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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 wellbeing 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

- Growth and development policies
- Fiscal transparency and accountability
- Competitiveness and EU accession
- Social entrepreneurship and women
- Poverty, employment and skills
- Gender and income inequalities
- Migration and remittances

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GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

The pillar covers a variety of policies and strategies to produce and support economic growth and development, with a focus on three development pillars: education, healthcare and institutions. Other development pillars covered include: infrastructure investment, state aid, financial markets and institutions and other sectoral policies.

Project title: Interactive and multi-stakeholder mechanism for tracking fulfillment of economy-related political promises

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	29.152	Coordinator	Civica Mobilitas	May 2020 – May 2022

Objectives of the action

The aim of the project is to promote monitoring and measurement of economic goals and results of political-government programs, by using evidence, findings and data and by encouraging multi-stakeholder engagement.

The action will achieve the following results:

- R.1 A framework for measuring economic goals and results has been set, in the context of political and governmental programs, through the use of evidence, findings and data;
- R.2 Skills have been developed for stakeholders to critically analyze the possible and achieved results of political promises in the area of economics;
- R.3 Stakeholders enrich public discourse through critical, argumentative and lively debate on the feasibility, results and cost of political promises in the economy.

Project title: Promoting evidence and dialogue for enhancing state aid's effect onto consumer welfare in North Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	71.685	Coordinator	Balkan Trust for Democracy – Norwegian Embassy Belgrade	February 2020 – February 2021

Objectives of the action

The objective of the action is to promote evidence and foster dialogue on the role of state aid for consumer welfare in North Macedonia. The specific objectives of the action include:

- To understand existing forms of state aid in North Macedonia (direct subsidies, tax exemptions, discounted loans etc.) and their (mutual) consistency within the overall anti-trust legislation in the country;
- To produce robust evidence on whether state aid distorts competition on the market, with application on the paramount governmental program for subsidizing companies in North Macedonia and dwelling on the 'market economy operator' principle;
- To improve the dialogue among stakeholders, as well raise public awareness, on state aid, alignment with EU Acquis and consumer welfare.

By having achieved these objectives, the action will significantly contribute to enhancing the role of state aid for the market competition and efficiency, and hence onto consumer welfare.

Project title: Economic compass – measuring the effects of proposed tax and social policies by the political parties

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	5.346	Coordinator	Civica Mobilitas (partial financing)	December 2019 – July 2020

Objectives of the action

The purpose of the project is to assess the effects of economic, social and part of the development policies that political parties will propose in their election programs for the 2020 parliamentary elections, using the MK-MOD Microsimulation Tax & Benefit Model.

Project title: Beyond income inequalities in North Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	2.472	Coordinator	UNDP	December 2019 – January 2020

Objectives of the action

The aim of the project is to provide an overview of inequalities in North Macedonia beyond income, i.e. inequalities in opportunities in four critical areas: education, healthcare, labor market and justice.

Project title: Common country analysis – economic and social trends

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	19.598	Coordinator	Office of the UN Resident Coordinator	November 2019 – March 2020

Objectives of the action

The aim of the project is to synthesize existing knowledge in the area of economic, social and development trends and policies in North Macedonia, identify the most lagging population groups in terms of a set of development indicators, identify short- and medium-term risks, as well as knowledge and data gaps, all in the context of sustainable development goals.

Project title: Sustainable economic growth through promotion of alternative touristic attractions

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	13.500	Coordinator	US Embassy	September – December 2019

Objectives of the action

The main goal of the project is to improve local economic development by promoting developed alternative tourist attractions. The indirect expected benefits include development of new local brands and unconventional tourist attractions for the regions that in the long term will strengthen regions as touristic destinations, attract more tourists, and thus increase revenues and promote local traditional values as a key to reducing poverty and to inclusive economic growth.

Project title: Capacity and innovation of tourism services for sustainable local economic growth – New approach through development of alternative tourist attractions

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	100.000	Coordinator	Local and Regional Competitive-ness Project (LRCP) (World Bank & EU)	January – September 2019

Objectives of the action

The overall goal of the project is to improve local economic development by building capacities of local stakeholders involved in the supply chain, increasing quality of services and development, launching and selling alternative tourist attractions. The indirect expected benefits include the development of new local brands and unconventional tourist attractions for the regions that in the long term will strengthen regions as tourist destinations, attract more tourists, and thus increase revenues and promote local traditional values as a key to reducing poverty and inclusive economic growth.

