

# Newsletter

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## OHRID Institute joins the international network - EICEE

The OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs joined the Educational Initiative for Central and Eastern Europe (EICEE). EICEE is a Washington based international not-for-profit organization that has a presence in Vienna, Austria – The Neuwaldegg Institute, in Prague, Czech Republic – the Civic Institute (CI), in Budapest, Hungary - the Institute for Democracy and International Security, in Sofia, Bulgaria - the Institute for Market Economics, and in Tallinn, Estonia the Foundation for the Investigation of Communist Crimes.



EICEE's goal is to foster and strengthen free, just and democratic societies in the nations of Central and Eastern Europe. As its name indicates, EICEE's primary field of activity is education. Each year EICEE grants hundreds of scholarships to highly-qualified students, professionals and academics to participate in events which contribute to their on-going educational and professional competence.

The founders of OI believe that being part of an international network will help the Institute further both its goals within Macedonia and in the broader region, and are very enthusiastic about being part of what will become a unique structure in the CEE region.

As part of EICEE, the OHRID Institute started with the achievement of its goals in regards of the education i.e. impetus for strong education, renowned domestic and international professors, and opportunity for European and world knowledge for the Macedonian students.

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## Promotion of the newly published book "Structure of the Public Finances in Republic of Macedonia" written by Prof. Tome Nenovski, PhD

On 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2008, the OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs, published and promoted the new book "Structure of the Public Finances in Republic of Macedonia" written by Prof. Tome Nenovski, PhD. The promotion was held in hotel Holiday Inn, where the attendance by the ordinary citizens, businessmen, academia, students and politicians, proved the greatness and the necessity of the book.



Professor Nenovski, as one of the most prominent experts in Republic of Macedonia, since the founding of the OHRID Institute is part of the pool of experts that the Institute has. Moreover, the OHRID Institute is more than honoured to have published his book.

The way, in which the book is structured, it can be considered as a professional guide for all persons engaged in the realization of the system of public finance on central and local level. Consequently, the book can represent useful reading text for all institutions as well, citizens who directly or not are involved in the system of creating and spending the public funds.

On the promotion, Professor Nenovski stressed the initiative for writing this book as well as the essence which the book carries.

Promoters of the book were the Dean at the University American College, Prof. Marjan Bojadziev, PhD, Ms. Snezana Kostadinowska – Miloseska, PhD, State Secretary in the Ministry of finance and Ms. Biljana Janeva, MA, Executive Director of the OHRID Institute. Ms. Snezana Kostadinowska Miloseska, PhD wrote the recension for the book.



Like it was mentioned on the promotion, this prolific and renowned author has written 6 books (*dealing with complex economic issues from the fields of macroeconomics and banking*) and over 260 studies published in domestic and foreign newspapers and magazines.

What is more, with them Professor Nenovski directly contributed the modeling of the economy policies in this country, especially in key moments, like the independence of Macedonia and the setting of the

foundations of the economy system. The promoters of the book emphasized that his presence in the press has great influence over the creators of the politics, the ones who should apply it, and as well as over the general public interested in seeing the transition period end as soon as possible.

The OHRID Institute recognized the need for publishing of this book and selflessly supported the publication and the promotion as well.



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## Summer seminar of the Educational Initiative for Central and Eastern Europe, 10-17 August in the Neuwaldegg Institute, Vienna, Austria



The OHRID Institute as part of the Educational Initiative for Central and Eastern Europe (EICEE) for the first time has sent students to a Summer Seminar, which was held in the period 10-17 August in the Neuwaldegg Castle, Vienna, Austria. The OHRID Institute made a public announcement and the short listed students were sent to the seminar. 60 Students from 18 countries of Central and Eastern Europe participated in this year's seminar. The Macedonian students from a variety of departments including philosophy, politics, business and law had the opportunity to learn Ethics, Bio-ethics, and Political Philosophy Metaphysics from world renowned professors.



## NATO Advanced Research Workshop (ARW) 19-22 September, Skopje



In the period between 19-22 September the OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs in cooperation with the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria organized the Advanced Research Workshop (ARW) on “Developing Conceptual and Policy Considerations on National and Regional Security Strategies in Southeast Europe Based on Scenarios”. This Conference was sponsored by NATO Program *Security through Science*.

The aim of the Science for Peace and Security Program is to contribute to security, stability and solidarity among nations, by applying the best technical expertise to problem solving. Collaboration, networking and capacity-building are means used to accomplish this end. A further aim is to facilitate continued democratic growth and support economic development in NATO's Partner countries.



