**Annex 4. Overview of the Union Programmes status and focal points**

In the following tables are presented an overview of the ongoing Union programmes and achievements during 2023.

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| **Programme name** | **Projects in 2023** | **Funding** | **Institutions involved** | **Main activities/achievement** | **Main challenges in implementation and recommendations** |
| **FRA** | N/A | N/A | Ministry of Justice  Ministry of Foreign Affairs | The National Liaison Officer and/or the Deputy continued with the interaction and cooperation with FRA during 2023, trough:   * Contributing to the finalization of the text of the 2023 Fundamental Rights Report, by checking/updating the data in the field of human rights in North Macedonia contained in the draft report. * Providing additional requested information for the purpose of the FRA’s overview of recorded anti-Semitic incidents 2011-2022. * FRA’s publication: “Children as suspects or accused persons in criminal proceedings -procedural safeguards” has been used in the preparation of Draft Law on Justice for children. * Disseminating relevant FRA’s publications, findings and tools among professional network. * Exchanging views with FRA’s representatives on the possibilities for further cooperation/support. * Participating at the two regular meetings for FRA National Liaison officers/Deputies, as well as to online webinars/courses/events organized by FRA. * On 12 December 2023, they participated at the First “Annual EU CharterXchange” a joint initiative of FRA and the European Commission for an online forum dedicated to the promotion of the EU Charter on fundamental rights.   At the CharterXchange closed side-meeting, preparing for the application of the Charter – Partners under the EU enlargement policy, the National Liaison Officer had a presentation on the following: Benefits of the MK participation in the work of FRA and the process of assessment of the level of approximation of the Charter with the Constitution of North Macedonia within the screening process i.e. analytical assessment of the harmonization of the MK legislation with the EU acquis.   * In September 2023, the local FRANET (Agency’s multidisciplinary research network), this time in cooperation with the Assembly of North Macedonia, organized a public debate on the occasion of the publication of the 2023 Annual Fundamental Rights Report, with participation of: EUD representative, Parliamentarians, Human rights institutions and CSOs, as well as the Deputy Liaison Officer of North Macedonia. In principle, the opinions from the Fundamental Rights Report (which are also translated into Macedonian language) and findings/data in other FRA publications are considered as a (potential) tool and added value when creating policies for the promotion and protection of human rights in North Macedonia. | * Nomination of a Deputy Member from North Macedonia at the Management Board of FRA; * Strengthening the awareness among relevant stakeholders, as well as the capacities of the national institutions for providing timely and relevant information, data and comments on FRA’s draft documents/surveys, and for the findings in the FRA publications in which North Macedonia is included to be used within the national polices for the promotion and protection of human rights in North Macedonia. * Maximizing the potential/benefits of participation, having in mind the observer status and limited resources. |
| **Horizon Europe** | **35 ongoing projects**  The majority of the awarded projects were applied for solving Global challenges (22 approved projects) in Cluster 1 - area of Food, Bio economy, Natural resources, Agriculture and Environment and Cluster 2 Climate, Energy and Mobility.  More detail information about the projects under Horizon programme supported by different actions, including Macedonian partners/beneficiaries, can be found on the HORIZON DASHBOARD link: [R&I Country Profile - Key Figures - North Macedonia | Sheet - Qlik Sense (europa.eu)](https://dashboard.tech.ec.europa.eu/qs_digit_dashboard_mt/public/sense/app/1213b8cd-3ebe-4730-b0f5-fa4e326df2e2/sheet/0c8af38b-b73c-4da2-ba41-73ea34ab7ac4/state/analysis) | 8.31 mil. EUR | In total 44 Macedonian institutions are involved in the program and participate in the projects’ implementation. Structure of the institutions is as follows: higher education institution 47.9% participation based on the EU net contribution;  private entities 30.1%;  public bodies 8,9%;  research organization 3,3%; Other 9,8 % | The Ministry of Education and Science promoted the framework program across universities and interested faculties and research centers in the country. The focus is on Widening Participation, Marie Curie activities, EURAXESS and Financial and Legal Issues. Additionally, besides promoting Horizon Europe, the activities also include the promotion of the COST program as part of Widening activities.  So far, 4 promotional events have been organized.  Additionally, an info day dedicated to Widening Participation was conducted with participation of prominent researchers from the Region presenting online several success stories.  Also, The Ministry of Education and Science, in December last year, announced a public call for expression of interest in participating in 6 ERA actions. The selection of representatives is ongoing. | * Long procedure for opening a foreign currency account for higher educational and scientific institutions, as well as for the submitting and approving financial plans for the use of project funds for each current year of the entire duration of the project. |
