

DECLARATION OF ASSURANCE

I, the undersigned, Bekim Sali, in my capacity as National RGF Coordinator

Declare that, for the implementation of the Union financial assistance to North Macedonia under the Facility for the period Q4/25 (31.12.2025), based on my own judgement and on the information at my disposal, in particular to the national control and audit systems described in the Reform Agenda:

1. The information submitted with the request for the release of funds is complete, accurate and reliable; duly justifying that the qualitative and quantitative steps have been satisfactorily fulfilled and that the audit trail demonstrating the achievement of these steps is in place.
2. The control systems in place give the necessary assurances that the financing provided has been used in accordance with all applicable rules, in particular on the prevention, detection and correction of fraud, corruption, conflicts of interests and irregularities.
3. The arrangements in place give the necessary assurance that the financing provided has not resulted in double funding from the Facility and other Union programmes or instruments, as well as other donors.

A summary of the national audits were carried out in relation to § 1 to 3 above, with an analysis of the related weaknesses found and the corrective actions taken or planned, is annexed to this declaration of assurance.

I confirm that any irregularities identified during final audit or control reports for the implementation of the Reform Agenda will be appropriately corrected and recovered from final recipients. Where necessary, if any deficiencies in the control system highlighted in those reports, will be adequately followed up.

Finally, I confirm that I am not aware of any undisclosed reputational matter related to the implementation of the programme.

Skopje, 15 January 2025

Signature

Bekim Sali, Minister for European Affairs
and National RGF Coordinator