



Balkan Investigative Reporting Network

BIRN Macedonia Report 2021

Main activities and results:

- Published 534 articles, including 83 in-depth articles and 26 investigations as well as news stories from the country and the region, comments, interviews and features focused mainly on issues of judiciary, corruption, media, local elections and the impact of the pandemic
- Filed 93 FOIA requests to over 85 different institutions
- Published several short video stories on different topics
- Prepared database “Media Uncovered” with detailed profiles of 35 media in North Macedonia
- Increased journalistic capacities with trainings and workshops (training on uncovering Illicit financial flows)
- Published 100 page guide book for journalists for Illicit Financial Flows, including manual for journalists and modules and case studies for different aspects of reporting
- Produced six cross-border stories on illicit financial flows
- BIRN journalists attended 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: Focus on municipal elections; Period: September 2021 – January 2022; Donor: US Embassy in Skopje

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