| **Customs 2027** | N/A | 15,300 EUR  Total budget spent according to the unit cost in the period 01.01.2022-31.12.2023. | Customs Administration | In the reporting period, 72 events/meetings (out of which 58 online) have been attended by the North Macedonia representatives under Customs programme, as follows:   * 5 meetings on the novelties in the Multiannual Work Programme 2023-2025 for the Customs Programme * National Program Coordinators Network Meeting * 25th Plenary Meeting of the Customs Laboratories European Network (CLEN) in Brussels * CLEN Action 6: European Customs Inventory of Chemical Substances (online) * CLEN Interlaboratory Test on BPE – Euromarker Invitation to the online discussion meeting of the participants in the first CLEN interlaboratory test on BPE, the new Euromarker * 87th Electronic Customs Coordination Group meeting with the Trade Contact Group (online and in Brussels) * 90th Electronic Customs Coordination Group meeting with the Trade Contact Group (online) * Online meeting of the E-Commerce Working Group of the Customs Union Performance Expert Group * Meeting of the Working Visit Group members in Turku, Finland * Online meeting on Financial Aspects of the grant * Joint meeting of the Customs & Fiscalis Training Support Group (TSG) in Brussels * IT Technology & Infrastructure Project Group meeting (online) * 8 th Seminar of European Customs Chemists in Berlin | * The International Agreement Between EU and RSM was ratified in June 2023, but according to this agreement the Program CUSTOMS 2027 has retroactive implementation since January 1st ,2021. * The main challenges of the participation in the Program activities is cooperation between customs administrations, and preparation of candidate countries for EU accession (through the exchange of experiences and knowledge, harmonization of national legislation with EU legislation), simplification of customs procedures, facilitation of trade and support the fight against customs fraud. |
| **Fiscalis 2027** | N/A | 21,776 EUR  (Financial year 2023, 01.01.2023-31.12.2023)-total budget spent according to the unit cost | Public Revenue Office | In the reporting period, 24 participants from the Public Revenue Office were part of joint collaborative actions under Fiscalis programme. North Macedonia benefited through collaboration and meeting/visits organised under programme, as follows:   * For projects CINT-I (Chatbot interoperability network on Taxation – IT perspective) and CINT-B (Chatbot interoperability network on Taxation – business perspective), 4 meetings were attended in May 2023 in Cluj, Romania; in September 2023 in Athens, Greece; in November 2023 in Brussels, Belgium; and in January 2024 in Krakow, Poland. * For the project group Solution Architecture Template for VAT scheme for Small Businesses based on eGovERA Tax Reference Architecture, 2 meetings were attended. * Meeting of the National Fiscalis Coordinator Network was attended in April 2023 in Jurmala, Latvia. * Working visit was implemented in March 2023 in Sweden. * Meeting for Implementation of specific collaborative activities under the grant was attended in December 2023 in Tbilisi, Georgia. * Meeting for Financial Aspects of the grant was attended in May 2023. | The entry into force date of this Agreement is the date of the reception by the European Commission of the notification from the Republic of North Macedonia which was on 26 September 2023. The Agreement took effect from 1 January 2022, as specified in Article 5.2 of the Agreement. We are in the process of finalization of all administrative procedures in order to sign the Grant Agreement with Grant Coordinator Latvia. |
| **Erasmus+** | Key action 1 – 100 projects  Key action 2 – 27 projects | Key action 1  3,526,470 EUR  Key action 2 2,470,000 EUR | National Agency for European Educational Programmes and Mobility (NAEEPM) | * Related to capacity building for schools and teachers, 82 teachers across the country in schools and VET were trained on developing Erasmus+ project proposals. KA1 experienced beneficiaries in VET were trained to develop KA2 VET Erasmus+ project proposals. * Active participation in Youth South Network (informal network of the National Agencies of South Europe). The activities of the network support the implementation of the ESC and Erasmus+ youth policies, the process of mid-term evaluation of the programme, exchange of good practices. The undertaken activities