



PRESS RELEASE

Macedonian Perspectives: How to Get to Europe?

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The conference “Macedonian Perspectives: How to Get to Europe?” organized by CIVIL and the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC) will take place on July 4, at hotel Continental, beginning at 11.

Prime Minister Zoran Zaev, several ambassadors of EU member states, party leaders, experts and representatives of civil society will talk about important aspects of Macedonian perspectives, experiences, tasks, challenges and benefits of EU and NATO integration, the agreement with Greece, and the need from building good neighborly relations.

This conference will be a great opportunity to publicly exchange opinions and approaches in a deliberative discussion, involving a wide range of stakeholders and decision makers. This is a contribution of CIVIL and MCIC to strengthening of public awareness on the most current issues in the society, in the face of the important decisions that need to be taken at the state level, but in which the citizens and the citizens will be part of the decision making process. This conference favors political dialogue and fact-based discussion, as opposed to violence, hate speech and fake news.

The conference is part of the project "Free Media for Free Society" implemented by CIVIL with the support of the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany.

NOTE: The organizers will provide simultaneous translation in Macedonian, Albanian and English. Interested participants are kindly requested to announce their attendance at civil@civil.org.mk or at tel. 02/520 91 76, no later than Monday, July 2, 16 o'clock. The attendees need to state their name, institution, position and contact phone.

Announced attendance by June 27: 9 political parties, 7 embassies, 11 NGOs.

AGENDA

10:30 Registration

Macedonian perspectives: How to Get to Europe?

- 11:00
- Keynote speeches:
Zoran Zaev, Prime Minister
H.E. Thomas Gerberich, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany
Xhabir Deralla, CIVIL
Aleksandar Krzalovski, MCIC

Session 1: Tasks, challenges and benefits from the EU and NATO integrations

- 11:45
- Government representatives:
Bojan Maricic
Dane Taleski
 - International community representatives:
H.E. Danijela Barišić, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia
H.E. Milan Jazbec, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia
H.E. László Dux, Ambassador of Hungary
Stanimir Gizdev, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria

Session 2: How to reach the Macedonian future?

- 12:30
- Political parties (invited leaders or their deputies):
Hristijan Mickoski, VMRO-DPMNE (declined invitation)
Ali Ahmeti, DUI (no response)
Arben Taravari, Alliance for Albanians (confirmed)
Skender Rexhepi, Besa
Goran Misovski, NSDP
Bardhyl Dauti, DPA
 - Civil society and experts community:
Marija Risteska, CRPM
Dona Kosturanova, YEF
Katerina Kolozova, ISSHS
Petrus Theunisz, NIRAS (Denmark)
Albert Musliu, ADI
Sasho Ordanoski, Expert Board of CIVIL

Discussion (discussions length: 2 min.)

- 14:00 Socializing