

Macedonia2025 Monthly Digest: A Recap of Activities in August 2024

Dear Macedonia2025 Community,

As we wrap up an eventful August, we are excited to share the latest developments and achievements from our various initiatives.

This month, we welcomed a new member to our Board of Directors, celebrated the success of our third STEAM Summer Camp, and continued our commitment to supporting future leaders through the [Atanas Bliznakoff Scholarships](#).

We are also thrilled to announce the continued impact of the [Johnson Matthey "Science and Me" project](#), which has reached over 1,000 students across Macedonia. Additionally, our latest infographics provide insights into the spending habits and emotional well-being of citizens across the Western Balkans.

Join us as we look back on these milestones and prepare for the exciting opportunities ahead.

Warm regards,
Macedonia2025 Team

Welcoming Sashe Dimitroff to the Macedonia2025 Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce the addition of Sashe Dimitroff, Global Practice Leader of BakerHostetler's International Arbitration and Litigation team, to the Macedonia2025 Board of Directors.

As the only Macedonian leading one of the top 100 arbitration practices worldwide, Mr. Dimitroff brings exceptional legal expertise and a strong commitment to excellence that aligns with our mission. We look forward to the valuable perspectives and contributions he will bring to our organization and the broader Macedonian community.

**INTRODUCING A NEW MEMBER OF
THE BOARD OF MACEDONIA2025**

SASHE DIMITROFF

PARTNER AT BAKERHOSTETLER



Stay tuned for further updates as we continue our work towards a brighter future for Macedonia.

Empowering the Next Generation at the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius

As the new academic year approaches, Macedonia2025 continued its commitment to supporting the brightest minds at the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje. In collaboration with the Atanas Bliznakoff Foundation, we yet again announced the [Open Call for 40 new scholarships for the 2024/2025 academic year](#). This prestigious scholarship offers \$2,500 annually, along with invaluable opportunities for training, paid internships, and mentorships with leading Macedonian companies.

Find out what ABF scholars have to say about this program:

FOUNDATION MK 2025

“Not everyone can afford to continue their education, causing many wishes and dreams to die out, and leaving our intellectual capacities unfulfilled. As a beneficiary of the “Atanas Bliznakoff” scholarship, I can attest that if you’re eager to pursue further education without financial constraints, this scholarship is an excellent option.”

Milena Malinovska
Student at the Faculty of Philosophy, Institute of Pedagogy (UKIM)

“First academic year is difficult and brings challenges and difficulties to which we all have to adapt, but “Atanas Bliznakoff” scholarship motivated me to successfully overcome all the obstacles on my road. I am endlessly grateful.”

Anamarija Mitkovska
Student at the Faculty of Natural Science and Mathematics (UKIM), majoring in Molecular Biology with Genetics

““Atanas Bliznakoff” scholarship serves as a source of inspiration and motivation, driving me to commit to making meaningful contributions to the field of computer science and engineering. I deeply appreciate their belief in my potential, and this support will undoubtedly play a crucial role in my future successes.”

Angjela Dragan
Student at the Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering, UKIM

FIND OUT MORE

The call for applications ended on August 30th. We are deeply thankful for the interest shown by all applicants and are thrilled to announce the new generation of ABF scholars soon. With these new recipients, the total number of scholars since the start of the program will reach 174.

Third Macedonia2025 STEAM Summer Camp at SOS Detsko Selo

We are excited to announce the successful completion of the Third Macedonia2025 STEAM Summer Camp which took place at SOS Detsko Selo in Skopje! Over the course of a week, young innovators, all beneficiaries of SOS Detsko Selo, engaged in hands-on learning and creative exploration in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.



A special thanks to SOS Detsko Selo, SmartLab Karpos, and our dedicated teachers. We look forward to more exciting adventures next year and wish all students a fantastic start to the new school year!

Inspiring the Next Generation of Scientists

The Johnson Matthey “Science and Me” project has successfully wrapped up with impacting over 1,000 students across 19 schools, both rural and urban. This initiative has made Natural Sciences more engaging and accessible, based on the positive feedback. We conducted survey impact assessment research to explore new ways to make Natural Sciences more engaging and accessible, available [HERE](#).

We’re excited to announce that the project will continue into 2024/2025. Stay tuned for more innovative teaching methods, Science Fairs, and support for our dedicated teachers!

JM Johnson Matthey | **MACEDONIA 2025**
Inspiring science, enhancing life | Helping build a Stronger Nation

“Science and Me”

An Opportunity to Improve Teaching Natural Sciences in Primary Schools in Macedonia

- Findings indicate positive changes in the teaching practices of the teachers involved in the project.

