

<b>The step under review</b>	Adoption of the Law amending the Law on Electronic Documents, Electronic Identification and Trust Services alignment of national legislation with the relevant EU Acquis to align it with eIDAS 2.0. 2024/1183, upon entry in force in EU
<b>Baseline</b>	<i>(2024) is 0</i>
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	June 2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>North Macedonia has established a solid legal foundation for electronic identification and trust services through its Law on Electronic Documents, Electronic Identification, and Trust Services, which is fully aligned with the eIDAS 910/2014 Regulation.</p> <p>On 27 June 2025, the Parliament adopted the Law amending the Law on Electronic Documents, Electronic Identification, and Trust Services, aligning the national legislation with the provisions of the eIDAS 2.0 Regulation. Prior to the adoption, a public hearing was held during the parliamentary procedure, covering all four digitalisation-related laws under the current reform agenda.</p> <p>The legislative drafting process began with a formal request for nominations from key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Interior, Agency for Electronic Communication, Agency for Personal Data Protection and other relevant institutions, and trust service providers. With the support of SIGMA, a gap analysis was conducted, identifying specific provisions not yet transposed into national law. Additionally, experts examined and provided comparative insights on two models—Estonia and Belgium—focusing particularly on onboarding and identification processes.</p> <p>The first full draft of the law was published on the ENER public consultation platform on 12 March 2025 and was open for public comment for 30 days. Following this, the updated draft was shared with the EU Delegation in North Macedonia for comments on 8 May 2025. Meanwhile, the law entered the government procedure, and the text was finalised. The European Commission’s opinion on the alignment of the law, received on 25 June 2025, assessed it as partially aligned. However, a detailed analysis of the comments was performed, revealing that some issues stem from translation inconsistencies (e.g., "Person" vs. "Personal"), others from technical errors during the preparation of ToC, and several have already been addressed in the final version. The analysis was</p>

	<p>finalised on 9 of July, assessing that only two potential amendments are needed which do not have significant influence on the operationalization of the law. These amendments would replace a term “notification” with “registration” and would add “user-friendly and traceable”, stemming from Article 5a (4) a of the regulation. Attached are the publication in the Official Gazette No. 135 of 04.07.2025, and the final version of the Table of Concordance, together with the explanations on the received comments.</p> <p>In addition to setting up the legal framework, the Ministry of Digital Transformation is part of the consortium under the project Govtech4all 2.0, funded through the DIGITAL-2024-GOVTECH-06-SGA call (Accelerating the best use of technologies) within the Digital Europe Programme (Annex 9). The project focuses on developing a pilot solution for a digital wallet for citizens, which will include an electronic version of two personal identification documents as well as access to digital public services. In the next phase, the digital wallet will continue to be enhanced in order to meet all technical and security requirements in line with the eIDAS 2.0 Regulation, providing a secure and interoperable framework for cross-border digital use.</p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>Annex 1: Gap Analysis Table  Annex 2 and Annex 2a: Good EU practices: Two case studies (Belgium and Estonia)  Annex 3: Regulatory Impact Assessment  Annex 4: Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 135 of 04.07.2025, Law on Electronic Documents, Electronic Identification, and Trust Services. The Law enters into force on the eighth day following its publication in the Official Gazette and will apply as of 1 June 2027  Annex 4a Draft Law on Electronic Documents, Electronic Identification, and Trust Services_EN  Annexes 5 (MK-EU) and 5a: Table of Concordance (EU -MK) – mk version  Annex 5b: Table of Concordance EU-MK, with feedback on the assessment-eng version  Annex 6: Compliance statement  Annex 7: Compliance assessment conformation from Secretariat for Legislation  Annex 8: Feasibility study for a notified eID scheme (2022)  Annex 9: Grant agreement  Annex 10: Government decision  Annex 11: Decision for establishing working group</p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>A thorough verification process was carried out to ensure the alignment of the amended law with the eIDAS 2.0 Regulation. This included a detailed, article-by-article review of the Table of Concordance, conducted jointly with the Secretariat for Legislation, ensuring that all previously identified legal gaps were properly addressed. The legislative drafting process was transparent and</p>

	<p>consultative, involving a full public consultation phase through the ENER platform, as well as a public hearing during the parliamentary procedure. A comprehensive Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) was prepared, clearly outlining the expected legal, technical, and administrative implications. Finally, a formal Compliance statement was issued, confirming that the legal framework is in line with EU requirements. This structured and inclusive approach ensures both legal certainty and readiness for implementation in accordance with the reform agenda.</p> <p>Summarized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed article-by-article review was conducted in cooperation with the Secretariat for Legislation, based on the Table of Concordance.</li> <li>• All identified gaps were addressed and appropriately transposed.</li> <li>• The draft law was subject to public consultation, both through the ENER platform and during the parliamentary procedure.</li> <li>• A comprehensive Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) document was prepared and submitted.</li> </ul> <p>A formal Compliance statement was issued, confirming alignment with the relevant EU legislation.</p>
<p><b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the eIDAS 2.0-related reforms and all associated measures fully comply with the requirements of Article 11 of the Regulation. The Reform Agenda was developed based on the structural reforms and priorities outlined in North Macedonia’s latest Economic Reform Programme, the Joint Policy Guidance from the 2023 Economic and Financial Dialogue, and the country’s growth strategy. The reforms are framed within a coherent and forward-looking digitalisation agenda, clearly prioritising structural transformation, legal alignment with EU standards, and digital public service delivery.</p> <p>The law was prepared in a transparent and inclusive manner, through broad consultation with institutional stakeholders, social partners, civil society, and the wider public demonstrated through the structured public consultations on ENER and inclusive dialogue throughout the legislative process. The reforms are fully consistent with the macroeconomic and fiscal framework and contribute to broader accession-related priorities, including the green and digital transitions.</p> <p>In terms of Article 4, the design and implementation of the reforms reflect the general principles of needs-based cooperation, ownership, transparency, complementarity, and accountability. The reform measures are part of a broader, coherent reform package and are supported through complementary EU instruments, ensuring no duplication or double funding. The principles of democracy, human rights, gender equality, and environmental sustainability</p>

	have been mainstreamed throughout the process, fully respecting the requirements of the Regulation.
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	Fully achieved