

Annual report
"Forum for Reasonable Policies"
YEAR- 2022

"Forum for Reasonable Policies" is a think tank organization, established in March 2017, formed by a couple of individuals with long and profound experience in civil society, academia, politics and culture. Creating a basis for sustainable development in the domains of culture, societal life, economy, and democratic practices is part of our mission. Promotion of a society that has its roots in the reason, as the most durable foundation for building a common ground. In the last 4 years we have conducted projects that were focused on transparency and with their results are relevant to the society as well as to our organizational goals.

Past grants:

- 1. Donor: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), implemented by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)**

Project title: Support to Electoral Reforms in North Macedonia - Academy for public policy (third generation)

Grant period: 01.08.2022 to 01.06.2023

Amount received: 130 000 EUR

About:

The Academy for Public Policy's aim is to upbringing young individuals from different political parties which would instil change in their societal realm and within their own political parties, thus filling the political and public space with fresh ideas, reasonable policies and ethical standards. At least 25 participants from at least 7 political parties in North Macedonia, reflecting the country's diverse ethnical and cultural reality, gender balanced, attend 4 highly professional, semi academic, semi practical, fully interactive and fully creative workshops. The participants are also engage in several local community initiatives in collaboration with IFES. Moreover, at the end of the process participants will produce 10 policy memos (one pagers) related to their community engagement. At the end of the APP, the participants will get the certificate, specific knowledge, skills and tools, as well as critical social capital, along with the after-care activities in the vast and relevant alumni community. An inclusive alumni event, gathering participants from past three APP generations and a study visit abroad will also be organized after the completion of 4 workshops.

- 2. Donor: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), implemented by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)**

Project title: North Macedonia Electoral Support Activity (NMESA)

Grant period: 30.11.2021 to 30.04.2022

Amount received: 26 000 EUR

About

The project proposes efforts to support and facilitate more informed discussions and increase awareness about possible changes to the current electoral system, such as introducing party open lists. Proposed activities within the proposal are contributed to three inter-related objectives:

- ***Diverse Electoral Options Considered*** (In-depth analysis of electoral model alternatives/feasibility study and roadmap and research on the public's perception of the electoral system)
- ***Meaningful Public Debate Encouraged*** (International conference/expert discussions and multi-stakeholder workshops on electoral system design)
- ***Voter Education on the Benefits of Open Lists Implemented*** (Development of educational materials on electoral system design, especially open list options and voter education, including for vulnerable groups (youth, women and persons with disabilities))

3. Donor: Municipality of Skopje and Youth Cultural Center

Project title: : Cinedays Cinema Forum

Grant period: 01.05.2022 to 12.07.2022

Amount received: 4000 EUR

The aim of the Cinedays Cinema Forum was to offer cinema exhibitors from the Balkan countries (cinema exhibitors' representatives from Bulgaria, Serbia, Albania, North Macedonia, Greece and Croatia) a space to reflect on their working methods, share their experiences and discover new opportunities in their industry. Every cinema exhibitor in the region has a story behind its foundation, a different stage of development and progress and diverse country context. That's why it was of a great importance to bring together cinema exhibitor operators who brought out their knowledge, knowhows and/or ready to reveal their lack of skills, competences and problems they face.

The Cinedays Cinema Forum was a first step of a long-term regional strategy for raising cinema audiences.