and conclusions of the meetings are reported to EC as contribution to the improvement of the programme and the policies. * Active participation in MedNet (informal group for Directors of Erasmus+ National Agencies) to discuss and exchange experiences, good practices, challenges in the implementation of the Erasmus+ program and plans for future cooperation. * EPALE National centre for adult education within NAEEPM was host organization of regional capacity building event of EPALE ambassadors and colleagues from EPALE National Centers of North Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia. | * Administrative barriers and issues for opening of donor accounts by the public institutions that are our beneficiaries. This reflects on signing the agreements, due to problem of the public institutions with opening of donor’s bank accounts, whereby they have to implement a procedure in several stages in order to obtain such account. * Current procedure and rules of obtaining a visa for a long stay of volunteers and students in North Macedonia, in cases when foreigners reside in our country longer than 3 months presents a difficulty and influence on implementation of the programme. * Violation of grant agreements – subcontracting of main project activities to economic operators and data protection rules by permitting unauthorised access to economic operators. * The policy of the directors of the schools and municipalities/ministries i.e. policy makers to treat the continuing professional development of the teachers as a privilege, but not as a professional obligation. The teachers cannot be absent from classes for more than a few days to participate in training/mobilities. This situation has an impact on the programme and teachers cannot use the Erasmus+ opportunities for longer mobilities (up to 30, 60 or 365 days). * Low salaries of the NAEEPM staff in comparison to the responsibilities they are undertaking for direct management of EU budget. NAEEPM salaries are treated at equal level as regular administrative staff from other institutions where the level of financial responsibilities, knowledge and workload is incomparable. On the other side, the IPA structure within other ministries for few years already receive top-ups on their salaries that separate them from the regular administrative staff from other institutions. |
| **European Solidarity Corps** | Volunteer projects - 6  Solidarity projects - 2 | 52,338 EUR  7,507 EUR | National Agency for European Educational Programmes and Mobility (NAEEPM) | * NAEEPM for the first time was host organizer for the National Agencies annual meeting for European Solidarity Corps in Struga. The topics of the meeting were the quality of the implementation of solidarity projects, discussions and proposals to improve the ESC programme and EC procedures to reach the maximum effect of the projects on the environment where they are implemented. * Active participation in Youth South Network (informal network of the National Agencies of South Europe). The activities of the network support the implementation of the ESC and Erasmus+ youth policies, the process of mid-term evaluation of the programme, exchange of good practices. The undertaken activities and conclusions of the meetings are reported to EC as contribution to the improvement of the programme and the policies. * Active participation in MedNet (informal group for Directors of Erasmus+ National Agencies) to discuss and exchange experiences, good practices, challenges in the implementation of the Erasmus+ program and plans for future cooperation. | * Administrative barriers and issues for opening of donor accounts by the public institutions that are our beneficiaries. This reflects on signing the agreements, due to problem of the public institutions with opening of donor’s bank accounts, whereby they have to implement a procedure in several stages in order to obtain such account. * Current procedure and rules of obtaining a visa for a long stay of volunteers and students in North Macedonia, in cases when foreigners reside in our country longer than 3 months presents a difficulty and influence on implementation of the programme. * Low salaries of the NAEEPM staff in comparison to the responsibilities they are undertaking for direct management of EU budget. NAEEPM salaries are treated at equal level as regular administrative staff from other institutions where the level of financial responsibilities, knowledge and workload is incomparable. On the other side, the IPA structure within other ministries for few years already receive top-ups on their salaries that separate them from the regular administrative staff from other institutions. |
