



## Press Release



According to the Transparency International Republic of Macedonia is on the 71<sup>st</sup> place in the Corruption Perception Index.

Macedonia marked a mild shift of 0.2 index points at the Corruption Perception index list 2009 and ranked 71st, which is one spot up compared to 2008, Transparency International's report announced on Tuesday.

The research encompassed 180 countries and Macedonia follows Bulgaria, Greece and Romania.

Slovenia is ranked 27th and then follows Croatia and Montenegro at 66th and 69th.

Macedonia is ranked 71st, followed by Bulgaria and right after follows Greece and Romania.

Serbia is ranked 83rd and far behind are Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina as countries with the highest corruption index.

The least corrupted country is New Zealand, which ranks 1st and is followed by Denmark, Singapore and Sweden.

Somalia, Afghanistan, Sudan are at the top of the most corrupted countries list.

The goal of this research is to improve the comprehension of the comparative levels of corruption in the public sector, to create public awareness of corruption as well as to offer an image of businessmen and expert positions, regarding their decision making on trade and investments.