

Mission Statement: Center for Research and Policy Making (CRPM)

CRPM is an independent, non-profit research and policy institute, created in recognition of the pressing need for independent, in-depth analysis of the complex issues involved in promoting stability and prosperity in Macedonia and South Eastern Europe. CRPM consists of experts from the country, working as researchers in the organization, as well as external consultants in close contact with the organization. Thus the core team of dedicated analysts and staff is supported by a wider circle of advisers and strategic partners (Libertas-Institut, ESI), making it a truly unique organization. The organization brings together policy experts working on political and economic issues in the Republic of Macedonia. It seeks to offer timely, provocative policy analysis on the most pertinent issues in the region. It has no 'hidden agenda', but seeks to promote democratization and economic transformation in the country. CRPM wants to influence policy makers and public opinion to accept certain solutions as to how to resolve the key issues in the country. It has no party, political or any other organizational affiliation. The Organization aims at filling an important gap in the regional civil society environment, which lacks institutions directed at monitoring and critically viewing the policy-making process and its output from an informed and educated point of view, while at the same time offering a forum for discussion and publishing of works dealing with this subject matter. The standpoint from which it approaches certain issues is principled. The organization considers peace and stability as the first principles that should reign in the Balkan countries, and believes that the major political goal of Macedonia is the integration with the European Union.

CRPM's experienced and multidisciplinary team is committed to provide policy makers with relevant and timely analysis anchored in political and institutional realities. The heterogeneous nature of the researchers makes for an exciting and challenging atmosphere, which, together with the interdisciplinary approach applied to most any policy problem, ensures the production of innovative and exhaustive policy papers that aim at becoming respected reference material for many classes of decision makers. CRPM's research and analysis is directed towards ensuring that international strategy is based on a sound understanding of the complex political, economic and social environment in Macedonia, and the real impact of international programs. The practicality of the organization's recommendations is guaranteed by its close attention to empirical research. CRPM's think-tank's research is undertaken in the field by analysts with experience in participatory research and knowledge of the local languages. (Albanian, Macedonian, Serbian)

Focusing on local research, its policy recommendations will be equally directed at international and domestic political actors. Seeking to develop a common vocabulary, CRPM promotes discussion and debate among the policy community. CRPM's efforts depend on the contributions of governments, corporations and private individuals to fund its activities

CRPM's members have a wealth of project management experience, being able to coordinate planning activities and inputs to meet the clients' needs in a flexible and effective manner, paying particular attention to timely mobilization of resources and monitoring of project progress. CRPM's key-departments specialize in research and analysis, project design and management, regional/local development, training and capacity building, and policy advice and will provide a full package of services to meet every aspect of the following project.

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In short the CRPM members have the capabilities for:

- formulation and provision of high level policy advice and support to the Government on economic, social, political, legal issues
- assistance to various authorities in the research, analysis and development of specific measures, their application and evaluation
- strengthening institutional capacities of related institutions and authorities according to EU standards
- training for improvement of business management capacity and efficiency
- preparation, management and monitoring of projects funded by different donors

This is the CRPM key staff:

	<p>Mr. Zidas Daskalovski holds a PhD from the Political Science Department, Central European University. He has published a number of articles on politics in the Southeast European region, as well as co-edited the book <i>Understanding the War in Kosovo</i> (London: Frank Cass, 2003). Daskalovski is the recipient of a number of distinguished fellowships including the CEU/Lord Dahrendorf Fellowship, the School of Slavonic and East European Studies Macedonian Studies Fellowship, and the SSRC-CSS Fellowship. His expertise is prominent in the fields of political analyses, democratization, multicultural issues, conflict prevention, and conflict management. Daskalovski has worked in Macedonia in various capacities, undertaking empirical research for the Proekt za Edinstvena Vizija Makedonija (Project for Common Vision)/ War Thorn Societies Project, and the European Stability Initiative.</p>
	<p>Vesna Jovanovska holds a B.A Degree in Law from the Law Faculty, University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje. At the moment she is a postgraduate student in International Law and Politics. For the purposes of her M.A Jovanovska is conducting an extensive research in the field of human rights protection with special emphasis to the subject of individual application in front of the International Court in Strasbourg. She has presented several papers pertaining to EU Law norms that regulate the issue of cooperation between the state members of the European Union in the field of judiciary and home affairs. In relation to this, she has worked at the Department for European Integration of the Macedonian Government. Jovanovska has also participated in several projects for multiethnic cooperation funded by the European Agency for Reconstruction. At present she works in the Law Office "Andonovski" Skopje.</p>



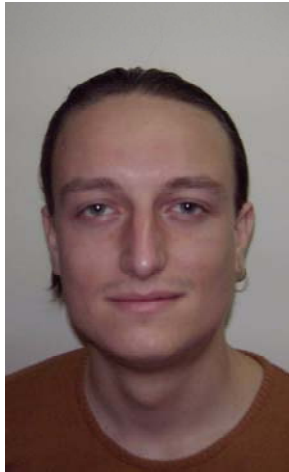
Ana Nikolovska holds a M.A degree in Economics, from the University of Iceland, Faculty for Economics and Business Administration and a B.A Degree from the Faculty for Economics, Skopje University. She is trained in macroeconomic issues dealing with econometrics & statistics analyses, finance and risk management, functional analysis, as well as banking. She has extensive working experience with SMEs and commercial banks. At present, Ana Nikolovska is a financial expert in a EU funded project in Macedonia.



Mr. Igor Nikoloski has received his undergraduate Diploma in Business Administration - Finance and Accounting Department, from the University of Sheffield, in Thessalonica - Greece. While studying in Greece, Mr. Nikoloski was trained in issues related to economical development of the Balkan region facilitated by Greece as an EU member state. He has an extensive experience in the private sector. Currently, he works on World Bank and European Agency for Reconstruction funded and managed projects. He is an expert in the following areas: actuarial forecasting, functional analysis, statistics, as well as labour market analysis and issues related to vocational education training.



Ms. Marija Risteska is a graduate from the Law Faculty at the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, and holds a master degree in European Public Administration from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. She has an extensive experience with NGOs. Her advisory role is developed with different state institutions such as the Macedonian and the European Parliament, as well as, with the Macedonian Government and its various Ministries. She is trained in legislative drafting, political problem solving in culturally divided societies, impact assessment and international policy transfer. In recent years Marija Risteska is a legal expert for USAID and EU funded projects in Macedonia.



Mr. Erol Sakiri holds a B.A. from the Political Science Department, University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje. He has training in tackling multiethnic problems in the Southeast European region. Sakiri has sound experience working with international NGO's, such as Peace Corps, War Thorn Societies Project and Search for Common Ground. He also has excellent communication skills and is fluent in Albanian, English, and Macedonian. During the war in Kosovo and the Macedonian crisis he has reported for various media outlets including Sky News. Mr. Sakiri has expertise in the following fields: political analysis, sociological research, multiethnic relations.



Mirjana Todorovska majored in Business Law and Intellectual Property Law in her undergraduate studies (Law Faculty, Skopje). She holds an LLM Degree in International Business Law (Central European University, Budapest). She has been cooperating with WIPO, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, Finnish Copyright Society – KOPIOSTO, World Law Institute and UNITAR. Todorovska is experienced in NGO management and networking. She is the founding member and president of the Information Society and Intellectual Property Centre. Also she works as an Information Society Governance Researcher within DiploFoundation, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and as a content provider for the website "Intellectual Property Protection on the Internet" available at: <http://textus.diplomacy.edu/portals/protectionIPR/>. Presently she works as an attorney in the law office "Andonovski".