

Recap of who we are / vision

Who we are:

International, nonpartisan, non-profit founded in 2007 by Macedonian expatriates who envision a proactive way of contributing to the economic and democratic development of Macedonia

Our Vision:

We are dedicated to helping create a prosperous economic climate and “stronger nation” that will improve opportunities and innovation for its citizens, domestic companies, and foreign investors

Grounded in ideals of leading “think and do” tanks:

- TBD

Strategic Objectives we are pursuing to help achieve vision

GROUNDING IN IDEALS OF LEADING “THINK AND DO” TANKS: EXAMPLES ONLY

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Strategic Objectives we are pursuing to help achieve vision

1. Help accelerate economic development

- *Attract Foreign Investment*
- *Support competitiveness of Macedonian companies and stimulate export development*
- *Support the growth of entrepreneurs and start-up companies*

2. Implement education programs that accelerate leadership development and inspire and improve entrepreneurship in Macedonia

3. Provide the Diaspora an opportunity to **strengthen and improve linkages worldwide**

4. Advocate the ideals of transparent, democratic and inclusive society - good for the citizens, and good for economic development

5. Maintain and help facilitate discussions and actions around 'Country Dashboard', to ensure broad progress on growth and quality of life is being made and headed in right direction

Proposed MK2025 Country Dashboard

- Albania
 - Armenia
 - Bosnia
 - Bulgaria
 - Cape Verde
 - Colombia
 - Costa Rica
 - Croatia
 - Dominican Republic
 - Ecuador
 - Georgia
 - Guatemala
 - Guyana
 - Hungary
 - Indonesia
 - Jamaica
 - Jordan
 - **Macedonia**
 - Mauritius
 - Montenegro
 - Morocco
 - Namibia
 - Panama
 - Paraguay
 - Peru
 - Romania
 - Serbia
 - South Africa
 - Suriname
 - Swaziland
 - Thailand
 - Timor-Leste
 - Turkey
 - Ukraine
- **34 peer group countries at left selected from 144 countries in the world**
 - **Within this peer group, Macedonia ranks 11th of 34 (2nd quartile).**
 - **The dashboard that follows attempts to disaggregate key drivers of this ranking**

Emerging top metrics for country-level dashboard

GROWTH

**GDP Growth %
5-year average**

Description/rationale:
Real GDP; most common overall metric of growth

GDP per capita

Controls for population and proxy for standard of living

Unemployment Rate

Together with GDP, typically most-tracked metric

**Net Exports
(% of GDP)**

Exports minus imports for both goods and services; key driver of GDP growth

**Gov't Spending
(% of GDP)**

Driver of GDP, but must avoid deficit spending

Credit Rating

Blended indicator reflecting national debt, government borrowing, investor confidence in country

**FDI
(% of GDP)**

Measures total FDI 'stock' (not just flow); key driver of GDP growth

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Description/ rationale:

**Education Quality
PISA score**

Measures quality of secondary education; cumulative score on reading, science, and math

Investment

Gross fixed capital formation (public and private)

R&D/Innovation

R&D expenditures as a % of GDP

Democratic Freedom

Blend of political rights and civil liberties scores based on Freedom House panel survey

Corruption Index

"Misuse of public power for private benefit," ranked by Transparency International

Ease of doing Business

World Bank annual comparison of complexity of business regulations for domestic firms

**Environment/
Air Quality**

Co2 emissions per capita (placeholder metric); still being refined

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2005 Value: **Current Value:** **Current rank vs. peers:**

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**GDP Growth %
5-year average**

1.6% 2.2% 24/34

GDP per capita

\$2,942 \$5,365 18/34

**Unemployment
Rate**

37% 28% 26/26

**Net Exports
(% of GDP)**

-21% -22% 30/34

**Gov't Spending
(% of GDP)**

30% 24% 7/25

Credit Rating

BB BB- 16/28

**FDI
(% of GDP)**

1.6% 2.9% 20/34

**Education Quality
PISA score**

n/a 385 4/7

Investment

26% 31% 3/26

R&D/Innovation

.24% .22% 12/17

**Democratic
Freedom**

3 3.5 25/34

Corruption Index

n/a 45 11/34

**Ease of doing
Business**

n/a 74 3/34

**Environment/
Air Quality**

5 5 (metric tons per capita) 30/35

**Very early strawman of example targets –
To be refined/syndicated with stakeholders**

GROWTH

**GDP Growth %
5-year average**

4-5%

Top quartile

GDP per capita

>\$10,000

Top quartile

**Unemployment
Rate**

<12%

3rd quartile

**Net Exports
(% of GDP)**

>-10%

Top half

**Gov't Spending
(% of GDP)**

~20%

Top quartile

Credit Rating

BBB

Top quartile

**FDI
(% of GDP)**

>5%

Top quartile

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GROWTH**

**Education Quality
PISA score**

Top quartile

Investment

#1 of peer group?

R&D/Innovation

Top quartile

**Democratic
Freedom**

Top half

Corruption Index

Top quartile

**Ease of doing
Business**

Top quartile

**Environment/
Air Quality**

Top half

Rapidly prosperous EU and NATO member