**ACTION PLAN 2021-2023**

**OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP**

**ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

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| 1. **THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE CITIZENS WITH OPEN RESPONSE AND OPEN RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC**
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| **1.1 DEVELOPMENT OF ON-LINE OPEN DATA PORTAL FOR EASY ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR CITIZENS** |
| **Start and end date of the commitment:** July 2021 - July 2022 |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBLY with the support of the Parliament Support Programme** |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | The Assembly acknowledges that open data can contribute to transparency, openness and public engagement in the work of the Legislative.To that end the Assembly will create a software tool for data sets.The software tool will enable: -opening data sets in computer readable formats;-production of data sets in its day-to-day work and chronological information;-publishing metadata for data sets;-increasing user engagement through data re-usage. |
| **Status of implementation of the commitment**  | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements** | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results**  |
|  | The development of the platform is foreseen in the 2021 Public Procurement Plan as part of the Parliament Support Programme.It will be put into use during 2021 to contribute to the goals of OGP. |
| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value - 2,823,000 MKDFunds provided by the Parliament Support Programme |

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| **1.2 A PLATFORM FOR PROPOSALS AND INITIATIVES FROM CITIZENS TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND A REGISTRY OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS**  |
| **Start and end date of the commitment:** July 2021 - December 2022  |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBLY with the support of the Parliament Support Programme for the Citizens’ Registry** |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | The commitment is for the purpose of developing a tool for citizens’ participation in the legislative process.The idea for the Civil Society Organizations Registry, is to define a process of review and selection of NGOs for participation in the working bodies, public debates and oversight hearings. |
| **Status of implementation of the commitment** | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements** | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results**  |
|  | The Assembly has its own website for informing the public. In terms of direct engagement of citizens, there is an opportunity to contact the President of the Assembly at the following link:<https://www.sobranie.mk/kontaktiraj-so-pretsedatelot.nspx> Additionally, the citizens can use the following link from the website of the Assembly to contact the MPs:<https://www.sobranie.mk/prashaj-go-pratenikot.nspx> The activity for developing a platform for proposals and initiatives includes upgrading these opportunities, promoting opportunities for the public, administration solutions for collecting proposals, submitting and keeping records of procedures for the proposals. |
| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value - 2,000,000 MKD for software upgrade with funds from the 2022 BudgetProjected value - 840,000 MKD for the Citizens' Registry, provided by a donation of the Parliament Support Programme and procured according to the rules of the donor |

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| **1.3 DIGITAL SECURITY THROUGH DIGITAL SIGNATURES FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE** |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: July 2021 - December 2022 |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBLY with the support of the Parliament Support Programme** |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | The activity is proposed to contribute to the digitization of aspects of the work of the Assembly that require physical presence for the authorization/signing of documents. The proposed activity will allow for the use of digital signatures. The issue is regulated by the Law on Electronic Documents, Electronic Identification and Confidential Services, and in addition to the procurement of digital certificates, it includes software adjustments and other requirements arising from the Law, along with training for the target groups. |
| **Status of implementation of the commitment**  | **not started** |  |  |  |
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| **Achievements** | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results** |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value - 1.800.000 MKDFunds from the Parliament Support Program; donation and procurement according to donor rules. |
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| **1.4 PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT OVER THE MEASURES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH RELATED TO COVID-19** |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: July 2021 - July 2022 |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBLY with the support of the Parliament Support Programme** **Inter-party parliamentary groups, parent and relevant committees** |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | In order to increase accountability and transparency of state institutions, especially in times of crisis, the Assembly as the main oversight body conducts regular oversight hearings on the response of institutions, especially the Government, to citizens and their needs, and especially to socially excluded and vulnerable groups. **Potential topics and areas of the oversight hearings:*** **Equal access to public services (Systemic inequality),** with theinvolvement of authorized representatives of the executive branch, ombudsman, advocacy groups, citizens' associations and human rights and freedoms foundations, experts and other relevant actors and stakeholders;
* **Planning and spending of budget funds (economic packages) related to COVID-19,** with the involvement of authorized representatives of the executive branch, SAO, Anti-Corruption Commission, Public Prosecutor of RNM, Public Procurement Bureau, Academic community, citizens’ expert associations and foundations, donors, recipients of government assistance, socially vulnerable groups and other stakeholders.
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| **Status of implementation of the commitment**  | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements** | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results** |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Projected valueAssembly with the support of the Parliament Support Programme |
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| 1. **IMPROVED ICT INFRASTRUCTURE**
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| **2.1 DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW WEBSITE OF THE ASSEMBLY TO BETTER INFORM THE CITIZENS** |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: July 2021 - December 2022 |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBLY with the support of the Parliament Support Programme** |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | The Assembly has its own website with data for public information.The Assembly intends to develop a completely new website with the aim of reorganizing the data, manner of data feed, timely entry, document search systems.For this purpose, a new website is planned and budgeted within the Parliament Support Programme. |
| **Status of implementation of the commitment**  | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements** | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results** |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value - 5.082.219 MKDFunds provided by the Swiss Confederation |
| **2.2 FULLY FUNCTIONAL ASSEMBLY TV CHANNEL**  |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: January 2021 - December 2023 |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBY with the support of the Parliament Support Programme** |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | The Assembly has its own television channel on which it can proactively inform the public about ongoing processes live or with recordings. The operation of the Assembly Channel has an institutional organization through the functioning of the Council of the Assembly Channel.The Assembly aims through the reform of the Assembly Channel to increase viewership with the contents it will offer from the work of the Assembly, through a defined program scheme with modern equipment and trained people.  |
| **Status of the implementation of the commitment** | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements**  | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results**  |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value of 15.529.000 MKDFunds provided by the Swiss Confederation |
| **2.3 DEVELOPMENT OF A SOFTWARE SOLUTION FOR MONITORING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS BY THE PUBLIC**  |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: July 2021 - December 2022 |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBLY** |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | The Assembly plans to develop a software solution for the public to be able to follow in real time at what stage the draft laws are and what the deadlines are. With this solution,the phases of the legislative procedure, the receipt of the draft, first and second reading, the plenary sessions, the time of submission of amendments and the debate, until the adoption of the draft – law will be seen precisely.  |
| **Status of implementation of the commitment** | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements** | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results**  |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Covered as a module for upgrading the existing public procurement to upgrade the e-parliament, through the Parliamentary Support Programme.  |
| **2.4 OPENING OF E-ARCHIVE SOFTWARE FOR SEARCH BY THE PUBLIC**  |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: July 2021 - December 2022 |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBLY** |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | The Parliamentary Institute in the Assembly created a software solution for e-archive in 201. This solution enables an electronic access to data from the legislative archive (everything that enters and leaves the plenary session through an appropriate procedure). The database covers all documents created by one point. The data are codified since 1986 with over 1.2 million pages of documents. Until now this database has been used at the request of the service and the MPs. The Assembly aims to upgrade the software solution by making the database available for the public as well, so that these documents that belong to the public can be used.  |
| **Status of implementation of the commitment**  | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements**  | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results**  |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value of 1.000.000 MKD in the budget for the year 2022  |
| **2.5 PROCUREMENT OF CAMERAS WITH ACCOMPANYING EQUIPMENT FOR INTERNET TRANSMISSION OF SESSIONS**  |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: January 2021 - December 2022 |
| **Leading implementing institution**  | **ASSEMBLY with the support of the Parliament Support Programme**  |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | Providing access of the public to the work of the Assembly. Apart from the Assembly Channel, access is also provided through a direct transmission on the internet. This activity will be provided through the procurement and installation of cameras that will be used for live online transmission of sessions from both the plenary and the working bodies of the Assembly.  |
| **Status of implementation of the commitment** | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements** | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results**  |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value of 3.000.000 MKDFunds provided with the support of the Parliament Support Programme  |

