



PRESS RELEASE

Macedonia in the 59th place in the Legatum Prosperity Index



In London is published the third edition of the Legatum Prosperity Index, which ranks 104 countries (covering 90% of the world's population), based on a definition of prosperity that combines economic growth together with measures of happiness and quality of life. Six of the top 10 countries in the 2009 Prosperity Index are located in Europe: Finland, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and the Netherlands.

At the bottom of the table is Zimbabwe (104) as least prosperous country together with Cameroon (100), the Central African Republic (101), Yemen (102) and Sudan (103).

Republic of Macedonia is on the 59th place, one place before El Salvador, but ranking below Sri Lanka, Paraguay, Philippine and Dominican Republic.

From Europe and the region Ukraine (61), Turkey (69) and Belarus (85) are behind Republic of Macedonia, whereas Croatia is on the 35th place, and there is better life standard in Bulgaria (46) and Romania (48).

The British Institute did not analyzed Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Montenegro. Having in mind the different parameters, Republic of Macedonia is on the 86th place in the world in regards to the economic development, it is also represented as country where the unemployment is dominant and as country with low level of savings.

According to the entrepreneurship and innovations Macedonia is on the 68th place, and the general assessment is that the country has still many barriers to solve in order to start business.

In the part dedicated to democracy development Macedonia is ranked on the 42nd place and the general conclusion is that the Macedonian citizens enjoy average level of political rights and civil liberties.