| **Creative Europe: Media** | Cross sectoral Strand Action CED Project 101101834 – CED MK  More detail information about the Media sub programme projects supported by different actions, including Macedonian partners/beneficiaries, can be found on the following link:  [Search | Culture and Creativity (europa.eu)](https://culture.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/projects/search/?page=1&sort=&domain=ce2021&view=list&map=false&level2=media__31052594&coordinatorCountry=north+macedonia__MK) | Total value  174.140 EUR  For MEDIA:  87 447,00 EUR from the total budget | North Macedonian Film Agency | * Nine (9) Media Calls have been published in 2023, open till 2024 i.e.: European Audiovisual Co-development; European Film Distribution; Markets and Networking; Films on the Move; European VOD networks and operators; Video Games and Immersive Content Development; Innovative Tools and Business Models; European Slate Development; European Festival Networks. * During 2023, Media Desk MK has supported 3 Macedonian film festivals including Philosophical Film Festival, Makedox in Skopje and Manaki Brothers in Bitola, while providing information through info desks and stands for promotion of the active European Commission calls with enhancement on the quality of EU Film. * In addition, this year MEDIA Desk attended several international events including 2 film festivals: Zagreb and Talin Film Festival, where they established strong international networks and promising future collaborations. All activities of CED MEDIA MK were focused on supporting the Audio-visual Sector and building the capacity of the professionals. | For the MEDIA sub-programme, the main obstacle is administrative issues and prolonged technical national procedure as well as the challenging schemes of the Calls where applicants cannot match most of the requirements and criteria. |
| **Creative Europe: Culture** | Cross sectoral Strand Action CED Project - Creative Europe Desk (Culture and MEDIA sub programmes); Duration: 1 July 2022 – 31 December 2024  Under the Cooperation call published in 2022 with deadline 2023 have been supported 7 projects (in 1 project as lead partner and in 6 projects as partners)  Circulation of European literary works - 3 projects  According to official statistic by EACEA (Country split WP 2022)  21 ongoing projects include Macedonian partners.  More detail information about the Culture sub programme projects supported by different actions, including Macedonian partners/beneficiaries, can be found on the following link:  [Search | Culture and Creativity (europa.eu)](https://culture.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/projects/search/?page=1&sort=&domain=ce2021&view=list&map=false&level2=culture__31052584&coordinatorCountry=north+macedonia__MK) | Total value  174.140 EUR  For CULTURE:  86,693 EUR from the total budget  Ministry of Culture co-financing the supported Culture sub-programme projects.  In frame of the last annual calls for co-financing published in 2023 for 2023 and 2024, 21 organizations (with ongoing projects) that submitted application have been co-financed. | Ministry of Culture (Coordinator)  Partner beneficiary  North Macedonia Film Agency | * Promotion of the Creative Europe Culture sub programme on national, local and the specific Actions during the public events and via National and local electronic medias: 5 public events have been organized on local and national level (Veles, Stip. Tetovo, Gostivar, Skopje); 1 transnational two days event in Skopje. * Published Calls on the web site of the Ministry of Culture [www.kultura.gov.mk](http://www.kultura.gov.mk) * Provided networking with and among organizations from CCS on national, regional and EU level. * Cooperated with CED’s from the respective countries and reinforced transnational cooperation.   **Note**: Considering that CED North Macedonia (Culture and MEDIA Desk) are in the process of preparation of periodic report for CED, more detailed information related to the achievements will be provided to EACEA after the submission of the report, the end of February 2024 | * Lengthy procedures and delays in national procedures (medium) * National procurement and (sub)contracting procedures (medium) * Capacity building in CED North Macedonia Offices * Administrative Cooperation among partner organizations   **Note:** Considering that CED North Macedonia (Culture and MEDIA Desk) are in the process of preparation of periodic report for CED, more detailed information related to challenges will be provided to EACEA after the submission of the report, the end of February 2024 |
| **COSME** | **Ongoing project:**  SMEs Growing in Europe 12 - SGE 12 | 12,984 EUR (amount transferred in 2023 on basis of reached objectives and KPIs) | Business Confederation of Macedonia | In total 22 successful exchanges have been implemented in 2023 between Macedonian and European entrepreneurs in scopes of the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Program.  