

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE FYROM / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 28 June 1993
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2015); represented by H.E. Mr Agron Budjaku, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (term expires in 2015)
4. **The Director-General visits to the country: 2**
 - 27-28 June 2014: visit on the occasion of the Council of Ministers of Culture of South-East Europe “Enhancing Culture for Sustainable Development”
 - 1-2 June 2013: visit on the occasion of the 11th South-East Europe Summit Forum on the Dialogue among Civilizations
 - 27-29 August 2011: visit on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the International Festival of Struga Poetry Evenings.
5. **The former Director-General’s visits to the country: 2**
 - 26-28 March 2008: official visit
 - 28-30 August 2003: Regional Forum on Dialogue among Civilizations in Ohrid
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Agron Budjaku, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 14 April 2011)
 - Staff: Mr Igor Popovski, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mrs Magdalena Mateska, Second Secretary
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Jon Ivanovski, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to France, Permanent Delegate a.i. to UNESCO (April 2006 - August 2009)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is covered by the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE).
8. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 1994
 - Chairperson: Mrs Elizabeta Kancheska-Milevska (since September 2008), Minister of Culture
 - Secretary-General: Mrs Lidija Topuzovska (since April 2001)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:**
 - Boris Trajanov (baritone), UNESCO Artist for Peace (since 24 February 2005)
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 2**
 - UNESCO Chair in Media, Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, launched in June 2011 at the School of Journalism and Public Relations, Skopje
 - UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Studies and Research (2014), The University St Cyril and Methodius, Skopje
11. **Associated Schools: 20** (12 primary and 8 secondary). The FYROM joined the ASP Network in 1997.

12. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
13. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1
 - International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology (IZIIS) at the University St. Cyril and Methodius (2013)
14. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
 - Ohrid-Prespa Transboundary Reserve (2014, jointly with Albania)
15. **World Heritage Sites:** 1
 - Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region (1979) (mixed site)
16. **Tentative List:** 3 properties
 - Archaeo-astronomical Site Kokino (2009)
 - Cave Slatinski Izvor (2004)
 - Markovi Kuli (2004)
17. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** 2
 - Feast of the Holy Forty Martyrs in Štip (2013)
 - Kopachkata, a social dance from the village of Dramche, Pijanec (2014)
18. **Memory of the World Register:** no inscriptions
19. **Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
20. **Legal instruments:** 25 ratified and 15 non-ratified
 - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (2006)
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (22 May 2007)
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (9 October 2008)
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated for 2014-2015:**
 - 1,200th anniversary of the birth of Saint Methodius (815-885), creator, with his brother Cyril, of the first Slavic alphabet (Bulgaria, with the support of Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia and the FYROM)
22. **Participation Programme:**
 - 2014-2015: 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 115,500
 - 2012-2013: 3 projects approved so far for a total amount of US\$ 60,000
 - 2010-2011: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 97,000. Additionally, 1 emergency assistance request approved for US\$ 50,000 ('Emergency Assistance following a fire that burned down the Bigor's Monastery St. John the Baptist in September 2009'). Total amount approved: US\$ 147,000.
 - 2008-2009: 6 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 181,700
23. **Fellowships:**
 - 8 fellowships awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 76,900.
 - 8 fellowships awarded since 2007, for a total amount of US\$ 86,990
24. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2015:** unpaid
 - Assessment rate for 2014-2015: 0.008%

- Contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 52,240
- Arrears as at 31.12.13 and instalments due under payment plans: US\$ 39,459
- Payment received US\$ 65,579 (7 July 2015)
- Total unpaid due as at date: US\$ 26,120

25. Voluntary contributions (equivalent in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	-	522	-	2,087	-	861

26. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented

- 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4)