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VOLUNTEERING IN NORTH MACEDONIA REGULATION AND SUPPORT



THE NORTH MACEDONIAN LAW ON VOLUNTEERING (SINCE 2007)

The law on volunteering sets out the basic framework of volunteering, conditions for carrying out volunteer activities, rights and obligations of volunteers and organizers of volunteering, volunteering contract and keeping record of volunteer work.
activities.<https://dejure.mk/zakon/zakon-za-volonterstvoto>



NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF VOLUNTEERISM

The main goal of the strategy is to provide continuous development, promotion and strengthening of the volunteer engagement in Republic of North Macedonia. The civil society sector is a strong component in the strategy, and one of the goals of the strategy is to promote the volunteerism



ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL MUNICIPAL YOUTH CENTERS THAT WILL MOSTLY RELY ON VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

In 2020 new Law on youth participation and youth policies was adopted that regulates among other things establishment of local municipal youth centers that will mostly rely on volunteer engagement of young people. This will provide opportunity also for development of volunteering programs and youth work in communities and possibility for engagement of large number of volunteers at the local level.

ANNUAL STATE AWARD AND RECOGNITIONS FOR VOLUNTEERING

The highest state award for volunteerism that an outstanding volunteer can get is the national volunteerism award granted by the Ministry of labor and social work of Republic of North Macedonia
www.mtsp.gov.mk



SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERING:



MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WORK, NGO DEPARTMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS

the development and implementation of the new strategy for promotion and development of volunteerism 2020 - 2025, where new volunteerism programs will be developed.
www.mtsp.gov.mk

NORTH MACEDONIAN NETWORK OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

In North Macedonia there is no officially registered National Volunteer Centre as a separate organisation. However, there is an informal network of CSOs that form the National Volunteer Center of Macedonia.
<https://routewb6.org/resources/resources/1610620989CEV%202020%20North%20Macedonia.pdf>.



INFORMAL VOLUNTEER GROUPS

There are also a variety of other independent organizations that work with volunteers in North Macedonia. In recent years there is increased number of informal volunteer groups and individuals in the field of environment protection, animal rescue and shelters, emergency response to natural disasters or Covid-19 relief efforts response.

BENEFITS FROM VOLUNTEERING

According to the law for volunteers each volunteer should receive a volunteer card recording all of their volunteer experience. With the card, the volunteer can more easily get the desired job in the future, having showed their previous experience.



VOLUNTEERING DATA:



32.1 %

percentage of volunteers

56%

percentage of male volunteers

44%

percentage of female volunteers

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? VOLUNTEER!