Project title: 360o monitoring of the provision of social services at the local level: Experiences from the municipalities of Prilep and Dolneni

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	9.000	Coordinator	European Union through the Foundation Open Society Macedonia and Eurothink	November 2018 – March 2019

Objectives of the action

The overall goal of the project is to improve the delivery of social services at the local level by increasing the capacities of local stakeholders and involving citizens in this process in the municipalities of Prilep and Dolneni.

Project title: Bridging the gaps between multinational companies and domestic SMEs in Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	187.310	Coordinator	European Commission (CFCD – Ministry of Finance)	January 2018 – December 2019

Objectives of the action

The overall objective of the Action is to establish and/or improve the linkages between domestic SMEs (dSMEs) – multinational companies (MNCs) operating in Macedonia, with the final goal to increase domestic business sector competitiveness.

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
North Macedonia	194.258	Coordinator	British Embassy, Skopje	July 2016 – March 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.



FISCAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

This research program covers issues like transparency, structure and effects of public spending, participative budgeting at national and local level, sustainability of the public deficit and debt, public procurement and so on.

Project title: Assessment of the financial implications for the state in the fight against COVID-19

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	2.314	Coordinator	IRI Republican Institute	April – June 2020

Objectives of the action The purpose of this analysis is to assess the financial implications, i.e. the spending of state institutions intended to combat COVID-19.

Project title: Analysis of parafiscal charges in North Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	6.551	Coordinator	Ministry of Economy	September 2019 – January 2020

Objectives of the action The objective of the project is to provide analysis of the parafiscal charges for SMEs in North Macedonia, by reviewing the Catalogue of public services and conduct of survey among SMEs.

Project title: Roma-responsive budgeting in North Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	3.600	Coordinator	Regional Cooperation Council	April 2019 June 2019

Objectives of the action The aim of the project is to pilot the Roma responsive budgeting guidelines through building capacities of civil servants, selecting budget programs and applying guidelines, resulting in two Roma responsive budgeting submissions to the 2020 budget.

Project title: Good or bad tax? Reforming Macedonian personal income tax

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	8.000	Coordinator	Balkan Monitoring Public Finance / Analytica Think Tank	14/12/2018 to 14/06/2019

Objectives of the action The overall objective of the project is to assess the effect of the announced tax reform of the personal income tax.

Project title: Analysis of resources allocated for child-related social and education policies and programs in the Budget of the Republic of Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	13.000	Coordinator	UNICEF	19/07/2018 to 31/12/2018

Objectives of the action

The objective of this project proposal is to provide a comprehensive overview of the policies and programs related to children, in Macedonia, and their allocated financial resources by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, in two mutually-reinforcing programmatic domains: quality of life (social policies) and education.

Project title: Analysis of resources allocated for child-related health policies and programs in the Budget of the Republic of Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	8.500	Coordinator	UNICEF	30/08/2018 to 31/12/2018

Objectives of the action

The objective of this project proposal is to provide a comprehensive overview of the policies and programs related to children, in Macedonia, and their allocated financial resources by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, in the domain of health.

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: "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: 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: 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	01/05/2017 to 30/04/2020

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	01/10/2016 to 01/04/2017

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.



COMPETITIVENESS AND EU ACCESSION

This research program deals with the conceptualization of the competitiveness, i.e. the institutions, policies and reforms to strengthen the market economy of North Macedonia. Moreover, the program specifically deals with how the EU accession helps country competitiveness in light of supporting the capacity to cope with the competitive pressure and market forces within the Union.

