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## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA / 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.:
  - MOST Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
- 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 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:
  - 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
  - President: Mr Robert Alagjozovski
  - Secretary-General: Mrs Lidija Topuzovska (since April 2001)
- 9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:
  - Boris Trajanov (baritone), UNESCO Artist for Peace (2005)
  - Dr Maja Gerovska Mitev, Member of the MOST Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), Professor at the Institute of Social Work and Social Policy, Faculty of Philosophy, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje
- 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:** 22 (12 primary and 10 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. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

#### 16. World Heritage Sites: 1

• Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region (1979) (mixed site)

#### **17. Tentative List:** 3 properties

- Archaeo-astronomical Site Kokino (2009)
- Cave Slatinski Izvor (2004)
- Markovi Kuli (2004)

#### **18.** Intangible Heritage Lists: 3 elements

- Glassoechko, 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)

#### 19. Memory of the World Register: no inscriptions

#### 20. Creative Cities Network: 1

Bitola, a UNESCO Creative City of Film (2015)

#### 21. Legal instruments: 25 ratified and 15 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (22 May 2007)
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (13 June 2006)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (9 October 2008)
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified

#### 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: 1

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

#### 23. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: 5 projects approved, including 1 regional, for a total amount of US\$ 145,000; additionally, an emergency assistance request approved for US\$ 50,000
- 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

#### 24. Fellowships:

• 8 fellowships awarded since 2007, for a total amount of US\$ 86,990

#### 25. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

# 26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016-2017: paid for 2016Assessment rate for 2017: 0.007%

Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US\$ 45,710

Arrears as at 31 December 2015: US\$ 29,078, paid in 2016

• Total unpaid: US\$ 22,855

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

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total	261	600	-	522	-	2,087