

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE FYROM / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 28 June 1993
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently. Last term: 2013-2015
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:** none
4. **The Director-General's 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"
  - 27-29 August 2011: visit on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> 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:**
  - Mr Gabriel Atanasov, Chargé d'Affaires *a.i.*, Deputy Permanent Delegate
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Agron Budjaku (2011 - 2015); H.E. Mr Jon Ivanovski (2006 - 2009)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is covered by the UNESCO Venice Office.
8. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 1994
  - Chairperson: Ms 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 (2005)
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 2**
  - UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Studies and Research (2014), University St Cyril and Methodius, Skopje
  - UNESCO Chair in Media, Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, (2011) School of Journalism and Public Relations, 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 (2016)
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:** 3 elements
- Glasoechko, Male two-part singing in Dolni Polog (2015)
  - Kopachkata, a social dance from the village of Dramche, Pijanec (2014)
  - Feast of the Holy Forty Martyrs in Štip (2013)
- 18. Memory of the World Register:** no inscriptions
- 19. Creative Cities Network:** 1
- Bitola, a UNESCO Creative City of Film (2015)

**20. Legal instruments:** 25 ratified and 15 non-ratified

<i>Ratified Conventions</i>	<i>Date of deposit</i>	<i>Type of deposit</i>
• Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.–	04/04/1995	Notification of succession
• Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• International Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States bordering on the Mediterranean. Nice, 17 December 1976.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.	30/04/1997	Notification of succession
• Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging	30/04/1997	Notification of succession

to the Europe Region. Paris, 21 December 1979.

- Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972. 30/04/1997 Notification of succession
- Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural character with Protocol of Signature and model form of certificate provided for in Article IV of the above-mentioned Agreement. Beirut, 10 December 1948. 02/09/1997 Notification of succession
- Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950. 02/09/1997 Notification of succession
- Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974. 02/09/1997 Notification of succession
- Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976. 02/09/1997 Notification of succession
- Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971. 02/12/1997 Accession
- International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961. 02/03/1998 Accession
- Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999. 19/04/2002 Accession
- Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997. 29/11/2002 Ratification
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003. 13/06/2006 Ratification
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005. 22/05/2007 Ratification
- International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005

*Non-Ratified Conventions*

- Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.
- Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.
- Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.
- Protocol to amend articles 6 and 7 of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Regina, Canada, 28 May 1987.
- Convention on Technical and Vocational Education. Paris, 10 November 1989.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas, and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific. Bangkok, 16 December 1983.
- Protocol to amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Paris, 3 December 1982.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States. Arusha, 5 December 1981.
- Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab States. Paris, 22 December 1978.
- Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971

concerning the application of that Convention to work of stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.

- Multilateral Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation of Copyright Royalties, with model bilateral agreement and additional Protocol. Madrid, 13 December 1979.
- Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.
- Revised Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education. Tokyo, 26 November 2011
- Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States. Addis Ababa, 12 December 2014

**21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: 1**

- 1100th anniversary of the death of Clement of Ohrid (830-916) (joint nomination by Bulgaria, with the support of Poland and the Russian Federation)

**22. Participation Programme:**

- 2016-2017: 1 project approved so far US\$ 26,000
- 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\$ 70,000
- 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 2007, for a total amount of US\$ 86,990

**24. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none**

**25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016:**

- Assessment rate for 2016: 0.007%
- Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 22,855
- Arrears as at 31 December 2015: US\$ 29,078
- Payment received as of 16 August 2016: US\$ 22,855
- Total unpaid US\$ 22,855

**26. Voluntary contributions (equivalent in US\$):**

Year	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	600	-	522	-	2,087	-	861

**27. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented**

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