

## 1. Organizational background:

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<b>Date of foundation of the organization:</b>	<b>09.05.2002</b>
<b>Date of last registration (if applicable):</b> 27.04.2009	<b>Registration code:</b> 5645905
<b>Mission (objective) of the organization:</b> The mission of the MOST Citizens Association is to contribute towards developing a more democratic, more stable and prosperous Macedonia, through involving citizens in activities and projects that secure transparency, accountability and responsiveness of the governmental, political and electoral authority to the real needs of the citizens.	
<b>Legal status of the organization:</b> Non-profit legal entity	

## 2. Fields of interests:

Decentralization		Advocacy	x
Interethnic relations		Transparency and accountability	x
Participative democracy	x	Rights of minorities	
Good governance	x	Gender balance	
Citizens' education	x	Other (please specify)	

## 3. Information on projects:

Please specify the projects implemented by your organization in the last year
<p>In order to achieve the mission and goals of the organization, the activities of MOST are being conducted in the frames of the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Responsive institutions;</li> <li>➤ Education and involvement of the citizens</li> <li>➤ Accountability and transparency.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Responsive institutions</u></b></p> <p>1. <b>Name of the project:</b> <u>MP's Performance</u></p> <p><i>Primary objective of the project:</i> The overall goal of the project is to increase the cooperativeness and responsiveness of the members of Parliament of R Macedonia towards the real concerns of the citizens and to improve the quality of their work through informing the public about the MPs' performance. At the same time it will articulate the interests and needs of the citizens and civil organizations in the process of developing and enacting laws in the Parliament of R Macedonia</p> <p><i>Financed by:</i> NED (National Endowment for Democracy), Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Skopje and Balkan Trust for Democracy (BTD).</p> <p><i>Achieved results:</i> Reports on the "MP's Performance" were published, promoted and distributed to the citizens. MOST has handed over the project to the Parliament of R Macedonia with aim to be implemented by this institution, by which the institutional and financial sustainability was secured.</p> <p>2. <b>Name of the project:</b> <u>MP's constituency offices – Monitoring of the outputs</u></p> <p><i>Primary objective of the project:</i> Monitoring the work of the offices, performances of the Offices' assistants, communication procedure between the MPs and their constituency</p> <p><i>Financed by:</i> Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)</p> <p><i>Achieved results:</i> Strengths and weaknesses of the working of the offices were detected;</p>

**3. Name of the project:** Advocacy center

Primary objective of the project:

Contributing towards more informed and active citizens and sustained community participation in the process of policy creation and decision making. Strengthening the capacity of the stakeholders in the area of Advocacy through trainings and sharing of expertise.

Raising the awareness of the stakeholders on their rights and responsibilities as active citizens and the opportunities for their involvement.

Informing the relevant stakeholders on the opportunities for their involvement in the process of policy and decision making.

Financed by:

Balkan Trust for Democracy (BTD)

Achieved results:

Design and development of an Advocacy Guide

Design and development of a module for Advocacy

Training of trainers in the field of Advocacy and Public relations

Capable to provide the following services to the stakeholders:

- \* Delivering trainings, tools and know how in the area of Advocacy
- \* Delivering one on one consultancy and in house mentoring
- \* Campaign development and tips for its successful implementation (from A – Z)
- \* Monitoring of the on going advocacy campaigns on national and local level
- \* Web-portal with an overview of the dynamics of the implementation of the campaigns on national and local level
- \* Promotion of the success stories in the field of advocacy in the public.

**4. Name of the project:** International democracy day- 15th of September

Primary objective of the project:

To secure and facilitate the citizen's participation in marking the Day.

Financed by:

Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Achieved results:

Video clip made on this occasion, 60.000 invitation cards inserted in the daily newspapers; provided transportation for more than 1200 citizens who visited the Parliament of R Macedonian which was opened for 8 hours on the Day; Organized public debate: Increased inclusion of the NGOs in Parliament and decision making processes

## **Education and involvement of the citizens**

### **1. Name of the project:** 1st Time Voters Outreach

*Primary objective of the project:*

The aim of the project is to raise the awareness through education of the citizens of the R Macedonia on their rights and responsibilities as voters, the election processes including the significance of the active citizens. Target group are the high school senior students.

