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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Center for Research and Policy-Making (CRPM, www.crpm.org.mk) is proud to present some of its most recent accomplishments. Theme of this Occasional paper is the Macedonian accession to the EU. Next you can read our evaluation named Don't close your eyes to human trafficking. In this newsletter you can find three more articles. There for you will read about our new guide, Guide for GPKT trades; policy brief no.12 The ban on physicians' moonlighting and the last topic is for our trainings, Fine-tuning ministries' strategic plans with the state budget. We hope that you will find something interesting in our newsletter first in year 2007.

Sincerely yours
Center for Research and Policy Making

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Occasional Paper No.10

THE MACEDONIAN ACCESSION TO THE EU

Macedonia already enjoys the status of a candidate for EU membership. Undoubtedly, this fact stands for a great achievement, having known that the country did have to face so many challenges in such a short period of time. However, the mission called “EU membership” is far from being over. What’s more, the hardest part may be yet to come. What all is out there waiting for Macedonia on her road to the EU? What’s Macedonia’s “to-do-list”? What’s EU unfinished business on the Balkans? How is Macedonia perceived in the EU, and how is the EU perceived in Macedonia? Which EU member can be hoped for being a promoter of Macedonian accession? You may wish to read about these and other topical issues regarding Macedonian accession to the EU. The paper is available in English at our web page.



Evaluation No.3

DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

CRPM was commissioned to undertake an evaluation and impact assessment of the IOM's country-wide anti-trafficking information and awareness raising campaign “Don't Close Your Eyes to Human Trafficking” Phase 1 and Phase 2. The commission comprised an extraordinarily extensive survey and a series of interviews with campaign implementers and various stakeholders. The results thereof may be obtained upon IOM's clearance. Contact: ipaunovic@iomskopje.org.mk

Guide No.1

GUIDE FOR GPKT TRADES

How can I establish a trade firm? What can I trade in the region and under what conditions? Where can I find trade partners? What are the documents that accompany the goods during the export/import? Which quality-control measures must I abide by? How should I organize the transport? What means of payment should I employ? Financial support for my venture? Which taxes and duties am I obliged to pay? This is only a portion of questions answered in the Guide for GPKT Trades, which we prepared under patronage of and in a close cooperation with the EastWest Institute. Its aim is to fill in the existing information gap when it comes to positive trade regulations and procedures, and in so doing – to contribute to the development of cross-border cooperation in the micro-region. The guide is available in Macedonian, Albanian and Serbian at www.crpm.org.mk as well as at www.gpkt.org.

Policy Brief No.12

THE BAN ON PHYSICIANS' MOONLIGHTING

The latest changes in the Health Care Law, among other things, feature a ban on having public-service physicians engage in additional private practices. Is this a legitimate means to combat public service abuses and corruption, like the Government pleases to say, or an encroachment upon physicians' constitutional rights to work and equality, like some experts claim? Our stance on the matter is available in Macedonian at our web page.

Training No.3

FINE-TUNING MINISTRIES' STRATEGIC PLANS WITH THE STATE BUDGET

The General Secretariat of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia commissioned CRPM to deliver trainings on strategic planning to all ministries and several state institutions. The trainings' programme is outlined in Macedonian at our web page.

That is all from this edition of the CRPM newsletter. Stay tuned with CRPM at www.crpm.org.mk. All news will be published on our web site.

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