

**REPORT ON THE VERIFICATION OF THE PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION THAT THE STATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH
MACEDONIA AS INFORMATION HOLDERS ARE OBLIGED TO PUBLISH ON
YOUR WEBSITES:**

Name of Indicator 48: Percentage of institutions that regularly publish and update on their websites the documents that they are obliged to publish and update according to the Law on free access to public information, for Measure 3.4.1 Strengthening the mechanisms for the availability of public information.

According to the Action Plan for the implementation of the Public Administration Reform Strategy 2018-2023, Measure 3.4.1.6 is foreseen in the special objective. Strengthening the mechanisms for the availability of public information.

The Agency for the Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information for this purpose in 2021, conducted monitoring of the websites of the holders from the central government.

The monitoring was conducted following Article 10 of the Law on Free Access to Public Information (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 101/2019).

Out of a total of 144 state institutions recorded in the List as holders, the websites of 116 holders were monitored. Thirteen holders were not covered by the monitoring, because they do not have their websites. The website of one holder (Bureau of Metrology) could not be analyzed because it was hacked, while 13 regional units of the State Attorney's Office of the Republic of North Macedonia are an integral part of the State Attorney's Office.

This year, the monitoring was carried out according to a new methodology implemented in cooperation with external experts, hired by the IPA II Project: "Transparency and Accountability of Public Administration", whose end user is the Agency. The prepared questionnaire contained a total of 34 questions arising from Article 10 of the Law. Some of them contained one or more sub-questions, and the maximum number of possible points was 56. Holders of the published data received 0, 0.5 and 1 points, depending on the number and update of the published documents. The questionnaire was distributed to the holders, who were asked to carry out a self-evaluation of their transparency.

Within the deadline for submitting the answers to the Agency, the holders answered 83 questionnaires, 20 of which did not contain links to the specific documents as requested and were not taken into account during the monitoring of the web pages. Part of the questions contained in Article 10 were not filled in because the holders do not have a legal obligation to conclude such agreements, which affected the number of points received.

Depending on the total number of points that the monitored holders received in relation to the published necessary documents and information in accordance with Article 10 of the Law, a gradation was made of the degree of fulfilment of the legal obligation for their active transparency, as follows: holders with many low levels of transparency who have between 0 and 20 points, with a low level between 20 and 30 points, medium level holders between 30 and 40 points, and with a high level of transparency between 40 and 56 points. In doing so, it was determined that 26 holders have a high level of transparency in relation to published information, 53 have a medium level of transparency, 27 have a low level and 10 have a very low level of compliance in terms of active transparency.

According to the results of the monitoring, the most transparent is the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia-General Secretariat, ie the

Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning with 48 points, followed by the Ministry of Economy with 47 and the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy with 46.5 points.

Attached: Table with the monitoring results.

RB	INSTITUTION	POINTS	LEGEND
1	the Republic of North Macedonia Government - General Secretariat	48	Institutions with high level of transparency
2	Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning	48	
3	Ministry of Economy	47	
4	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	46,5	
5	Bureau of Public Procurement	46	
6	Ministry of Information Society and Administration	46	
7	Customs Administration of the Republic of North Macedonia	46	
8	Food and Veterinary Agency of the Republic of North Macedonia	45,5	
9	Ministry of Defense	45,5	
10	Radiation Safety Directorate	45	
11	Ministry of Justice	45	
12	Agency for financial support in agriculture and rural development	44,5	
13	State Audit Office	44	
14	State Administrative Inspectorate	43,5	
15	Regional Development Bureau	42,5	
16	Ministry of Finance	42,5	
17	State Market Inspectorate	42	

18	the Republic of North Macedonia Government - Office of the President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia	42
19	Securities Commission of the Republic of North Macedonia	42
20	Pension and disability insurance fund of the Republic of North Macedonia	42
21	Accreditation Institute of the Republic of North Macedonia	41
22	Real estate cadastre agency	40,5
23	State Commission for Prevention of Corruption	40,5
24	Agency for audio and audiovisual media services	40
25	Agency for Supervision of Capital Funded Pension Insurance MAPAS	40
26	Innovation and Technological Development Fund	40

27 State Statistical Office 39,5 Institutions with secondary

28	State archive of the Republic of North Macedonia	37	Directorate for Security of Classified Information	37
29	State Inspectorate for Construction and Urbanism	38	Ministry of culture	37
30	Administration for Public Revenues-General Directorate-S	39	State Examination Center	36,5
31	Ministry of Health	40	Commission on relations with religious communities and religious groups	36,5
32	Ministry of Education and Science	41	Inspection Council	36
33	National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia	42	Institute for Standardization of the Republic of North Macedonia	36
34	Geological Institute of the Republic of North Macedonia	43	Ministry of Internal Affairs	36
35	Administration Agency	44	Legislation Secretariat	35,5
36	Energy Agency of the Republic of North Macedonia	45	Electronic Communications Agency	35