*Financed by:*

UNDP and Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands

*Achieved results:*

During the course of implementation of this project, 17.823 first time voters participated in the 654 conducted workshops.

### **2. Name of the project:** Travel to Europe 2009

*Primary objective of the project:*

Promotion of the core democratic values of the European Union. The objective for this season was to select the best 20 students from all every university in the country and to enable them through travelling to get acquainted with the democratic values, habits and cultures of the European countries

*Financed by:*

Balkan Trust for Democracy (BTD); Robert Bosh Foundation

*Achieved results:*

18 best students traveled around Europe for one month. Many of them were hosted by several TV stations where they talked about the experience granted during the journey.

## **Accountability and transparency**

### **1. Name of the project:** Domestic Monitoring of the Presidential and Local elections in R Macedonian 2009

*Primary objective of the project:*

Contribution towards transparent electoral process through non partisan observation of all segments of elections.

*Financed by:*

The project "Domestic monitoring of the Presidential and Local elections 2009" is being implemented by the Citizens Association MOST with generous support from the American people through USAID as well as from: Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, SIDA, German Embassy, SDC, Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, OSCE Spillover Monitoring Mission to Skopje and the Embassy of Czech Republic

Achieved results:

- More than 4000 domestic observers trained and around 3600 observers deployed at the polling stations.
- Around 65% of the total numbers of the polling stations in R Macedonia (2976) were covered by observers.
- The Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT) program was conducted on the territory of R Macedonia regarding the election of the President of R Macedonia, and on the territory of the City of Skopje regarding the elections for the Mayor of the City of Skopje and members of the City council
- MOST observers were present at 278 party events/rallies/tribunes

2. **Name of the project:** CONFERENCE: "Role of the domestic observers and standards for domestic monitoring of elections"

Primary objective of the project:

The main objective of the conference was to turn the attention of the state institutions, Civic organizations and public to the importance of the domestic monitoring of elections for building the democratic capacities of the country. Additionally, the conference was conducted with aim to inspire the state institutions and the CSOs to take initiative for raising the standards for domestic monitoring of elections as well as to strengthen the mutual confidence between the domestic observers, state institutions, media and political subjects that in some way participate in the election process

Financed by:

Embassy of the United Kingdom of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Achieved results:

The debate produced a comprehensive product which is supposed to represent a set of standards for domestic observation of the elections agreed and supported by all the participants on the conference. In this term, the Civil society organizations, the representatives of the state and the governmental institutions, participants in the conference have agreed to establish the principles as set of standards for domestic observation of the elections which stipulates the international standards in its highest respect.

3. **Name of the project:** Legal Resource Center (LRC) [www.pravo.org.mk](http://www.pravo.org.mk)

Primary objective of the project:

To enable the Macedonian citizens and CSOs to have free and easy access to the Macedonian legislation.

Financed by:

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Achieved results:

All the laws enacted in the Parliament of R Macedonia from 1996 to 2009, all the amendments and supplements, as well as laws that are not in force anymore are available on the web page.

The web page contains part of the Judiciary practice of the Supreme Court of R

Macedonia, comparative analyses, Verdicts of the European Human Rights Court, International agreements ratified by the Parliament of R Macedonia and search engine for the legal frame of the European Union.

4. **Name of the project:** Commentary of the Election Code

Primary objective of the project:

The purpose of the this project was to express opinion on the current Electoral Code of Republic of Macedonia which currently causes inconsistencies, ambiguities and deficiencies in the present electoral legislation, as well as to entrust the election stakeholders with useful explanations and clarifications aimed to ensure proper enforcement of the Election Code.

