

Rule of Law Reforms in Practice

Project objectives

Overall objective:

to contribute to strengthened rule of law and democratic governance in North Macedonia by enhancing the effectiveness, transparency, and public accountability of rule of law reform related to the EU accession process, particularly under Chapter 23.

Specific objective:

to improve evidence-based monitoring, public understanding, and media scrutiny of rule of law reform implementation by translating reform commitments and delays into clear, accessible information on progress and consequences for institutions, citizens, and the state.

Expected results

- ✓ Increased availability of clear, evidence-based information on the implementation of rule of law reforms and their consequences.
- ✓ Improved capacity of media professionals to follow, interpret, and report on EU accession-related rule of law developments.
- ✓ Enhanced public scrutiny and accountability of institutions responsible for implementing Chapter 23 reforms.
- ✓ Strengthened dialogue between national stakeholders and EU/Dutch experts on practical approaches to rule of law reform implementation.

Main project components

Component	Purpose
Rule of Law Cost Snapshots	Three analytical assessments of selected reform areas under Chapter 23
Rule of Law Traffic Light	Visual monitoring tool tracking reform progress and implementation
Media Labs	Practical workshops supporting journalists in using EU monitoring tools and reports
Communication Products	Infographics and podcasts communicating findings in accessible formats
Forum Europaeum	High-level dialogue with national and European experts on implementation and accountability

Duration:

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