protection of individual members of the households receiving remittances in Macedonia.		

Project title: Mind the gaps between the budget lines and the National Program for Poverty Reduction

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	22.600	Coordinator	USAID and Foundation Open Society in Macedonia	01/09/2013 to 30/06/2014
Objectives of the action		The project aims to increase the effectiveness and usage of poverty-reduction programs by increasing the transparency of the associated budget lines and informing the citizens about them.		

Project title: Technical assistance to local LESC's and the ESA

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	12.717	Coordinator	International Labour Organization	20/04/2017 – 31/12/2017
Objectives of the action		The objective of the project is to provide technical assistance to the Employment Service Agency for implementation of three distinct employment measures at the local level.		

Project title: Integrated case management for employment and social welfare users

Location of the action	Cost of the action (MKD)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	219.924	National expert	UNDP	01/07/2017 – 31/12/2017

Objectives of the action

The objective of the project is to produce a country report for integrated case management of social services, including delivery of training for the employees of the Centers for Social Work

Project title: Data analysis for the Diagnostic and Public Finance Studies in Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	10.000	Coordinator	The World Bank	15/10/2017 to 29/01/2018

Objectives of the action

The objective of the project is to provide background calculations in Stata to feed the preparation of two studies: Country Diagnostics and Public Finance Study by the world bank, based on data from LFS, SILC and HBS.

Project title: Introducing guaranteed minimum income in Macedonia through integrated case management

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	1.000	Coordinator	Economic and Social Analytics	15/11/2017 to 7/12/2018

Objectives of the action

The objective of the project is to provide background analysis and related policy brief on the practical issues in implementing guaranteed minimum income in Macedonia through integrated case management.

Project title: Active civic engagement in design and monitoring of the local budget and public procurement

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	8.500	Coordinator	Project WEBER through the European Policy Institute, Skopje	01/06/2017 to 01/06/2018
Objectives of the action		The project aims at increasing the engagement of external stakeholders (citizens, civil society organizations and local media) in the design and monitoring of local budgets and public procurement.		

Project title: "My money, my responsibility": Participative budgeting in municipalities in Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	107.317	Coordinator	USAID Civic Engagement Project through the East West Management Institute	01/05/2017 to 30/04/2020
Objectives of the action		The overall purpose of the project is to enhance local-stakeholders' practice and participation in the local budgeting process and to increase the effectiveness of the municipal-money spending.		

Project title: Estimating the sustainable public debt in Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	4.000	Coordinator	Think Tank Fund – Young Professionals Development Program	01/10/2016 to 01/04/2017
Objectives of the action		The objective of this project is to provide credible estimates of the sustainable level of the Macedonian government and public debt.		

Project title: Gender-responsible budget of the city of Skopje

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	1.000	Coordinator	Center for Research and Policy Making	09/09/2016 to 09/10/2016

Objectives of the action

The objective of this research is to identify gaps in the gender policies and implementation of gender-sensitive budget of the City of Skopje, and make appropriate recommendations to overcome the gaps.

Project title: FISCAST+: Fiscal transparency and accountability improves policies in quality of life, education and health

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	194.258	Coordinator	British Embassy in Skopje	01/07/2016 to 31/03/2018

Objectives of the action

The objective of the project is to address efficiency and quality of selected policies in quality of life, education and health through public debate and policy options derived from data and evidence.

Project title: FISCAST: Building capacity and tools for fiscal accountability, sustainability and transparency in Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	95.000	Coordinator	British Embassy in Skopje	01/08/2015 to 31/03/2016

Objectives of the action

The overall objective of the project is twofold: first, to improve the capacity of civil society and media to contribute to evidence-based economic dialogue in the country, enabling more participatory and transparent policymaking, with strong focus on fiscal policymaking; and, second, to increase the public awareness for the process of spending public money.

Project title: Local development or current expenditures: What purpose is municipal money spent for

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	4.100	Coordinator	Metamorphosis Foundation	09/04/2015 to 09/10/2015
Objectives of the action		The main objective of the project is to increase the transparency and efficiency of the use of budget funds within municipalities.		