During the period of implementation of Union Programme "Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (COSME) 2014-2020", Ministry of Economy as a national partner institution continuously implemented activities aimed at fulfilling the obligations deriving from the participation in the Program, as well as promoting it in order to better utilize the opportunities offered by the program. During this period 783, 848 EUR were allocated in 11 different projects were 10 different partners and coordinators from North Macedonia participated. According to the topics, the largest share of the budget allocation 443, 274 EUR was dedicated to Enterprise Europe Network, which included three projects of EEN-M and Accelerating the international growth of young Macedonian SME project. Similarly, under the topic of Erasmus for young entrepreneurs, there was good utilization of opportunities, thus with about 200,000 EUR EU contribution from the Programme there are 4 projects implemented: Southeastern European coalition to cultivate SMART SMEs in Europe; EYE Sustainability, Experience, Exchange, Partnership Reloaded 2017; and 2 projects for SMEs Growing in Europe (SGE and SGE 12).  Under Tourism topic there are 2 projects financed under COSME: LAKtive Tourism Improving senior tourism on small-medium lakeside towns in Europe, CEnTOUR Circular Economy in Tourism in Europe with total EU contribution for North Macedonia 108,044 EUR. Under the Cluster topic there was only one project implemented, but with great impact GIVE Green Ict development, with EU share for RNM of 24,380 EUR.  The yearly financial contribution for the participation of North Macedonia in COSME was co-financed by the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).  All parties benefiting from COSME have recognized the Programme as e very important instrument for strengthening the competitiveness and sustainability of the SMEs in the integration processes of our country towards EU. | N/A |
| **Single Market Programme 2021 2027** | **New project:**  SMEs Growing in Europe 13 - SGE 13 | 49,627 EUR (amount transferred in 2023 on basis of pre-financing when signing a grant contract) | Business Confederation of Macedonia | Not applicable. The activities started at the end of 2023. | Due to the fact that North Macedonia wasn’t an official signatory of the SMP contract, the activities that were supposed to begin in February 2023 didn’t take place due. Instead, they were postponed after the signatory of the SMP contract which prolonged the signature of the Grant contract which didn’t take place up until later in 2023. |
| **Ongoing project:**  EENOMA | 680,705 EUR (EU contribution 408,422 EUR);  For 2023 in total 194,487 EUR (EU contribution 116,692 EUR) | Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (coordinator), Foundation for Management and Industrial research (partner) and Economic Chamber of North Macedonia (partner) | Provision of value-added services to clients, Promotion of the Network and communication, Network development and capacity building, and Network coordination and quality management.  In terms of numbers, the EENOMA project contributed to the following deliverables:   * 3 regional/local events organized with 32 participants at those events, * 29 SMEs clients receiving individual advisory support, * 27 brokerage events/company missions organized, * 45 partnership profiles produced, 16 expressions of interests received and 16 made, * 3 achievements, * 29 answered inquiries from Network partners, and * 18 active contributions to Network activities. | N/A |
| **Digital Europe** | **Project proposal** submitted - waiting list | 1,350,000 EUR | \*Ministry for information society and administration  \*Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje  \*Southeastern European University in Skopje SEEU  \*University “St. Kliment Ohridski” - Bitola,  \*University Goce Delchev in Shtip, Military Academy “General Mihailo Apostolski” - Skopje MAGMA  \*Center for Knowledge Management  Cyber Security,  \*Corporate Security and Crisis Management Initiative C3I  \*IMPETUS – Center for Internet, Development and Good Governance (CIDGG)  \*First Children’s Embassy in the World Megjashi  \*Institute for Digitalization, Economy and Innovation IDEI  \*Neting Institute | The project scope is the establishment of national SIC in North Macedonia, comprised of Centre for raising awareness and a helpline. The project scope also covers needs assessment, and preparatory activities for establishing hotline services, establishment of a Youth panel for direct communication with children from different demographic groups and an Advisory Board made of representatives from all relevant national stakeholders. The support for Digital services act obligations, in line with updated, “A better Internet for Kids (BIK+)” strategy is also planned within the project time limit.  The SIC contributes to the overall Digital Europe Programme objectives by working to create a safer, more secure, and more inclusive digital environment for EU citizens. Their efforts align with the DEP's goals of enhancing digital literacy, promoting responsible digital practices, building trust in digital services, and ensuring that the benefits of the digital transformation are accessible to all.  The SIC also indirectly supports the goals of the EU digital transformation by 2030, and the (West Balkan) WB Digital Agenda, and plans to work on and disseminate information for the citizens on the  European Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles for the Digital Decade adopted in 2022 increasing the understanding among the general population about their Human Rights in digital democratic societies. | Financial support from the budget of Republic of North Macedonia, not following the communication strategy from the consortia, weak sustainability plan after the end of the 18th month period of the project and at the end, not having been displaced from the waiting list by EU |