Financed by:

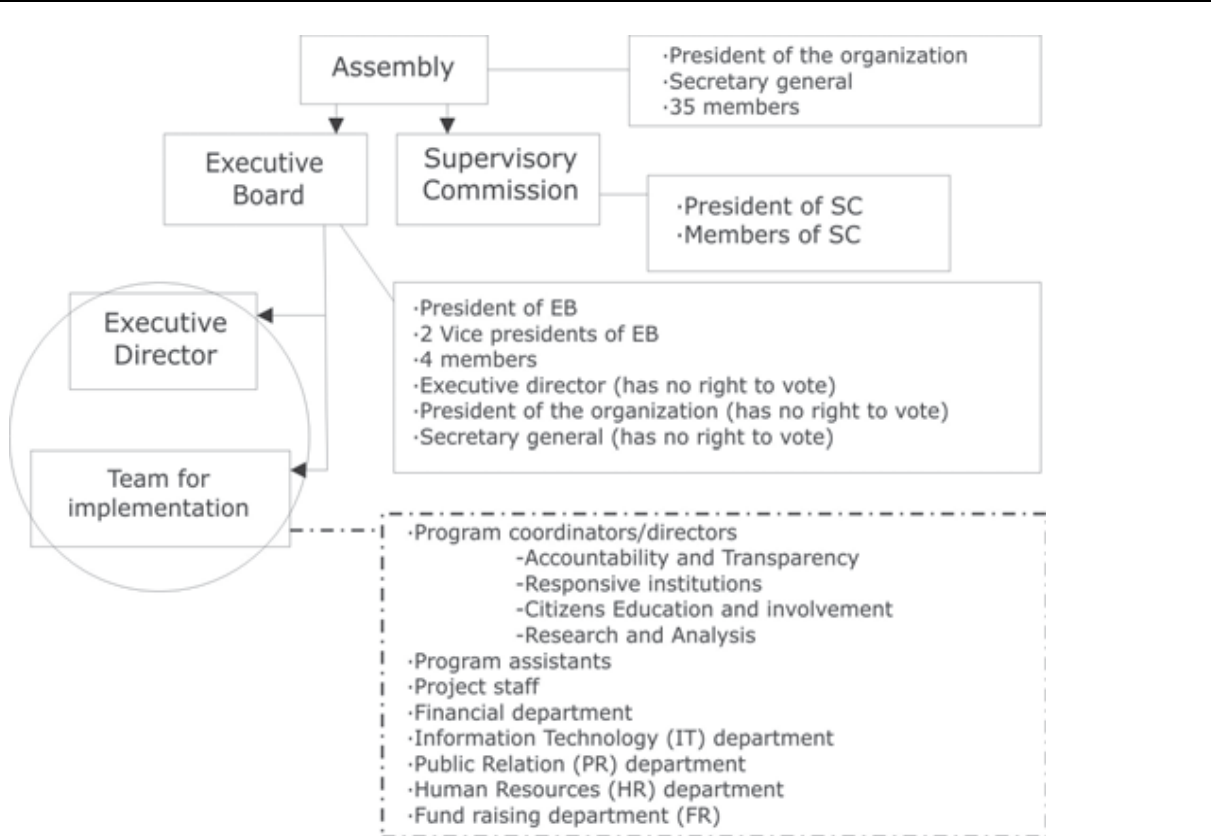
OSCE Spillover Monitoring Mission in Skopje and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Achieved results:

The project team cooperated with the experts in the field and prepared and printed publication "Commentary of the Election Code". The very same one was promoted and distributed to the stakeholders.

#### 4. Capacity of the organization: personnel and management bodies of the organization

Please specify the executive structure of the organization and the decision making process within the organization.



#### Assembly

MOST's assembly is consisted of 35 members coming from the partner organizations/MOST founders. Each of the organizations has at least one member participating in the assembly. In accordance with the Statute of the organization, the assembly convenes at least once a year. The composition of the assembly is with secured gender and ethnic balance. The Assembly is with 28% or 10 women, 72% or 25 men, 74% or 26 Macedonian, 23% or 8 Albanians and 3% Roma.

#### Executive Board

The executive board is consisted of 7 members including the President of the EB and 3 Vice Presidents. The gender and the ethnic balance are preserved. There are 15 % women and 30% of the members are from other ethnic groups. The Executive director and the Secretary General participate the sessions without the right to vote (they are not members of the EB).

