

Macedonia2025 Monthly Digest:

A Recap of Activities in April 2025

Dear Macedonia2025 Community,

April was a month of action, inspiration, and impact!

As we count down to the [Macedonia2025 Summit](#), our community has been busy building momentum—from high-level advocacy meetings and youth empowerment programs to major educational collaborations and strategic partnerships.

We celebrated the successful wrap-up of the [Leader Project 2025](#), launched a new [Executive Development Program cohort at Kellogg](#), and supported young innovators through national competitions and workshops. Our voice was present in key public discussions on AI, economic trends, and digital transformation—while our [Ambassadors Club](#) made a heartfelt donation to improve care for children in Ohrid.

This month, we also shined a light on some of our incredible partners, including [GRAND Skopje](#) and [Mostovi do Doma](#), whose efforts are creating meaningful opportunities and driving lasting impact across the country.

Whether it's investing in future leaders or fueling systemic change, we're proud to move forward together.

Scroll down to explore the highlights and see how you can be part of this shared mission!

Warm regards,
Macedonia2025 Team

Be There: Macedonia2025 Summit is Just Around the Corner!

Join Us for the 14th Edition of the Region's Premier Leadership and Business Event!

The countdown has begun for the [Macedonia2025 Summit](#), the region's leading platform for connecting visionaries, business leaders, policy makers, and the global Macedonian community.

[EXPLORE THE AGENDA](#)

JOIN US FOR THE
BEST SUMMIT YET!
SUMMIT 2025

👤 With an agenda covering economic growth, foreign investment, innovation, leadership, and digital transformation, this year's Summit promises impactful conversations and new opportunities for collaboration.



Ticket sales close on May 9 — secure your spot now! This is your chance to engage with global experts, hear inspiring success stories, and be part of shaping Macedonia's future.

GET YOUR TICKET

Together, let's shape the future of Macedonia and the region!

Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: LEADER Project 2025 Wraps Up

This April, the 17th edition of the [LEADER Project](#), Macedonia2025's flagship business and entrepreneurship training, successfully concluded in Skopje. Delivered in partnership with Canada's Ivey Business School, the 2-week program brought together aspiring entrepreneurs and future business leaders for an intensive learning experience focused on strategy, finance, marketing, and leadership.



The final day featured a pitch competition, showcasing participants' business ideas before a jury of professionals, followed by a networking event connecting LEADER alumni across generations.

We congratulate this year's participants for their dedication and ideas — and remain committed to investing in the next generation of Macedonian innovators.

April in Action: Driving Dialogue, Partnerships, and Policy

Throughout April, the Macedonia2025 team actively participated in key conversations and strategic meetings, reinforcing our role as a catalyst for economic and educational advancement in the country.



Strengthening Institutional Ties

We met with leadership at the Customs Administration of



Shaping National Priorities

In partnership with the Ministry of Digital Transformation, we engaged the private



A New Chapter in Education

We signed a MoU with the Bureau for Development of Education to continue



Insights That Matter

At EOS's Finance Talk, our CEO Nikica Mojsoska Blazhevski joined an expert panel

Macedonia to explore ways to better engage the diaspora by fostering a more transparent and investment-friendly business climate.

sector and economic chambers in a dialogue on the digitalization of public services and presented the draft National ICT Strategy.

the “Science and Me” project and expand efforts in STEM education, teacher training, and digital literacy. Read more [HERE](#).

to discuss global financial trends and their local economic implications, from deglobalization to long-term growth amid rising global debt.

Zafirovski Program Scales Up with a New Cohort at Kellogg



Zafirovski Executive Education Program
Kellogg School of Management - Northwestern University
2025 April Scholarships Recipients



Danica Alachka Dukoska
BI-MEK Ltd.
General Manager



Monika Joshevska
Sopro, Group
COO & Country Manager



Metodija Papazoski
EMBS Group,
Managing Partner

As part of the [Zafirovski Executive Education Program](#), we're proud to mark the [launch of the Executive Development Program \(EDP\)](#), in blended format at the Kellogg School of Management, with three exceptional professionals: Metodija Papazoski, Danica Alachka Dukoska, and Monika Joshevska. Early feedback shows strong engagement and excitement as participants begin their learning journey — one that will continue with immersive, in-person sessions at Kellogg.

🙌 *Special thanks to Robin and Mike Zafirovski for making this world-class leadership opportunity possible through their continued support.*

Fueling the Next Generation of Innovators

Macedonia2025 proudly supported the [Best Business Concept 2025](#) competition, organized by the National Centre for Development of Innovation and Entrepreneurial Learning at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering – UKIM. High school students from across the country pitched bold business ideas before a jury that included our team. The event showcased the creativity and drive of young minds already shaping Macedonia's entrepreneurial future.



We remain committed to empowering youth, fostering innovation, and building a culture of leadership. Congratulations to all participants — your vision is the future we believe in!

Building Confidence: Public Speaking & Body Language Workshop

Our Atanas Bliznakoff Scholars recently took part in a [dynamic workshop at Mladi Hab Skopje](#) led by communication expert Anastasija Ilievska. Focused on mastering public speaking and non-verbal communication, the session equipped students with tools to speak with confidence, authenticity, and impact.



🌟 *Stay tuned – we're committed to building the leadership skills of tomorrow's changemakers!*

Honoring Our Mentors: Guiding the Leaders of Tomorrow

As part of the [Support Fund for Talents Today – Leaders Tomorrow](#), we extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated mentors who have supported our talented high school students over the past four months.



Ambassadors Club Donates for Children's Ward Renovation in Ohrid



The Ambassadors Club of Macedonia2025 has donated funds to renovate the children's ward at the Special Hospital "St. Erasmus" in Ohrid. More information [HERE](#).

The [Ambassadors Club](#) is a network of distinguished professionals and leaders dedicated to supporting Macedonia's economic and social development through meaningful action.

Science for the Future: Meet the Teacher Who's Inspiring Young Minds



As part of the "Science and Me" initiative, supported by Johnson Matthey, we're proud to present the story of Dženan Rizvanović, a biology teacher at OOU "Alija Izetbegović" in Batinci. His passion for teaching, creativity in the classroom, and commitment to bringing science closer to young people make him a true role model. Read more about Dženan's story [HERE](#).

Partner Spotlight: Driving Innovation and Impact Together



[Grand Skopje](#) rises in the city's vibrant core — a signature blend of timeless architecture, refined comfort, and inspired living. Crafted for those who don't just live in the city but define its future.

Invest now...Live GRAND!





The [Mostovi](#) Hackathon is an initiative tackling Macedonia's brain drain by empowering students and young professionals to build innovative solutions and turn ideas into startups. We invite Macedonians at home and abroad to get involved:

Mentors: Share your experience and guide young teams for just a few hours a week.

Sponsors: Support the initiative financially or thematically and help create real opportunities for youth to thrive locally.

Let's bridge talent and opportunity — together.



2024 Achievements

Together, we've achieved remarkable milestones in 2024. This year we supported over 1,680 Macedonian businesses, trained 700+ individuals, certified 17 digital transformation experts and indirectly invested 841k+ EUR in our economy! These victories aren't just ours; they're YOURS too.

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2024 ACHIEVEMENTS



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