| **Civil Protection Mechanism** | **Completed projects:**  Complex Earthquake Management in South Caucasus Vulnerable Areas through Effective Planning, Reaction and Joint Operations (beneficiary) | 1,168,110.47 EUR | Protection and Rescue Directorate | The aim of the project was to improve civil protection preparedness and response capabilities of Armenia in dealing with large, complex disasters that require joint response coordination facilitated via the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and INSARAG. South Caucasus countries’ efforts for sustainable development are clearly threatened by a devastating earthquake. Thus, sharing capacities, capabilities and resources, scientific support decision making, use of proven innovative tools, and joint training / exercising can lead to radical improvement of international cross border cooperation procedures of the Mechanism.  The operational teams that participated at the exercise were: Ministry of Emergency Situations and USAR teams of Armenia with drones, Greece with 1st EMAK (Medium Urban Search and Rescue), North Macedonia with operational search and rescue team, Cyprus with one TAST team and one search and rescue team equivalent to MUSAR team, plus a team with drones which is under certification now, Montenegro with a Medium Urban Search and Rescue team and a team specialized in exercises planning, France with 1 Heavy USAR team and 1 EMERPAS team, and Georgia with Emergency Management Service USAR light team.  Main achievements: strengthening the cooperation between the regions in dealing with the consequences of earthquake, improvement of the Host Nation support Procedures, preparation for INSARAG certification of USAR modules, exchange of knowledge and experience among the participating countries. | Transportation by road of the Macedonian search and rescue team to Armenia and back. Difficulties with border crossings and customs procedures in some transit countries due to lack of support from national authorities, despite timely information provided through the official channels of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. |
| **Completed project:**  X-STOCK: Improving cross-border preparedness through joint management of emergency stocks in Southeast Europe in the countries of Southeast Europe Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia (participant) | 492,198.66 EUR | Protection and Rescue Directorate | Development of logistics network for improvement of joint management of emergency stocks in SEE, among the civil protection authorities and national Red Cross organizations. | Мaintaining sustainability of the project’s results |
| **Ongoing project:**  Cross Border Risk Awareness in Western Balkan – ROSES. ROSES’s objective is spreading Risk Awareness in Western Balkans (WB) cross border areas. It is an area where geography creates difficulties in transporting and communication (beneficiary) | 459,551.20 EUR | Protection and Rescue Directorate | Improvement of the cross-border cooperation in the disaster risk management. | Lack of expertise in the institution and need for engagement of external experts. |
| **Ongoing project (Single Country Grants for Disaster Risk Management (“*Track 1”*):**  National Risk Assessment in North Macedonia (NRA MK) | 471,557.20 EUR | Protection and Rescue Directorate | Development of National Risk Assessment in North Macedonia | Lack of expertise in the institution, and need for engagement of external experts. |
| **Life+** | No information provided | No information provided | No information provided. | The agreement for our country's participation in the Union Program Life+ for environmental protection and climate activities was signed in July 2023, with a time frame from 2023 to 2027. For participation in the program in the given time frame, the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning will provide an appropriate financial contribution for the use of this program for each year.  The calls are under evaluation by EC. | No information provided. |

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| **Programme** | **Institutions, capacities and focal points** |
| **FRA** | **The Ministry of Justice**, Sector for international legal cooperation in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, oversees the activities related to the European Agency for Human Rights.  Contact point: Tanja Kikerekova, National Liaison Officer, [TKikerekova@mjustice.gov.mk](mailto:TKikerekova@mjustice.gov.mk), mobile: + 389 76 40 44 62,  Elena Bodeva, Deputy National Liaison Officer, [elena.bodeva@mfa.gov.mk](mailto:elena.bodeva@mfa.gov.mk), mobile: + 389 75 26 87 31,  Mr. Naser Ziberi,Ombudsman and member of the Management Board at FRA, [nziberi@ombudsman.mk](mailto:nziberi@ombudsman.mk), + 389 2 3 129 335, |