#### Supervisory Commission

The Supervisory Commission is consisted of 5 members. None of these persons is a member of the Executive Board. The statutory role of the Supervisory Commission is to control the financial work of the organization and to issue reports that are further on discussed on the Executive Board and Assembly sessions. Upon a demand, the SC can conduct an audit and issue a report.

### **Team for implementation**

The team for implementation is responsible for every day operations and projects implementation. Program coordinators run the Programs. Besides that, there are coordinators and assistants of projects that are conducted in the frames of the programs. The Executive director is responsible for supervising and managing the work of the entire organization including the HR support. Each of the employees has a record of accomplishments and long experience within the civil society sector in the country. However, Citizens' Association MOST nurtures a tradition of permanent skills and capacity building through various types of trainings, internships and study trips for its employees.

### **Network**

When it comes to MOST and the project implementation it could be said that MOST is a unique type of network. Actually, it is something between network and coalition. MOST is founded by the representatives of the CSOs from all parts of the country. A total of 19 local CSOs are part of the network which also participate in the process of decision making and supervising of the work of the organizational bodies including the Team for implementation of the projects. The network maintains the geographical and ethnical balance covering the entire territory of the R Macedonia in counting all of the 84 municipalities and the City of Skopje.

The benefits from this kind of cooperation are permanent exchange of experience, capacity building, superb coverage of the territory and a sort of networking which is very important for the strengthening of the sector.

### **Volunteers**

The volunteers are the core of the MOST work. Since MOST works in direction to increasing the participation of the citizens in the processes of decision making, at least MOST can give citizens chance to take part in accomplishing the mission of the organization, to contribute towards more democratic, stable and prosperous Macedonia.

### **MOST partner organizations:**

- Youth Centre for Prevention and Conflict Resolution - Skopje 1
- Association of the Albanian woman – Perspektiva - Skopje 2
- Centre for democratic development and integration – Tetovo
- Youth Council – Gostivar
- Youth Council – Ohrid
- Youth Cultural centre – Bitola
- Youth Council – Prilep
- Mediator – Kavadarci
- European Forum – Gevgelija
- Citizens of Strumica for democratic development – Strumica
- Citizen – Delcevo
- Ethno-forum – Kocani
- Association of financial workers – Veles
- Humanity – Kumanovo
- Centre for inter-ethnic cooperation and toleration – Kicevo
- Macedonian Centre for Independent Initiative – Radovis
- Association for protection of Roma's rights – Stip
- Regional centre for cooperation „Spektar“ - Kriva Palanka
- Euro – forum - Struga

**Published materials in the last year:****Yes**

- Manuals for domestic monitoring of elections 2009
- Final report on elections 2009
- Report on the Conference "Standards for domestic monitoring of elections"
- MP's Performance
- Advocacy Guide
- Module for Advocacy
- Commentary of Election Code
- First Time Voters Guide
- Election Dictionary

**5. Equipment and other resources**

Office?	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central office Skopje</li> <li>- 19 offices of the MOST partner organizations</li> </ul>
IT equipment:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PC, laptops</li> <li>2. Printers, fax machine, Xerox, scanners</li> <li>3. WLAN broadband connection, ADSL connection</li> <li>4. Projector</li> </ol>	

<b>Financing of the organization</b>	
<b>Source of financing</b>	<b>Amount 2009</b>
<b>1. SIDA</b>	<b>59.700 euro</b>
<b>2. SDC</b>	<b>83.200 euro</b>
<b>3. German embassy</b>	<b>51.074 euro</b>
<b>4. OSCE Spillover mission to Skopje</b>	<b>23.800 euro</b>
<b>5. British embassy</b>	<b>47.400 euro</b>
<b>6. USAID</b>	<b>72.700 euro</b>
<b>7. Czech Embassy</b>	<b>9.899 euro</b>
<b>8. BTD Balkan Trust For Democracy</b>	<b>57.300 euro</b>
<b>9. Embassy of Kingdom of Netherlands</b>	<b>69.600 euro</b>