Project title: Promoting evidence and dialogue for enhancing state aid's effect onto consumer welfare in North Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	71.685	Coordinator	Balkan Trust for Democracy – Norwegian Embassy Belgrade	February 2020 – February 2021

Objectives of the action

The objective of the action is to promote evidence and foster dialogue on the role of state aid for consumer welfare in North Macedonia.
 The specific objectives of the action include:
 To understand existing forms of state aid in North Macedonia (direct subsidies, tax exemptions, discounted loans etc.) and their (mutual) consistency within the overall anti-trust legislation in the country;
 To produce robust evidence on whether state aid distorts competition on the market, with application on the paramount governmental program for subsidizing companies in North Macedonia and dwelling on the 'market economy operator' principle;
 To improve the dialogue among stakeholders, as well raise public awareness, on state aid, alignment with EU Acquis and consumer welfare.
 By having achieved these objectives, the action will significantly contribute to enhancing the role of state aid for the market competition and efficiency, and hence onto consumer welfare.

Project title: Common country analysis – economic and social trends

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	134.500	Coordinator	Office of the UN Resident Coordinator	November 2019 – March 2020

Objectives of the action

The aim of the project is to synthesize existing knowledge in the area of economic, social and development trends and policies in North Macedonia, identify the most lagging population groups in terms of a set of development indicators, identify short- and medium-term risks, as well as knowledge and data gaps, all in the context of sustainable development goals.

Project title: Institutional know-how transfer to support (swift?) Europeanization of North Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	134.500	Coordinator	Open Society Foundations – Berlin Office	November 2019 – April 2021

Objectives of the action

The objective of the project is to elevate Finance Think at a new international / European level of development to be able to secure streamlining of the European economic values and dynamics into the national economy, as well to be able to robustly engage with EU actors relevant in this domain.

Project title: Sustainable economic growth through promotion of alternative touristic attractions

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	13.500	Coordinator	US Embassy	September 2019 – December 2019

Objectives of the action

The main goal of the project is to improve local economic development by promoting developed alternative tourist attractions. The indirect expected benefits include development of new local brands and unconventional tourist attractions for the regions that in the long term will strengthen regions as touristic destinations, attract more tourists, and thus increase revenues and promote local traditional values as a key to reducing poverty and to inclusive economic growth.

Project title: Capacity and innovation of tourism services for sustainable local economic growth – New approach through development of alternative tourist attractions

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	100.000	Coordinator	Local and Regional Competitiveness Project (LRCP) (World Bank & EU)	January 2019 – December 2019

Objectives of the action

The overall goal of the project is to improve local economic development by building capacities of local stakeholders involved in the supply chain, increasing quality of services and development, launching and selling alternative tourist attractions. The indirect expected benefits include the development of new local brands and unconventional tourist attractions for the regions that in the long term will strengthen regions as tourist destinations, attract more tourists, and thus increase revenues and promote local traditional values as a key to reducing poverty and inclusive economic growth.

SOCIAL ENTRE- PRENEURSHIP AND WOMEN

The goal of this research program of Finance Think is to encourage action to translate social entrepreneurship into a platform for raising living standards and increasing equality of vulnerable groups, with special focus on women.

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

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	November 2015 – January 2017
Objectives of the action		<p>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. In particular, previous research has demonstrated that Macedonia faces gender and motherhood wage gaps of 12.5% and 8.7%, respectively. However, a large part of females remains outside the labour market and can therefore not be considered when the pay gap is calculated (as their wage is not observed). This makes the above figures incorrect, since it is likely that females who stay outside the labour market are not randomly selected not to work. Hence, one bold challenge is to obtain knowledge for the proper calculation of pay gaps, i.e. econometric (technical) knowledge to address the selectivity bias in the labour market. The project envisages activities positioned within three pillars: Professional development thorough capacity building and direct knowledge transfer. Collaborative research. Building networks for advocacy, promotion and collaboration beyond the project cycle.</p>		

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		<p>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.</p>		

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
North Macedonia	21.309	Coordinator	US Embassy in Skopje	01/06/2014 – 01/06/2015
Objectives of the action		<p>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.</p>		

POVERTY, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

This research program refers to an array of development topics related to the quality of life of citizens and includes but is not limited to issues such as poverty, minimum wage, participation in the labor market, unemployment, quality of education, informal economy, productivity, social protection, social dialogue and industrial relations and the like.

Project title: Assessment of the poverty effects of Covid-19, with a focus on the most vulnerable categories of citizens

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	13.113	Coordinator	The Government of North Macedonia	July – December 2020

Objectives of the action

The aim of this project is to assess the risk of poverty imposed by the Covid-19 crisis, with special reference to the groups most at risk, and to raise awareness of the use of the measure to facilitate entry into the system of guaranteed minimum assistance.