Project title: "Heroes and she-roes": Knowledge for analysis of and advocacy for equal pay for women and mothers in Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	80.127	Coordinator	Know-how Exchange Program – Austria through the Central European Initiative	01/11/2015 – 31/01/2017
Objectives of the action		The objective of this project is to correctly measure gender pay gaps (difference in wages between men and women) and motherhood pay gaps (difference in wages between mothers and childless women) in Macedonia and to advocate solutions for addressing the prevalent pay gaps.		

Project title: Visualization of the gender wage gap in Macedonia: Demystifying wages and advocacy for gap minimization

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	4.460	Coordinator	Think Tank Fund	01/06/2015 – 01/01/2016
Objectives of the action		The objective of this project is to raise the awareness for the gender wage discrimination in Macedonia		

Project title: Does motherhood explain part of the gender wage gap in Macedonia?

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	5.365	Coordinator	CERGE-EI and Global Development Network	01/01/2015 – 01/01/2016
Objectives of the action		The objective of the research is to estimate the contribution of the motherhood wage gap for the gender wage gap in Macedonia after considering workers' characteristics and selectivity bias onto the labour market, for childbearing-age population.		

Project title: Analysis of gender wage gap when women are highly inactive: Evidence from repeated imputations with Macedonian data

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia,	8.943	Coordinator	Global Development Network	10/06/2013 – 10/12/2013
Objectives of the action		The objective of this research is to investigate if gender employment gap can shed some light on the gender wage gap and to develop a web-based developmental tool to tackle gender wage inequality in Macedonia.		

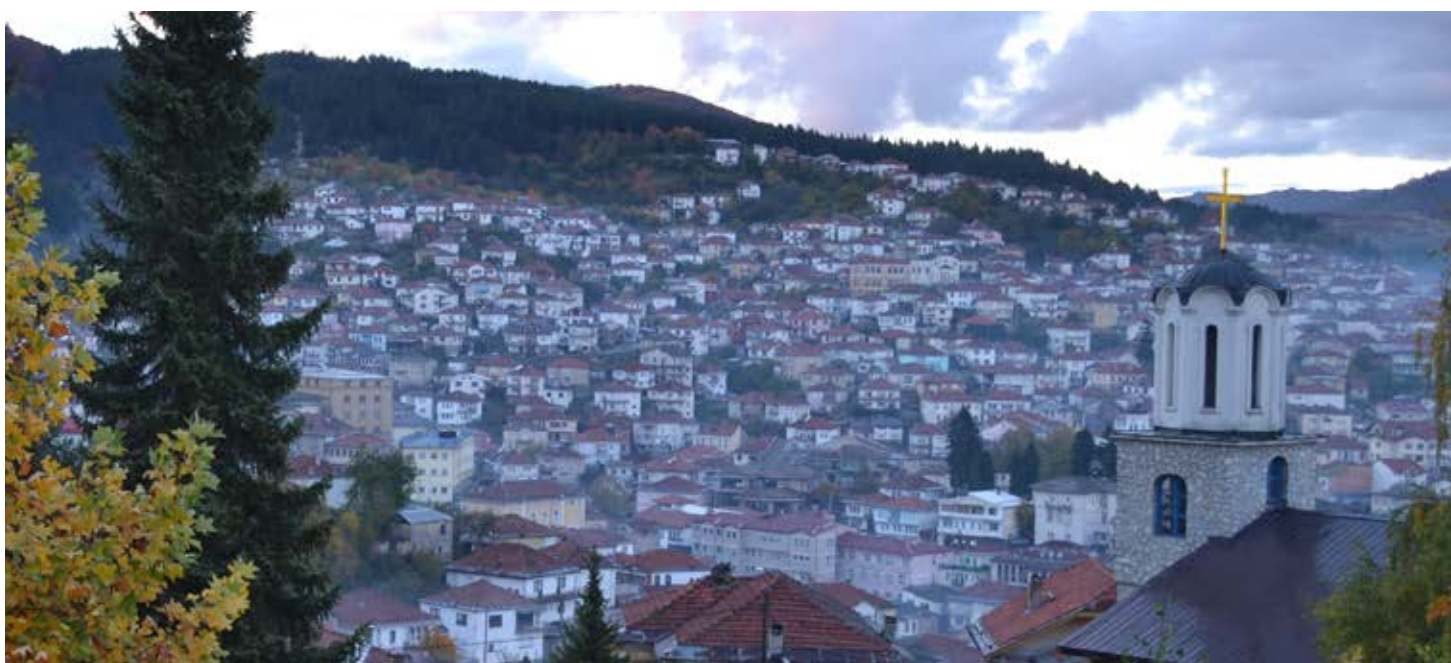


Project title: Fostering female self-sustainability through embedding traditional values into alternative touristic attractions in Krushevo

