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History

Center for Research and Policy Making is an independent, non-profit policy research institute formed by a multi-disciplinary team bringing together people with different backgrounds and professional and research interests, and includes considerable experience of the way the Macedonian policy process works. The CRPM members are specialized in project management and policy research and analysis, training and capacity building, and policy advice. They are able to coordinate the planning of activities and inputs in a flexible and effective manner, provide relevant and timely analyses anchored in political and economic realities, paying particular attention to timely mobilization of resources and monitoring of project progress.

CRPM was founded in March 2004 and has ten fulltime employees and five associates. CRPM consists of local researchers as well as external consultants in close contact with the organization. Just after its establishment, the organization's team commenced with its work. CRPM in the first year implemented one project.

CRPM's key-departments specialize in research and analysis, project design and management, regional/local development, and policy advice and will provide a full package of services to meet every aspect of the following project.

Mission

It is an independent, non-profit research and policy institute, created in recognition of the pressing need for independent, in-depth analysis of the complex issues involved in promoting stability and prosperity in Macedonia and South Eastern Europe. CRPM has no 'hidden agenda' but works to promote:

- (i) democratization and
- (ii) economic transformation of the country.

It has no party, political or any other organizational affiliation. CRPM develops a new style of policy analysis and serves as a forum for young Macedonians to acquire and apply knowledge and skills for evidence based research and policy analysis. The standpoint from which it approaches certain issues is principled. The organization considers peace and stability as the first principles that should reign in the Balkan countries, and believes that the major political goal of Macedonia is the integration with the European Union.

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Projects

Socio economic dynamics of Shtip and Gostivar

The main project purpose is research in order to generate the data necessary for analysis of socio-economic conditions and identification of the comparative advantages of both municipalities. The research will be conducted by two experienced researchers, led by D-r. Zhidas Daskalovski, who will often travel to the two municipalities, collect information and in the later stage analyze the data on the basis of which the final report will be produced.

The project is planned for a period of one year and is divided in three phases. The first phase is planned to last for six months, when the data and essential information on local economic development of the two municipalities will be collected. In the next stage that data will be analyzed and developing potentials or possible disparities will be identified. In the third phase the final report will be written, discussed and disseminated. The last two phases are also planned to last for six months.

Duration: 18 months

Donors: FOSIM, OPIC, GMF - BTD

Budget: 280.000 denars, 30.000 Euro, 25.000 USD

National Election Study - regional meeting

The Center for Research and Policy Making (CRPM), in cooperation with the CSES of the University of Michigan, the Albanian Political Science Association (ALPSA), the Kosovo Institute for Research and Development (KIPRED), Forum for Ethnic Relations-FER and Centre for Free and Democratic Elections-CESID both from Serbia and Montenegro (to be identified in the forthcoming weeks with your assistance) organized a regional meeting to explore the possibilities to work together on a National Election Study project region wide. This project is aimed at generating data on the regional political and electoral dynamics by using individual level variables, system level variables within a country, and variables related to regional political issues. In principle, the research would lead to the generation of knowledge to be used by the general public, academics, and researchers. At the moment no comprehensive elections studies have been done on Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo and Serbia and Montenegro.

Results: Project proposal for Regional Comparative Election Study drafted and submitted for review to various donors

Funding partner: Freedom House

Budget: 5.500 dollars