Specific objectives include:

- To evaluate / simulate the effect of the Covid-19 crisis on poverty, with special reference to gender poverty;
- To make a qualitative assessment of the effect of the Covid-19 crisis on the target groups: women and youth at social risk, informal workers, recipients of social assistance and Roma;
- To assess the fiscal implications of the measure for relaxation of the criteria for obtaining guaranteed minimum assistance;
- To raise awareness of the eased entry into the system for guaranteed minimum assistance;
- To propose measures for evidence-based policies, with potentially narrower targeting of the target groups.

Project title: Socio-economic assessment of the medium- to long-term effects of Covid-19 on child-related sectors

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	40.654	Coordinator	UNICEF	May 2020 – June 2020

Objectives of the action

The aim of the project is to conduct a qualitative and quantitative assessment of the mid- to long-term effects of Covid-19 on the sectors related to children, namely: social protection, education and health care. The analysis will perform a quantitative simulation, using micro-data, on the effects of the crisis on child poverty and related indicators. In a separate section, the analysis will focus on the implications of and on public finance in relation to these sectors.

Project title: Gender equality in the workplace: Monitoring at the local level

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	5.814	Coordinator	Foundation Open Society	November 2019 – May 2020

Objectives of the action The main objective of the project is to promote and encourage gender equality and non-discrimination in hiring and in the workplace.

Project title: Assessment of the needs of social services at the municipal level

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	64.340	Coordinator	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (Social Services Improvement Project)	August – November 2019

Objectives of the action The aim of the project is to assess the needs of social services in all 80 municipalities on the territory of Northern Macedonia.

Project title: 360o monitoring of the provision of social services at the local level: Experiences from the municipalities of Prilep and Dolneni

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	9.000	Coordinator	European Union through the Foundation Open Society Macedonia and Eurothink	15/11/2018 to 15/05/2019

Objectives of the action The overall goal of the project is to improve the delivery of social services at the local level by increasing the capacities of local stakeholders and involving citizens in this process in the municipalities of Prilep and Dolneni.

Project title: Analysis of resources allocated for child-related social and education policies and programs in the Budget of the Republic of Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	13.000	Coordinator	UNICEF	19/07/2018 to 31/12/2018

Objectives of the action

The objective of this project proposal is to provide a comprehensive overview of the policies and programs related to children, in Macedonia, and their allocated financial resources by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, in two mutually-reinforcing programmatic domains: quality of life (social policies) and education.

Project title: Social Pillar of the European Integration of Western Balkans

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia, Serbia, Albania	6.000	Partner	European Fund for the Balkans	January – December 2018

Objectives of the action

This Project intends to initiate policy platform dealing with the welfare state issues to strengthen cohesion, stability and growth in the Western Balkans and its sustainable European perspectives. The specific objective is to support effective regional advocacy on issues of critical importance for the welfare state area, through long-term regional cooperation and learning from EU experience, as preconditions for inclusive evidence-based policy making.

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	80.127	Coordinator	The World Bank	01/11/2015 – 31/01/2017

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:Regulatory impact analysis: The effects of changing the minimum wage act

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	10.000	Coordinator	European Commission IPA through Institute for Democracy	January – December 2018

Objectives of the action

The overall goal of the project is an ex-post assessment of the impact of the changes in the Minimum Wage Act on the system (the economy) and the main stakeholders (workers and employers).

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 project is to provide technical assistance to the Employment Service Agency for implementation of three distinct employment measures at the local level.

Project title:Technical assistance to local LSCs 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 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: Promoting 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	163.852	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: 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: 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: 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
North 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: 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: Youth self-employment in households receiving remittances in Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	8.000	Coordinator	International Development Research Center	2013-2014 (1 year)

Objectives of the action	This project aims to explore if remittances may be used to support the entrepreneurial activities of unemployed youth in households receiving remittances, in an environment of global economic crisis, tightened credit conditions, lack of venture capital financing and the malfunctioning labor market.
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GENDER AND INCOME INEQUALITIES

This research program is focused on the application of aspects of newer economic literature advocating for gender equality in wages, employment and opportunities, as well for policies reducing income and wealth inequalities.

