

**Association of professional
consultants –
READINESS FOR EUROPE 2020**

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Annual Report



Annual report for 2017

This report covers the work of the association for the period January – December 2017. It covers the activities realized in 2017 and presents activities that are planned to be implemented in 2018.

1. About the Association

Profile

Readiness for Europe 2020 is an Association of professional consultants established in March 2012, with the purpose to support and strengthen the capacities of organizations in Macedonia for achieving the objectives of the Strategy Europe 2020, as well as international cooperation.

The Association, where currently there are 9(nine) professional members, is open to all other interested individuals who have expertise appropriate to the goals and work of the Association.

Strategic objectives of the Association

1. **Increase awareness of Macedonian society** on the importance of the Strategy Europe 2020 and productive participation in achieving its strategic goals.
2. **Representing the interests of the Macedonian organizations** in national and European institutions associated with the strategy Europe 2020.
3. **Digital Society:** Speeding up broadband deployment and utilization of the benefits of digital single market for households and firms.
4. **Innovation:** Improving the basic conditions and access to finance for research and innovation, aiming to strengthen the innovation chain and increase the investment in all countries of the Union.
5. **Education:** Increasing the performance of the education system and strengthening its attractiveness to international students.
6. **Competitiveness:** Industrial policy in an era of globalization, especially for SMEs, as well as support the development of strong and sustainable industrial base capable of competing globally .
7. **Climate, Energy and Mobility:** Help with the separation of economic growth from resource use through decarbonization of the economy, increased use of renewable energy sources and modernization of the transport sector and energy efficiency promotion.
8. **Employment and Skills:** Modernization of the labor market by facilitating labor mobility and skills development throughout the life cycle with a view to increasing participation in the workforce, and better coupling of supply and demand of labor.

9. **Fighting Poverty:** Provision of social and territorial cohesion so that the benefits of growth and employment will expand widely and people experiencing poverty and social exclusion can live with dignity and take active participation in society.

Readiness for Europe 2020 (RE2020) is achieving its strategic goals by :

- Professional work, expertise, impartiality and neutrality, independence, voluntarily and solidarity as fundamental principles in action for responsible work in the NGO sector .
- Cooperation with other NGOs and citizens associations who have the same or related programmes .
- Active participation in various national and international projects, participation and organization of workshops, seminars, research activities, transfer of knowledge and so on .
- Transparency and accountability in cooperation with donors, foundations and beneficiaries .

Organizational structure in 2017

President of the Association

- Viktorija Sazdova

Assembly

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Associates in 2017

NGOs:

- University Treto Doba Skopje , <http://www.u3dskopje.com/>
- Social Innovation Hub Skopje , <http://socialinnovation.mk/>
- Economic Chamber of Commerce Skopje
- United Nation Development Programme Macedonia
- State Election Commission Macedonia
- Macedonie – Turkish chamber of commerce – MATTO (<http://www.matto.com.mk/>)

Private sector:

- Trajkovski & Partners Consulting ;
- iDex;
- iVote
- LLC

2. RE2020 Vision and Mission

Vision

Successful performance of Macedonian society in the implementation of the Strategy Europe 2020, through a willingness to deal with challenges and obstacles that await us in the future.

Mission

- *What: building awareness, readiness for innovation in work operations, compliance with the modern requirements of the common European single area through interoperability and security*
- *For who: Macedonian society, especially public institutions and civil society as carriers of Europe 2020 and Digital Agenda.*
- *How: Transfer of the best European practices through European, regional and national partnerships with organizations that respect and support the common development, and joining the common European area.*

3. Completed activities in 2017

During 2017, the activities of the Association Readiness for Europe 2020 were mainly focused on:

- Raising awareness of civil society about the existence of the association by :

Organizing three events in order to promote the cyber security in Macedonia. The events took place in the [EU Info Center](#) во Скопје. The topics were the challenges and the opportunities for the business sector, the government and the health sector in Macedonia.



- Participation in conferences and in relevant events

- Capacity building of RE2020 members aimed at successful operation and achievement of the Associations' objectives through workshops, trainings and study visits on various topics.
- Preparation of project proposals due to all open calls for grants and tenders for service procurement.

4. Submitted project proposals and applications in 2017

During 2017, RE2020 participant members had worked on submission of four application proposals :

1. Submitted project proposal under U.S. EMBASSY GRANTS PROGRAM

RE2020 submitted a project proposal under the U.S. Embassy grants program for realization of an Ambassadors' fund for the program for preserving of the cultural heritage. The overall project goal was to preserve the cultural heritage, to inspire others and to contribute to community development in Macedonia.

2. Submitted project proposal under PREDA PLUS GRANTS PROGRAM

RE2020 submitted a project proposal under the US Embassy grants program, called " Action today for a better tomorrow".

The overall project goal was to improve the political framework and practices for a higher participation of the people in the decision-making process.

3. Submitted project proposal for financial support of the NGOs under the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" - Skopje

RE2020 submitted a project proposal on a call for providing financial support to associations published by the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje.