Civil science has proved to be a highly effective vehicle for international dialogue, due to its universality and dependence upon international networks. The talent garnered in these scientific networks can be applied to emerging threats faced by the Alliance. Science is both a means of finding answers to critical questions and a way of connecting nations. The Conference was successful, cooperative and at the end fruitful. It accomplished all previously outlined activities.

The workshop had public opening where the special guests of the Institute addressed the public: Mr. Zoran Konjanovski, Minister of Defense of Republic of Macedonia, H.E. Alain Brian Bergant the Ambassador of Republic of Slovenia in Republic of Macedonia and NATO Contact Embassy, and the former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Republic of Bulgaria and Special Adviser to the Macedonian Government on NATO accession, Mr. Solomon Passy.

The guests expressed the gratitude to the OHRID Institute for organizing this Conference which is of great significance for the countries in the region. This Conference is the first of this kind to be organized in the region.



The OHRID Institute as organizer of the workshop considers that the social sciences have shown to be as very efficient force of the international dialogue, mainly due to their universality and dependency of the international networks. The significance which is integral part of these scientific networks can be applied to the growing threats which the Alliance is confronting with. The workshop and later the publication itself will provide one forum for sharing knowledge and experience of technical, scientific and political aspect for the social and economic issues of the civic and military sector at NATO and the Partner countries in the region of South-East Europe.

The ARW was focused on the plausible characteristics of the future comprehensive security environment in SEE. The experts on economy, political science, sociology, security, ecology and defense interpreted alternative developments of the entire factors and conditions that determine the “Balkans security conundrum”. Using specialized software the ARW generated plausible scenarios for the region for the next 10 years, starting with analyzing what is happening on the Balkans and tried to answer what we can expect to happen in broader security aspect. The initial presumption was that the entire dominant security paradigms are too deeply rooted in the past and without appropriate and timely adjustment could become a serious obstacle to the overall democratic development of the societies. Within the scenario space the participants identified those basic components of a new security paradigm and related policy recommendations that could drive the political behavior of the regional governments and societies.

The ARW is a significant contribution to the much needed basic re-thinking of the analytical framework for evaluating the chances and risks for the democratic, secure and prosperous future of the Balkans and the introduction of scenario method as a modern and effective decision-supporting tool as well.



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## OHRID Institute published the National Competitiveness Report of the Republic of Macedonia

The OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs published the National Competitiveness Report of the Republic of Macedonia. The Report represents economic analysis which encapsulates the key indicators regarding competitiveness in Republic of Macedonia.

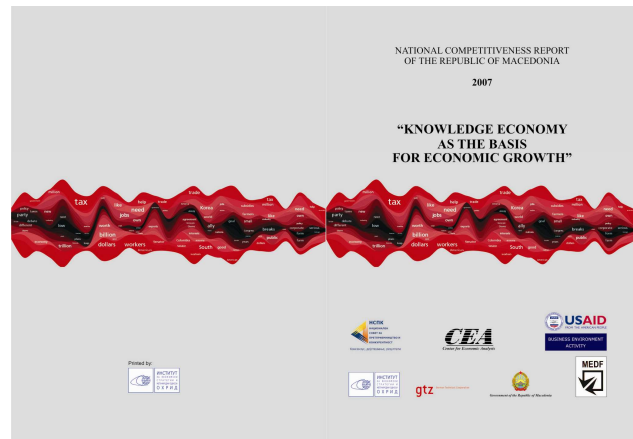
It has the purpose to continue the process of analysis and reporting about changes regarding the competitiveness of the Macedonian economy. In order

to make the Report accessible to all the relevant stakeholders and the ordinary Macedonian citizens the OHRID Institute translated it in form of a written publication in Macedonian and English language.

The National Competitiveness Report represents a comprehensive picture of the existing level of the competitiveness of the Macedonian economy, and thus helps to define the possible strategies for further improvement of the domestic companies' competitiveness.

By defining the competitiveness as a series of measures, policies and factors that determined the level of productivity of the country, the competitiveness includes static and dynamic components. In other words, the high productivity determines the capacity of the state to realize high revenues and in the same time it is the key factor in the yield from the investments which, on the other side, is one of the factors that determines the potential for growth of the particular economy.

Macedonia is moving towards full EU membership so it is very important for Macedonia to compare the trends in the EU with the trends in Macedonia in the area of competitiveness. Having published the report all concerned institutions will have an insight for comparison and improvement in this sphere. The report stems from the public-private partnership between the OHRID Institute, the Government of Republic of Macedonia, National Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness Council, the Center for Economic Analysis, USAID Business Environment Activity, the German Technical Cooperation and the Macedonian Enterprise Development Foundation.



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