| **Horizon EUROPE:** | **The Ministry of Education and Science**, Department for International Cooperation, oversees the implementation of the Horizon Europa Programme. Out 5 employees working in this Department, 1 is fully dedicated to the Horizon Europe Programme.  Contact point: Marina Nikolovska, [marina.nikolovska@mon.gov.mk](mailto:marina.nikolovska@mon.gov.mk), +389 3 140 186, mobile: +389 76 485 077 |
| **Customs 2027** | **The Customs Administration**, Department for International Cooperation oversees the Customs Programme. Two employees from the Sector for International Cooperation and EU integration, projects and strategic planning are fully dedicated to the Customs 2027 Programme.  Contact point: Sladjana Damjanoska, [sladjana.damjanoska@customs.gov.mk](mailto:sladjana.damjanoska@customs.gov.mk), and Katerina Hadziska-Niceska [katerina.hadziska-niceska@customs.gov.mk](mailto:katerina.hadziska-niceska@customs.gov.mk), +389 2 3293942; |
| **Fiscalis 2027** | **The Public Revenue Office (PRO)**, Sector for International Cooperation oversees the Fiscalis Programme. Six employees are working in the sector out of which one is fully dedicated to the Fiscalis 2027 Programme.  Contact point: Marjan Mihajlovski, [marjan.mihajlovski@ujp.gov.mk](mailto:marjan.mihajlovski@ujp.gov.mk), +389 3 299 543, mobile: +389 76 445 471 |
| **Erasmus+** **and European Solidarity Corps** | **The National Agency for European educational programs and mobility** oversees the Erasmus + Programmed. Out of 47 employees working in the Agency, 44 are fully dedicated to the Erasmus + Programme (including technical support staff from the finance and legal department). Two employees that are working on Erasmus+ are also covering the European Solidarity Corps programme.  Contact point:Milena Petrusevska, [milena.petrusevska@na.org.mk](mailto:milena.petrusevska@na.org.mk), mobile: +389 76 446 824 |
| **Creative Europe** | **The Ministry of Culture,** Sector for European Integration – Creative Europe Culture sub Programme Unit  Contact point CULTURE: Biljana Prentoska, Head of Culture Unit, [biljana.prentoska@ced.mk](mailto:biljana.prentoska@ced.mkbiljana.prentoska) and [info@ced.mk](mailto:info@ced.mk), +389 2 3207 446/443, mobile: + 389 78 433 848; Dejan Kotevski, project assistant, [dejan.kotevski@ced.mk](mailto:dejan.kotevski@ced.mk)  **North Macedonia Film Agency,** Creative Europe Media Department  Contact point MEDIA: Maja Maric (temporary contract with the Film Agency), [maja.maric@filmagency.gov.mk](mailto:maja.maric@filmagency.gov.mk); mobile: +389 78 265368 |
| **COSME and**  **Single Market Programme** | **Ministry of Economy**, the Department for European Integration, Unit for programming, technical implementation and monitoring and evaluation of IPA projects oversees the programme COSME/Single Market Programme. The State adviser for EU integration oversees activities within programme. Three (3) persons from the above Department are part time dedicated to the Single Market Programme.  Contact point: Ardiana Abazi- Ramadani, [ardiana@economy.gov.mk](mailto:ardiana@economy.gov.mk), +389 2 3093453 |
| **Digital Europe** | **The Ministry for information society and administration** is overseeing the Digital Europe Program. Three civil servants are responsible for following calls, applying for calls and announcing important public calls for certain projects that are of interest for our country.  Contact points:Emilija Georgieva Gjoshevski, member, [emilija.gjoshevski@mioa.gov.mk](mailto:emilija.gjoshevski@mioa.gov.mk), +3897882399884; Suat Fazliu, deputy member, [suat.fazliu@mioa.gov.mk](mailto:suat.fazliu@mioa.gov.mk); Aleksandra Gichevska, deputy member, [aleksandra.gichevska@mioa.gov.mk](mailto:aleksandra.gichevska@mioa.gov.mk) |
| **Civil Protection Mechanism** | **The Protection and Rescue Directorate** is focal point for the implementation of the European Civil Protection Mechanism (EUCPM) in North Macedonia. The Head of the International Cooperation Department is assigned to oversee the mechanism, while the Head of Department for Prevention, Planning and Development is assigned for coordination of the EUCPM training program.  Contact point: Valentina Atanasovska, Head of international Cooperation Department, [valentina.atanasovska@dzs.gov.mk](mailto:valentina.atanasovska@dzs.gov.mk), +389 2 2433 318, mobile: +389 75 457 591 |
| **Life +** | **Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning**, Nature Protection Department oversees the LIFE programme. Currently 8 people are involved in the overseeing LIFE call for varus topics.  Contact point:Vlatko Trpeski, Head of department of nature protection, [v.trpeski@moepp.gov.mk](mailto:v.trpeski@moepp.gov.mk), mobile: + 389 76 404395 |