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia,	8.853	Coordinator	US Embassy in Skopje	09/04/2015 – 09/02/2016
Objectives of the action		The main objective of the project is to improve self-sustainability of women through development of alternative touristic attractions out of their skills for traditional, homemade and ecological production: embroider linen, knittings, wild berry jams, pasta peeling and grains, natural tea and the like.		

Project title: Empowering women in Krushevo through mini clustering for sales and promotion of traditional products

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	21.309	Coordinator	US Embassy in Skopje	01/06/2014 – 01/06/2015
Objectives of the action		The objective of the project is to improve the living standards and social inclusion, and to reduce poverty in Krusevo, through association (mini-clustering) of women for production and sale of local, domestic, traditional and ecological, home-made products.		



Project title: Migration as social protection: Analysis of Macedonian, Albanian and Serbian remittance-receiving households

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia, Serbia and Albania	230.000	Coordinator	Regional Research Promotion Program – Swiss Development Agency	01/08/2014 – 30/09/2016

Objectives of the action

The objective of the research is to investigate if remittances sent to Macedonia, Albania and Serbia serve social protection for household members left behind. In particular, we analyze if and how remittances determine/influence social condition (stability or vulnerability) of the household, the latter being described through an index composition of the income level, employment status, nourishment, health and housing conditions.

Project title: Forecasting the size and effects of emigration and remittances in four Western-Balkan countries

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia, Serbia, Albania and Kosovo	26.800	Coordinator	Regional Research Promotion Program	01/06/2016 – 01/12/2016

Objectives of the action

The project aims to forecast the size and effects of remittances and emigration in 4 Western-Balkan (WB) countries, through a novel method: Delphi questionnaire.





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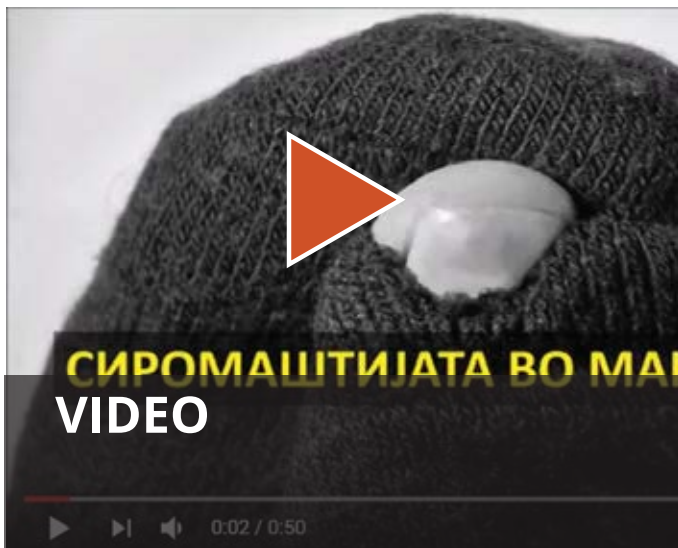
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www.doznaki.mk

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www.fiscast.mk

A resource center for fiscal accountability, sustainability and transparency



www.sledigiparite.mk

Web platform that provides information about the budgets of the 15 biggest municipalities in Macedonia.



www.odkrusevo.mk

Web platform of the Association "Krushevo women"



www.vrabotime.mk

Web platform that provides information related to the project "Promoting active inclusion of disadvantaged persons excluded of the labor market".

MEMBERSHIPS AND MOU

International Budget Partnership / CAMMIGRES – The Cambridge Migration Research Network / EDIRIC-IDEAS/REPEC / UNCTAD Virtual Institute – Geneva / Global Youth Network

MoUs: National Bank of Macedonia; Municipality of Krushevo, Macedonia; Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities Skopje; The Bayes Group, Bolivia; Center for analysis of poverty, inequality and society, Argentina

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