



ReSPA

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ReSPA Open Day in North Macedonia

Skopje, 01 March 2023

Background

ReSPA has recently signed the new three-year EC grant, which supports implementing activities that contribute towards achieving ReSPA's strategic objectives: *1. Improved implementation of Public Administration Reform (PAR) Strategies in the Western Balkans 2. Improved professionalization of public service 3. Improved public services using digital technologies and quality assurance models.*

The purpose of Open day

Open day aims at gathering the members of Governing Board at the senior official level, the Programme Committee and respective Regional Thematic Working Groups members so that they get informed by ReSPA about the novelties, activities, and instruments in the implementation of the new EC Grant and new Programme of Work.

The expected results

The Open Day will contribute to the following:

- Smooth implementation of joint activities and, consequently, the implementation of strategic objectives;
- Better positioning of ReSPA in the implementation of the PAR agenda – by getting better insights into the PAR processes in the administration and particular developments that might be interlinked with ReSPA Programme 2023-2025;
- Identification, even though to a limited extent, of the potential needs that may be addressed through ReSPA activities and instruments.

The Open day is expected to result in increased coordination and synergy among the Liaison Officers and members of the Programme Committee and Regional Thematic Working Groups.

About what the shared information will be?

During the event, the participants will be informed about the envisaged activities planned to be implemented during 2023 onwards under each of the four thematic areas:

1. Policy planning, better regulation, and coordination of the Centre of Government, also targeting horizontal accountability in public administration;
2. European integration and accession negotiations (with specific reference to PAR and governance aspects);
3. Human resources management and professional development;
4. Service Delivery (digitalization, quality management, targeting horizontal simplification of the administrative procedures).

In addition, the participants will be familiarised with instruments of direct support (On-demand support instrument, Mobility Schemes, and Horizontal Facility) to the ReSPA Members, and the focus will be on topics, budget, and implementation.

During the moderated discussion about the state of the art of the Public Administration Reform in North Macedonia, the most important current topics related to PAR development and implementation in North Macedonia will be highlighted. Furthermore, the finalization of the Action plan for PAR Strategy 2023-2030, challenges in the implementation, needs, and developments associated with the PAR process will be discussed.

This will be done to examine and confirm the relevance of ReSPA's upcoming actions in addressing the specific PAR issues in North Macedonia and to avoid possible overlapping with other organizations. Open day aims at a fruitful and honest conversation and getting the perspectives and questions from the participants throughout the presentations and information sharing of the new Programme of Work.

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venue: [Hotel Holiday Inn](#)

09:30-10:00	<i>Registration of the participants with a welcome coffee</i>
10:00-10:10	Opening remarks <i>Maja Handjiska Trendafilova, ReSPA Director</i> <i>Delegation of the European Union (tbc)</i> <i>Aleksandar Bajdevski, Member of the Governing Board at Senior Official Level</i>
10:10-11:00	Presentation of the ReSPA Revised strategy and Plan of activities for 2023 (Programme Manager Coordinator, Gentian Xhaxhiu and Programme Managers: Dragan Djurić, Ranka Bartula Mušikić, Olivera Damjanovic)
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30-12:00	Novelties in the work of Programme Committee and regional thematic groups (PMC and PMs)
12:00-12:40	Presentation of the on-demand support mechanism, mobility schemes, and Horizontal facility (PMC and PMs)
12:40-13:00	Presentation of the main recommendations of the regional analyses and studies and monitoring of their implementation (PMC and PMs)
13:00-13:30	AoB, conclusions, final words
13:30	<i>Light lunch</i>