The overall goal of this activity was to contribute to advancement of good governance in Macedonia, through network and capacity-building of civil society for monitoring and analysis of the RIA implementation.

The proposal was submitted under the name "The Regulatory Impact Assessment in the Shadow: Fostering evidence-based policy making in Macedonia".

4. Submitted a project on the subject Personal data protection – GDPR4U under the Horizons2020 programme

RE2020, together with 8 other partners from the region has created the project proposal „**General Data Protection Regulation for you (GDPR4U)**“ and submitted it to the call DS-08-2017 Cybersecurity PPP: Privacy, Data Protection, Digital Identities/Strand: General Data Protection Regulation in practice/ Innovation action.

The partners were 5 different countries – Macedonia (DZLP), Croatia (Institute for Development and International Relations, Croatian Personal Data Protection Agency), Albania (Information and Data Protection Commissioner, Albanian National Training and

Technical Assistance Resource Center), Slovenia (Institute Jozef Stefan) and Bulgaria (Digital National Alliance, University of Library Studies and Information Technologies).

5. Realized projects in 2017

Organizing of three events in the EU Info Center for the fifth anniversary of the European Cyber Security Month, in order to promote cyber security in Macedonia

For the 5 year anniversary of the [European Cyber Security month](#), this October, RE2020 in collaboration with [T&P Consulting](#), [MASIT](#), [Piperevski&Associates Consulting](#), and the [Military Academy](#) has organized three events in order to promote cyber security in Macedonia.

The events took place in the [EU Info Center](#) in Skopje. The topics were the challenges and opportunities for the business sector, the government and the health sector in Macedonia.

- [Cyber security challenges for government](#) – October 3rd 2017
- [Cyber security in business sector- challenges and opportunities](#) - 5th of October 2017
- [Cyber security risks in health sector](#) 24th of October 2017

A sponsorship from Trajkovski and Partners Consulting

In 2017, RE2020 obtains a sponsorship from the company Trajkovski and Partners LLC - Skopje. The donation is of public interest, and in accordance with the received decision from the Ministry of Justice.

The overall goal of the donation is promotion and support of the activities of RE2020 for realizing its goals of public interest.

6. Capacity building of the RE2020 members

1. Participation on the „QuBit” Conference in Belgrade

Ana Meskovska, membre of RE2020, has participated on the cybersecurity conference named “QuBit”. The event was held on 18-19.10.2017 in Hotel Crowne Plaza in Belgrade, Serbia.

7. Realized services in 2017

- Certification of management system according to ISO9001 & ISO27001 in Ab Soft for 2016
- A continuous assessment of the management system according to ISO9001 and ISO27001 in Cactus for 2017;
- 2nd Audit of management system according to ISO9001 & ISO27001 in AB Soft for 2016
- 2nd Audit of management system according to ISO9001 & ISO27001 for 2017

8. Promotion of the association in 2017

In the past 2017, the Association dedicated large portion of its activities on promotion. For that purpose, the members took participation on various seminars, conferences and events on subjects of interest for their further progress and achievement of the objectives for which the association has been established. The events are listed in point 5 of this report. Another type of promotion the Association had achieved is by being present on the social networks [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

9. Partnerships with other organizations

7.1. Continued cooperation with LL-C (Certification) from Czech Republic

In 2017, The Association has continued the partnership cooperation with the Certification Body LL-C (Certification) from Czech Republic. Through this cooperation, the Association has facilitated information access to all interested organizations from the public and private sector by delivering them complete information and certification offers. This cooperation is continued due to the showed benefits from the past years for the Association in terms of strengthening the relations with institutions from the public and private sector by enabling easier information access referring to the processes and procedures for certification.

10. Financial statement

Readiness for Europe 2020 is registered in the Trade Registry and the Registry of legal entities with a decision from 09.04.2012.

- **ID No:** 6776434
- **VAT No:** 30120120011753

The financial work is organized in a way that complies with fundamental principles of transparency, accountability and filing. The accountancy work is in accordance with the Law for accounting for non-profit organizations, while the administrative work is in compliance with the Law for archive operations.

Below you can find simple representation of the organization income – expenses structure.

Total income	Total expenses
599.621,00 denars	145.921,00 denars

-**Annual income:** 260.993,00 denars.

-**Income from memberships, donations and other sources:** 319.670,00 denars.

-**Other income:** 18.955,00 denars.

-Employee expenses: 0,00 denars.

-Administrative expenses: 74.743,00 denars.

-Project expenses: 71.178,00 denars.

Beside the annual reports, the association prepares other relevant reports requested by donors.

11. Planned activities for 2018

1. Promoting the Association with the aim to raise public awareness for the Association by participating in public events and conferences and promotion through social media.
2. Searching for opportunities for financing (calls, tenders etc.)
3. Submitting at least 5 project applications
4. Participation of trainings and study visits for capacity building of RE2020 members
5. Activities for promotion of energy management standards due to securing energy efficiency
6. Promotion and participation in Erasmus+ programmes
7. Signing partnerships with domestic and foreign NGOs for mutual project participation and events organization

A more precise specification of the activities will be defined on the annual meeting held each year in March.