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Presentation of the first and second report from the Leadership Monitoring Project

On 30-th of August 2007, the OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs presented the reports from the monitoring on the performances of the Government, as a basic part of the Leadership Monitoring Project.

The Leadership Monitoring Project includes ongoing monitoring of the day-to-day work of the Government, benchmarking it against its campaign promises and reporting the findings to the citizens. The reports aim to provide the general public with an overall picture about the planned and realized reforms of the new Government, through monitoring based on performance, using constructive and comparison analyses in 11 areas of the public life. A hundred of participants from different life areas were present and showed great interesting for the reports itself. There was a great attendance from the Macedonian journalists who reported the event, with which the OHRID Institute got a great visibility.



Report on the forums “Macedonia on the doorstep to the EU and the NATO- the joint responsibility of all political parties

Macedonia in the last 8 years has made an impressive way forward in its strategic aim and ambition to become member of the Euro-Atlantic structures and is very near in reaching this goal. Since December 2005 the country is candidate of the European Union and is eager to start negotiations for the accession as soon as possible and at the same time is expecting also an invitation to the NATO in the coming year. The above mentioned aim unites an



overwhelming majority of the population, it is shared by all ethnic communities and supported by all significant political parties.

The “OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs” within the framework of the Project “Political Dialogue 2007” in the period of September/October 2007 has organised four regional round tables under the name “**Macedonia on the doorstep to the EU and the NATO-the joint responsibility of all political parties**”. The forums were held in Skopje on 24 September, Kumanovo on 26 September, Ohrid on 5th October and Strumica on 8th October 2007.

The discussions which were undertaken on this all party forums were: a raise of the Parliamentary work, a political dialogue between parties, NGOs, citizens, a political culture of taking the arguments of citizens and competitors serious, new structures of the political parties, the internal democracy in the parties, the opening of the parties for the citizens, better transparency of political decision-making processes inside the parties, the participation of the citizens in the parties, parties as service organisation for the citizens, awareness for gender issues and participation of women. On these forums there were representatives from all political parties, international experts from the political foundations which are active in Macedonia like IRI, NDI, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, national experts, Macedonian members of Parliament, representatives from the Macedonian government and a representative of the Norwegian party.

“Cultural Differences and Social Integration – Macedonia before and after the Framework Agreement “, book written by Prof. Ganka Cvetanova, PhD



The OHRID Institute on 12th of December 2007 in the national gallery Daut Pashin Amam promoted the book “ Cultural Differences and Social Integration - Macedonia before and after the Framework Agreement” written by Prof. Ganka Cvetanova, PhD. Subject matter of this book is the way in which the issues regarding the ethnic relations are articulated and managed, especially those related in regards of culture and identity of the different communities who live in Macedonia, seen from an historical aspect. Starting with its historical roots of the multiculturalism in Macedonia, continuing with the recent events in our history, including the 2001 conflict who was finalized with the Framework Agreement i.e. redefining the Macedonian political pattern, the model of political constitution and the implication which influenced over the integration of the Macedonian society.

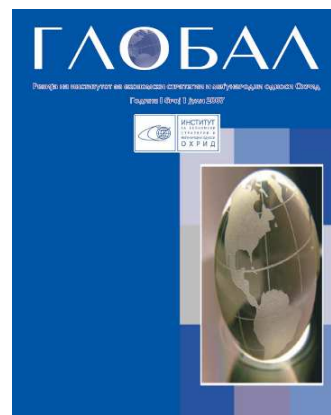
Report from on final round table from the Forum "Macedonia on the Doorstep to the EU and NATO"

The OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs on 15th of December 2007 has organized the last regional forum "Macedonia on the doorstep to the EU and NATO - the joint responsibility of all political parties". The forum was divided in two working sessions. The first session was titled "On the Doorstep to EU and NATO the joint responsibility of all political parties, conclusion from all 12 round tables". The addressed questions for the first working session were; what role and responsibilities the political parties of the ruling coalition and the opposition have to successfully work the country through the remaining agenda of the EU and NATO accession; what deficits remain in the political culture of the country and how can it be overcome by the parties in a joined effort; are the local branches strong enough for own contributions and input into this political process and is the communication in the parties sufficient for the local, regional and central structures; is there a sufficient communication and contacts with the citizens.

The second working session with title "The Macedonian Model for EU and NATO" concerned with the following questions: Is there a specific Macedonian Model/ Macedonian way for EU and NATO; what is needed to make the Macedonian political parties ready for working in close cooperation in the families of western political parties and use this links for the marketing of Macedonia into NATO and EU; what is missing in the Macedonian Model compared to these examples; how to positively mobilise the desire of 96/91 percent of the citizens into real politics.

Announcing Call for Papers for the Second issue of the magazine GLOBAL

GLOBAL is a topical quarterly for political and economical issues, published by the OHRID Institute for Economical and International Affairs. The



Editorial Board of GLOBAL announces an open call for papers for the second edition of the magazine.

We would like to point to the potential authors that the topic can be approached in different contexts, in its Macedonian, regional or global dimension.

The goal of this magazine is to become an intellectual voice on the current issues of international economics and economic policy based on comprehensive and in-depth analyses, with a primary focus on Macedonia. Emphasis is placed on identifying key issues at the time - spanning international trade, international finance, the environment, energy, the integration of regional economies and other issues - in order to furnish ideas and proposals to contribute positively to the policy debate in the country and the region.

For the second edition of the magazine, the authors are called to submit their papers written on the following topics:

- Political growth
- Economic perspective

Presentation of the third and the fourth report of the "Leadership Monitoring" Project for the period

August – September 2007, October – November 2007

The OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs on 19th of December 2007 will present the third and fourth report from the Monitoring of the performance of the Government, which covers the two month period August – September 2007, October – November 2007. This is an extension of the last two reports.

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