

EUROPEAN POLICIES

CIVIL MONITORING FOR THE ACCESSION OF BULGARIA TO THE EU

Project Objectives

Creating a mechanism for civil monitoring and control over the implementation of the measures which are necessary for the effective EU membership of Bulgaria from 1st January 2007.

Project Implementation Tools

- An agreement between Open Society Institute - Sofia and Meglena Kuneva, Minister of European Affairs, on monitoring the work of state administration on the recommendations of the European Commission in the crucial areas of Bulgaria's accession to the EU;
- Forming expert groups with the task of monitoring the Bulgarian Government honouring of its commitments;
- Identifying the areas of serious concern, according to the report from the European Commission;
- Establishing the actions planned by the Government in response to the critical remarks;
- Correlating the specific problems to the relevant group identified;
- Gathering information on the effect of the measures taken;
- Summarizing the information in reports;
- Public presentation of the results from the civil monitoring.

Project Status

Concluded (December 2005 - September 2006)

Results

- Interim Report which evaluates the progress made in implementing the commitments assumed in the five areas up until 16th January 2006
- Final Report on the progress made in implementing the commitments assumed in the five areas up until 15th March 2006
- Civil Report on the readiness of Bulgaria for full-fledged EU membership from 1st January 2007, towards 31st August 2006

Experts and Partners

- Head of Civil Monitoring – Asya Kavrakova, Program Director, European Integration and Regional Stability, Open Society Institute - Sofia;
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- On Chapter 3 Freedom to Provide Services - Kalin Dimitrov, Manager of INSURANCE.BG;
- On Chapter 5 Company Law – Intellectual property rights protection – Associate Prof. Neli Ognyanova, Head of European Studies Department, Sofia University Kliment Ohridski;
- On Chapter 7 Agriculture – Prof. Plamen Mishev, Ph.D., Facultative Studies Centre, University of National and World Economy, and Nedka Ivanova, Sc.D.;
- On Chapter 14 Energy – Lachezar Bogdanov, Industry Watch Group
- On Chapter 21 Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments – Belin Mollov, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Balkan Assist Association, and Slaveya Hristova, Ейекшсэе Асиеъшди of Balkan Assist Association;
- On Chapter 24 Co-operation in the Field of Justice and Home Affairs - Martin Gramatikov, Program Coordinator, Law Program, Open Society Institute - Sofia; Ivanka Ivanova, Program Director, Open Society Institute - Sofia, Rada Smedovska-Toneva, Program Coordinator, Law Program, Open Society Institute - Sofia, Diana Kovacheva, Executive Director of Transparency International - Bulgaria;
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