



## Balkan Investigative Reporting Network

### BIRN Macedonia Annual Narrative Report

2015

#### About

BIRN Macedonia, an independent NGO, was founded in 2004 as part of the regional Balkan Investigative Reporting Network.

It has since implemented various local and regional projects, from organising the training of journalists on international standards of journalism to coverage of transitional justice issues, production of TV documentaries, publishing of analysis and investigations, and the organisation of round tables on issues related to the country's EU integration.

BIRN Macedonia has built a reputation not only of being a credible media organisation but also of being a source for media development and network building. It has also fostered strong relationships both with media and CSOs in the country and in the region, and runs locally relevant programmes designed to respond to media and wider societal needs. BIRN Macedonia has contributed to different projects of the Regional BIRN Network and has been crucial in establishing Balkan Insight as one of the leading regional media outlets.

BIRN Macedonia aims to consolidate the country's stability and accelerate its political, economic and social reform within its chosen framework of Euro-Atlantic integration. It does so through high-quality journalism and facilitation of cross-sector debate on key challenges.

#### Annual activities for 2015

Our work for the period of 2015 resulted in:

- Publishing "[Skopje 2014 Uncovered](#)" database
- Developed and implemented campaign for promotion of the database "Skopje 2014 Uncovered" including: [video animation](#), [mobile application](#), [additional investigations](#) on the topic, other promotional materials
- Publishing [investigations, analysis and interviews](#)
- [TV production](#) of four TV investigations
- Publishing five [database-researches](#) from public data
- Providing mentorship and editorial support to more than 14 journalists
- Receiving [awards and special mentions](#) for three investigation

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- Awarding three journalists with scholarships to participate at the BIRN Summer School for Investigative Journalism
- Published mobile application "Skopje 2014 Uncovered"
- Published blogs and columns from dozens [CSO's representatives and civil activists](#)
- Strengthening the skills of journalists for [reporting on cases of domestic violence](#) and establishing cooperation between CSO's from this field and journalists
- Merging the roles of the CSO's and journalists for urging the importance of open data
- Boosting the cooperation between journalists and CSO's through workshops, debates and other tools for cooperation

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