Science and Me

Meet Semial Sinani, a passionate biology teacher at “Emin Duraku” in Bukovikj, who is dedicated to igniting curiosity in her students. As part of our “Science for the Future” campaign, we celebrate

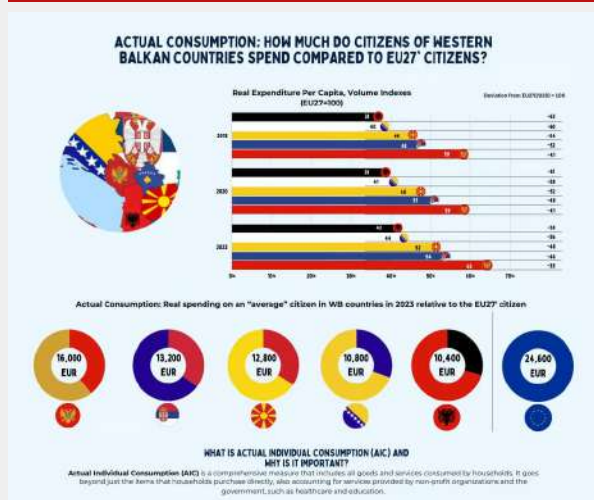
educators like Semial who shape the minds of tomorrow. "Look for the truth in the facts," she says, emphasizing the power of knowledge.

Read more about Semial's story [HERE](#) and join us in supporting educators who inspire the next generation. Share your story [HERE](#).



Together, through Johnson Matthey's "Science and Me" program, we can help build a brighter future.

Insights into the Western Balkans: Spending and Emotions



Curious about the spending habits of citizens in the Western Balkans compared to the average EU27 citizen? Our recent infographic provides a detailed breakdown of real expenditure per capita in 2023, highlighting significant differences in spending across the region. Dive into the data to see where each country stands and gain insights into the economic realities of the Western Balkans.



Our latest infographic sheds light on the emotional well-being of people across the Western Balkans, based on data from [Gallup's Global Emotions Report 2024](#). It explores where people in the region smiled the most, experienced the highest levels of stress, and gained new knowledge. The results offer a fascinating glimpse into the emotional dynamics that shape daily life in these countries.

Connect2MK Platform

Are you a Macedonian company seeking support or a worldwide business expert offering support?

Sign up to the Connect2MK platform, Macedonia2025's matchmaking platform for connecting businesses with experts!



Join us on the Connect2MK platform! Macedonian diaspora experts can mentor, consult, or partner with local businesses, contributing to individual success and national resilience. Let's collaborate to drive economic development, foster innovation, and create opportunities for prosperity across borders.


Meet Our Connect2MK Experts



Ivica Dodevski

Ivica brings over 20 years of experience working with Fortune 200 companies. He has advanced through various stages of his career, ultimately reaching the level of Global Executive in Logistics, Supply Chain, and Procurement. This extensive background has led him to shift his focus toward consulting on a global scale. Ivica is particularly passionate about Corporate Finance, Joint Ventures, and supporting start-ups.


Meet Our Connect2MK Experts



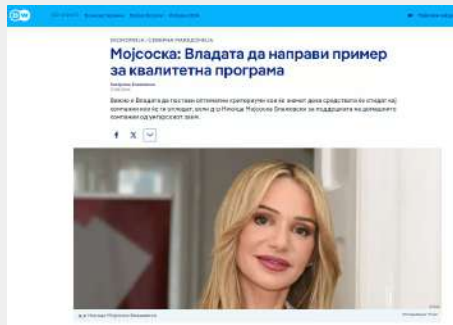
Alex Trajkov

Alex is a seasoned executive and founder with over 20 years in chemical business management, specializing in Ammonia and Bulk Gases/Liquids. Expert in negotiation, leadership, and strategy, with extensive experience in global RFT, commodity chemicals trading, and large-scale mining projects.

MORE INFORMATION HERE

Many thanks to Intertec.io for donating and developing the platform, as well as the promotional video.

Macedonia2025 and the Media



Check out our CEO, Nikica Mojsoska Blazheski's latest interview with Deutsche Welle, where she discusses the need for the government to set an example by implementing a quality program. Her insights are crucial for understanding the future direction of policy and economic development in our region. Don't miss it—read the full interview [HERE](#).

2023 Achievements

Together, we've achieved remarkable milestones in 2023. Our annual report provides a detailed overview of our achievements and impact made in 2023. For instance, within our business related programs, we supported 79 businesses, 30 managers and 469 young talents. Furthermore, we raised USD 1.3 million, funds that will be used to implement our programs and increase our impact, helping build a stronger Macedonia. These victories aren't just ours; they're YOURS too.

SUPPORT MACEDONIA2025

2023 ACHIEVMENTS



Unsubscribe

Macedonia2025, 8 Udarna Brigada, 20A, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia, MK