



PROFILE OF ASSOCIATION

DIALOGUE – CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY

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ABOUT US (MISSION, VISION, METHODS, PROGRAM OBJECTIVES)

DIALOGUE – Center for Deliberative Democracy, CDDD (hereinafter DIALOGUE) is a non-profit organization, established with the mission of strengthening of the democratic processes and the dialogue in various social spheres, improving of the human rights and promotion of the deliberative democracy in Republic of North Macedonia.

DIALOGUE is officially registered on 11th August 2016, after few members had successfully participated in implementation of several joint research projects. Consequently, the initiative to formalize this cooperation in the form of an association arises as result of mutual trust between its members, previous successful professional cooperation, and the idea of strengthening democratic thought at local and national level. DIALOGUE was therefore founded by five political scientists (most of them women) to decentralize the political thought and the idea of deliberate democracy.

DIALIGUE has a vision for North Macedonia in which citizens shell be active participants in the processes of deliberative democracy.

DIALOGUE aims toward:

- ✓ Research and analysis of social processes whose improvement is part of the goals of DIALOGUE
- ✓ Promoting research findings and recommendations in order to contribute to the creation of public policies
- ✓ Education in order to encourage and develop deliberative political culture
- ✓ Lobbying and advocacy of the values of deliberative democracy.
- ✓ Networking and cooperation with state and public institutions, educational institutions, intergovernmental, governmental, and non-governmental organizations in the country and abroad

Main fields of research (program objectives) of DIALOGUE are:

Deliberative democracy

DIALOGUE defines deliberative democracy as a combination of representative and direct democracy that applies authentic deliberation to public policy and makes decisions by applying elements to both consensual decision-making and the rule of the majority.

Rule of Law

The rule of law includes research and analysis of functional democratic institutions, separation of powers, adoption of public policies based on data and evidence, delegation of power at the local level, the degree of discussion and cooperation between institutions in the political system.

As well as: Elections and political parties; Analysis of the election process, democratic inter-party capacity, monitoring of electoral process.

Civil society

Research and analysis of political culture, analysis of the impact of the civil society sector on political processes, capacity of civil society organizations and movements, involvement of the civil society in public debate and policy making.

The influence of the traditional and new media on the development of the deliberative democracy in North Macedonia

Determine the influence of the traditional and new media on the development of the deliberative democracy through appropriate research and analysis, the degree of independence and freedom of the media, as well as the degree of freedom of expression and hate speech.

Discrimination and marginalized groups

Analysis of the situations regarding basic human and minority rights and freedoms, and improvement of their conditions in the country.

Inter-ethnic cohabitation in North Macedonia, with a special accent on the inclusiveness of the non-majority minorities

In terms of interethnic cohabitation, an analysis of interethnic coexistence and cohabitation, with considerable attention to the smaller ethnic communities (non-majority minorities).

Gender equality

Exploring Gender Issues, Women's Status and Policy Making to Improve Gender Equality, Women's Participation in Political and Social Life.

Social justice

Analysis of the situation of economic inequality and improvement of social and labor rights in order to increase social trust and quality of life. Vulnerable groups such as old people, women, minorities, children etc, are significant focal target groups within this objective.

European Union and Euro-Atlantic integrations

Determining the level of Europeanization in accordance with the basic criteria for joining the Union. Analysis of the process of harmonization of the Macedonian with the European legislation and the process of their implementation.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Organs of DIALOGUE are the President, the Assembly, and the Executive Board.

DIALOGUE is founded by 5 members, and currently has 9 active members, among which 8 women and one man, 4 volunteers.

DIALOGUE, among its team, has three PhDs (two PhD candidates in Political Science and one PhD in Languages, discourse and communication), one MA in political science and two linguists. One of the permanent volunteers has degree in Macedonian language and one is MA in Law.

DIALOGUE has two leading researchers (d-r Josipa Rizankoska and d-r Jasmina Trajkoska), both also Project Coordinators, one Administrative Coordinator (Nikolina Rizankoska-Anteska, and one Assistant, Aleksandra Spaseska, who is also in charge of communications and translation).

PROJECTS

Title	Time frame	Donor/Budget	Main Products
Possibilities for integration and gender balance for the Macedonian emigrant.	March-October 2021	Self-financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey with 409 Macedonian emigrants • Quantitative analysis/study in Macedonian and English • Policy brief
The future of Strumica and Prilep micro-regions' Youth	October 2020-October 2021	ZMAI and Civica Mobilitas 600 EUR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on statistical analysis • Desc Analysis • Survey (online and on the field) • Quantitative analysis • Policy brief • Video • Presentation at a conference
The needs of the North Macedonia's Youth because of COVID-19.	January 2021-July 2021	Peace Corps USA 10500 \$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey with 1002 youth • Focus groups with 14 NGO representatives • 10 Interviews with representatives of State Institutions
The Colorful Revolution-5 Years later	December 2020-ongoing)	Self-financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey with 400 respondents/289 of which participants in the CR • Report in three languages • Draft of a monograph
Emptied Nest	August 2020-December 2020	328 000 MKD Civica Mobilitas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Survey with 926 Macedonian emigrants • Study/publication in Macedonian and English • Seminar for 28 students/CSO representatives • Public event/webinar with 44 attendants • Advocacy (300 stakeholders reached) • Promotional video (over 700 clicks)
Impact assessment of the regulation on the use of languages	February – October 2018	10000 EUR EU, IDSCS, CEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • survey 669 respondents • 4 focus groups • survey 50 NGOs • 40 interviews with representatives of public institutions • Final study (Macedonian, Albanian, English version)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference
Field research among the protesters of the initiative 'For a Shared Macedonia' in Prilep.	April 2017	Self-financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey with 89 responses in Prilep/database • Scientific article/analysis
Field survey among the protesters of the 'Colorful Revolution' in Prilep and Skopje.	May- June 2016	Self-financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey with 567 responses/database • Scientific article • Report of the results for the national mainstream media
The Ohrid Framework Agreement and the Interethnic relations in Macedonia on its way towards the EU.	October- November 2014	Self-financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 interviews with high representatives from 27 political parties in Macedonia. • Two scientific articles.

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