

Selected projects



The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

National Visa Management System

Official title of the project

Technical Assistance to the Establishment of a National Visa Management System

Country

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Region/ City

Skopje

Sector

Support of good governance, institution building and the rule of law

Budget/EC contribution

1,200,000 euros

Implementation period

28 August 2007 – 28 August 2008

Expected results

Implementation of a new National Visa Information System (N-VIS) composed by the following modules: visa management, control of the visa management, visa parameters management, system management, compatibility, bilingual system.

Coordinator

European Agency for Reconstruction

Beneficiary

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Consular Department within the Ministry of - Foreign Affairs;
- Diplomatic missions and consular posts;
- Border Crossing points;
- Ministry of Interior.

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The European Union allocated €750.000 for the National Visa Information System (N-VIS) as part of the technical assistance project to enhance the operational capacity of the Consular Department within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The N-VIS introduces significant changes in visa issuing processes in the country. It implements clearly defined, standardized visa issuing procedures, rapid, consistent and accurate verification of each and every applicant through the existing databases. The System is internet based and consists of a central application running at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' National Visa Management Centre and local applications allowing for local scanning of the accompanying documents and for contingency situation.

After the 12 months of project implementation, the 45 Diplomatic missions and consular posts, 6 major and 2 Airports Border Crossing points and the Department for Foreigners in Ministry will be connected to the Visa Centre through an internet-based IT system. The Visa issuing process – estimated at 120.000 visas per year – will then only be possible through the N-VIS system, which can be used by as much as 200 concurrent users at any time.

Alongside the advisory support the EU has also provided €450.000 worth equipment for the Centre.

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