Project title: Assessment of the poverty effects of Covid-19, with a focus on the most vulnerable categories of citizens

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	13.113	Coordinator	The Government of North Macedonia	July – December 2020

Objectives of the action

The aim of this project is to assess the risk of poverty imposed by the Covid-19 crisis, with special reference to the groups most at risk, and to raise awareness of the use of the measure to facilitate entry into the system of guaranteed minimum assistance.

Specific objectives include:

- To evaluate / simulate the effect of the Covid-19 crisis on poverty, with special reference to gender poverty;
- To make a qualitative assessment of the effect of the Covid-19 crisis on the target groups: women and youth at social risk, informal workers, recipients of social assistance and Roma;
- To assess the fiscal implications of the measure for relaxation of the criteria for obtaining guaranteed minimum assistance;
- To raise awareness of the eased entry into the system for guaranteed minimum assistance;
- To propose measures for evidence-based policies, with potentially narrower targeting of the target groups.

Project title: Beyond income inequalities in North Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	2.473	Coordinator	UNDP	December 2019 – January 2020

Objectives of the action

The aim of the project is to provide an overview of inequalities in North Macedonia beyond income, i.e. inequalities in opportunities in four critical areas: education, healthcare, labor market and justice.

Project title: Gender equality in the workplace: Monitoring at the local level

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
North Macedonia	5.814	Coordinator	Foundation Open Society	November 2019 – May 2020

Objectives of the action

The main objective of the project is to promote and encourage gender equality and non-discrimination in hiring and in the workplace.

Project title: Good or bad tax? Reforming Macedonian personal income tax

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	8.000	Coordinator	Balkan Monitoring Public Finance / Analytica Think Tank	14/12/2018 to 14/06/2019

Objectives of the action The overall objective of the project is to assess the effect of the announced tax reform of the personal income tax.

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	80.127	Coordinator	The World Bank	01/11/2015 – 31/01/2017

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: 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	01/05/2017 to 30/04/2020

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: "Heroes and she-roes": Knowledge for analysis of and advocacy for equal pay for women and mothers in Macedonia (SHE-ROES)

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	November 2015 – January 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.		

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.		

MIGRATION AND REMITTANCES

The program on Migration and remittances explores the economic aspects of outgoing migration from Macedonia. Specifically, the program analyzes the effects of migration and remittances on vital indicators such as poverty, inequality, labor market and so on.

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.		

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: 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: Youth self-employment in households receiving remittances in Macedonia

Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Role in the action	Donors to the action (name)	Dates
Macedonia	8.000	Coordinator	International Development Research Center	2013-2014 (1 year)
Objectives of the action		This project aims to explore if remittances may be used to support the entrepreneurial activities of unemployed youth in households receiving remittances, in an environment of global economic crisis, tightened credit conditions, lack of venture capital financing and the malfunctioning labor market.		



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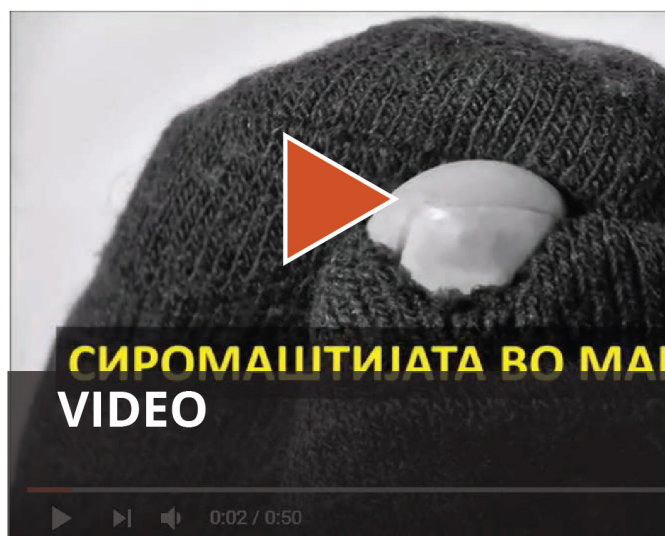
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www.fiscast.mk

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".

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