46	Personal Data Protection Agency	52	Ministry of Transport and Communications	34,5
47	State Labor Inspectorate	53	Employment Agency of the Republic of North Macedonia	34
48	Agency for encouraging the development of agriculture -	54	Agency for promotion and support of tourism	34
49	Directorate for Mandatory Reserves of Oil and Oil Derivati	55	Agency for foreign investments and export promotion of the Republic of North Macedonia	34
50	State Inspectorate for Agriculture			
51	State Commission for decision-making in administrative p and employment proceedings in the second degree	level of transparency		

56 Insurance Supervision Agency 34

57	Film Agency of the Republic of North Macedonia	34	
58	State Attorney's Office of the Republic of North Macedonia	34	
59	Ministry of Local Self-Government	34	
60	Center for Crisis Management	34	
61	Postal Agency	33,5	
62	Directorate for Protection and Rescue	33,5	
63	Civil Aviation Agency	33	
64	State Transport Inspectorate	32	
65	State Commission for Public Procurement Complaints	32	
66	Auditing body for the audit of the instrument for pre-accession assistance	32	
67	Deposit Insurance Fund	32	
68	Agency for the application of the language spoken by at least 20% of the citizens in the Republic of North Macedonia	31,5	
69	State Sanitary and Health Inspectorate	31,5	

70	Regulatory Commission for Energy and Water Services of the Republic of North Macedonia	31	
71	Administration for the Protection of Cultural Heritage	31	
72	Central Registry of the Republic of North Macedonia	31	
73	Agency for realization of the rights of communities	30,5	
74	State Inspectorate for Technical Inspection	30,5	
75	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	30,5	
76	Agency for regulation of the railway sector	30	
77	State Communal Inspectorate	30	
78	Secretariat for European Affairs	30	
79	Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices	30	
80	Agency for supporting entrepreneurship of the Republic of North Macedonia	29,5	Low level institutions of transparency
81	Office for representation of the Republic of North Macedonia before the European Court of Human Rights	29	
82	National Agency for European Education Programs and Mobility	29	

83 Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management 28,5

84	Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia	28,5	
85	Center for Vocational Education and Training	28,5	
86	Council for the promotion and supervision of the audit of the Republic of North Macedonia	27,5	
87	Financial Police Authority	27,5	

88	Bureau of Educational Development	27	
89	State Election Commission	27	
90	Inspectorate for use of languages	26,5	
91	State Inspectorate for Local Self-Government	26	
92	Financial Intelligence Authority	26	
93	State Industrial Property Office	25,5	
94	Administration for Hydrometeorological Affairs	25,5	
95	Bureau of Forensic Expertise	25	
96	Administration for enforcement of sanctions	25	
97	Spatial Planning Agency	24,5	
98	Agency for Quality and Accreditation of Healthcare Institutions	24	
99	Commodity Reserve Agency	24	
100	State Environmental Inspectorate	24	
101	Administration for keeping the registry books	24	
102	Health Insurance Fund of the Republic of North Macedonia	23,5	
103	Foreclosed Property Management Agency	23	
104	President of the Republic of North Macedonia	22	
105	Agency for youth and sports	21,5	
106	Housing Regulatory Commission	20	
107	Commission for the Protection of Competition	18	Institutions with very low level of

108	Operational-technical agency-Skopje	18	transparency
109	Directorate of Technological Industrial Development Zones	16	
110	Intelligence agency	15,5	
111	National Security Agency	15	
112	Agency for emigration of the Republic of North Macedonia	14	

113 Republic Council for Road Traffic Safety 14

114	State Commission for decision-making in the second degree in the field of inspection supervision and misdemeanor procedure	12,5
115	Aviation Accident and Serious Incident Investigation Committee	10
116	Ministry of Political System and Community Relations	7,5

Attached: Table of holders who do not have web pages

Directorate for Dedicated Production
State Forestry and Hunting Inspectorate
Seed and Planting Authority
Phytosanitary Administration
State Educational Inspectorate
Pedagogical service
Port Authority-Ohrid
Administration for property and legal affairs
State Foreign Exchange Inspectorate

Commission for Prevention and Protection from Discrimination
Service for general and common affairs of the Government
Administration for affirming and promoting the culture of the members of the communities
Administration for the development and promotion of education in the languages of the members of the communities

The Agency, conducting the monitoring, determined that the holders can and should improve on the plan of proactivity towards the citizens and that the information they publish should be placed in a separate banner/link under the title LIST OF INFORMATION. In that way, the documents will be available to the applicants, and the number of requests for free access to public information will be reduced. In the future, at the training that the Agency continuously organizes for officials with information holders, it will emphasize active transparency and consistent application of Article 10 of the Law on the Information Security, because in this way the holders help the citizens to better understand the functioning of institutions, their rights and obligations, how they can influence the making of decisions that are reflected on their daily living and work, as well as to make it easier for them to access the services offered by the institutions of the central government.