



Balkan Investigative Reporting Network

BIRN Macedonia Report 2020

Main activities and results:

- Published over 500 stories, including 70 analysis, 25 investigations, 115 comments, 16 interviews, 10 features and 290 news stories from the country and the region, focused mainly on issues of judiciary, corruption, media and the impact of the pandemic of covid19
- Filed over 40 FOIA requests to over 30 different institutions
- Published five video stories on topic of corruption in different sectors
- Published five animated videos about the effects of corruption in education, public procurement and judiciary
- BIRN journalist was awarded for best investigative story of the year 2019 by the Macedonian Media Institute, MIM.
- Increased journalistic capacities with trainings and workshops (training on uncovering Illicit financial flows)
- 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: Strengthening Objective Reporting and Independent Media; Period: May 2020 – April 2022; Donor: National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
- Project title: Uncovering Illicit Financial Flows in Western Balkans; Period: July 2020 – August 2021; Donor: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- Project title: Perspectives on the Pandemic; Period: April – October 2020; Donor: The Balkan Trust for Democracy (BTD)
- Project title: Spotlight on election campaign; Period: March – August 2020; Donor: US Embassy in Skopje
- Project title: Raising the Bar with Info: Broadcasting Investigative Stories on Corruption; Period: July 2019 - May 2020; Donor: Chemonics International Inc.
- Project title: State Capture in North Macedonia: Judiciary, Prosecution, Police; Period: April 2019 - March 2020; Donor: Foundation Open Society Macedonia

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