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### Republic of Macedonia - Transparency International - the 2008 Corruption Perceptions Index

**Rank: 72<sup>nd</sup>**



The Republic of Macedonia this year is ranked 72<sup>nd</sup> with 3,6 index points in a list of 180 countries compiled by Transparency International - the 2008 Corruption Perceptions Index, which was launched on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Transparency International is a worldwide coalition of non-governmental organizations that aims to fight corruption.

In 2007 Macedonia was ranked 84<sup>th</sup> and despite its current spot at 72 (which means it is 12 places up), is not listed amongst the countries that have made a significant improvement.

Macedonia this year is in the group of countries together with Bulgaria, China, Mexico, Peru, Suriname, Swaziland, and Trinidad and Tobago. Albania, Serbia and Montenegro share 3,4 index points and are ranked 85<sup>th</sup>, whereas corruption-stricken EU members Bulgaria and Romania have 3,6 and 3,8 index points and are ranked 72 and 70, respectively Croatia has the highest scores (4,4 points) compared to regional countries and is placed on the 62 spot.

The Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index measures the perceived levels of public-sector corruption in a given country and is a composite index, drawing on different expert and business surveys. The 2008 CPI scores 180 countries (the same number as the 2007 CPI) on a scale from zero (highly corrupt) to ten (highly clean).

Denmark, New Zealand and Sweden share the highest score at 9.3, followed immediately by Singapore at 9.2. Bringing up the rear is Somalia at 1.0, slightly trailing Iraq and Myanmar at 1.3 and Haiti at 1.4.

Transparency International pledges the countries to establish systems for fight against corruption based on prevention and transparent and responsible conduct by their governments.