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| 1. **CITIZENS’ PARTICIPATION/OPEN PARLIAMENT**
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| **3.1 PREPARATION OF REPORTAGES AND INFORMING THE PUBLIC BY PROMOTING THE OPERATION OF CONSTITUENCY OFFICES**  |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: September 2021 - December 2023  |
| **Leading implementing institution**  | **ASSEMBLY with the Parliamentary Institute**  |
| **Brief description of the commitment** | In the function of greater openness and informing of the citizens, the Assembly plans to prepare promotional reportages in the 6 constituencies for the assistants and the constituency offices. The Assembly currently creates conditions for the operation of these offices together with the local self – government units and is in the process of putting into operation a software solution for connecting all offices and monitoring the activities of the offices. Every communication of citizens with the MPs is important, and this institutional form of communication must have adequate support.  |
| **Status of the implementation of the commitment** | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements**  | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results**  |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value of 3.000.000 MKD in the budget for the year 2022  |

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| **3.2 IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FOR PROMOTION OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP** |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: July 2021 - December 2022 |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBLY with the support of the Parliament Support Programme**  |
| **Brief description of the commitment**  | Given the planning and dynamics for the implementation of the commitments and activities from the OGP Plan 2021-2023, the Assembly considers that also appropriate activities are necessary for the promotion of the mechanisms in OGP for implementation and monitoring for various parties involved. For this purpose, in this activity will be implemented the following sub-activities1. OGP hybrid conference
2. Workshop for OGP for the assembly service
3. Preparation of content for use of social networks
4. Transmission of events related to OGP online
5. Event for open data for the Assembly and civil society organizations
6. Analysis of trends with OGP and parliaments
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| **Status of implementation of the commitment**  | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements**  | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results**  |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value of 1.550.000 MKDThe funds are provided as a donation from the Parliament Support Programme and will be implemented according to the rules of the donator |

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| **3.3 PROCUREMENT OF A SOFTWARE SOLUTION FOR ENABLING A TRANSLATION FROM SPEECH TO TEXT**  |
| **Start and end date of the commitment**: July 2021 - December 2022 |
| **Leading implementing institution** | **ASSEMBLY with the Parliament Support Programme**  |
| **Brief description of the commitment**  | Speech recognition is important to be applied in the automation of transcription of the parliamentary sessions and meetings of committees, both in Macedonian and Albanian language. Additionally, there are possibilities to enable subtitling of live transmissions. Speech synthesis can enable the translation of legal texts into audio files for inclusion of people with visual impairments.  |
| **Status of implementation of the commitment**  | **not started** | **limited** | **considerable** | **completed** |
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| **Achievements** | **Brief description of undertaken activities and achieved results**  |
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| **Value and source of funding** | Projected value of 2.000.000 MKD will be provided either as a donation or in the budget of the Assembly for the year 2022. |