



## Balkan Investigative Reporting Network

### BIRN Macedonia Report 2018

#### Main activities and results:

- Published over 300 articles on prizma.mk (stories, news, analysis and investigations focused on issues of public interest including corruption, public procurement, and transparency of government institutions and has continued to focus on exposing wrongdoing and official abuse)
- Filed 125 FOIA requests to over 30 different institutions and has exposed institutions that lack transparency
- Successfully advocated for shortening the deadline for responses to Freedom of Information requests
- Produced series of video tutorials aimed to support the journalists during the investigative process
- Increased journalistic capacities with study visits, trainings, scholarship support and teaching skills for video production
- Organized international Media Sustainability conference for approximately 100 participants from the region and beyond
- Four journalists were selected and awarded grants to work on investigative stories mixing local and European experience and case studies
- BIRN journalists attended several trainings on different topics relevant for their work

#### Projects and donors:

- BIRN core support; Donor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
- Project title: Investigative reporting to boost reforms; Donor: Delegation of the European Union to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia/ IPA Civil Society Facility and Media Programme 2014
- Project title: Digital Media Lab Conference; Donor: The Kingdom of the Netherlands