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# **EUROPE 2030**

#### 1. PRIME MINISTER FOR ALL

The campaign of 2020 mainly focused on the ethnic identity of the candidate to break away from the remnants of the monist regime with exclusionary policies. Our governance during the years 2020-2024 proved that we can govern the entire country responsibly and on behalf of all citizens, therefore this time the candidate will be Prime Minister of all communities, of all citizens, appealing for votes throughout the territory. Equality of all citizens, consensual democracy, and social cohesion will enable political stability and institutional resilience with equal opportunities regardless of ethnic, religious, linguistic, or cultural background. Rule of law, justice, and good governance guarantee equal loyalty and responsibility for every citizen before the law. The fight against corruption and organized crime will be uncompromising, zero tolerance, and vetting for all holders of public office, respectively legislators, executives, in the judiciary, prosecutors, and for any other function in the public sector, at central and local levels, appointed or elected. The administration must be professional and efficient in serving citizens and the economy. Reorganization, rationalization, and optimization of the public sector, as well as digitalization of public services aimed at improving the quality of public services. Order and security will guarantee stability, peace, and tranquility for citizens. We are NATO!

# 2. NO TO RUSSIA, YES TO EUROPE

After the successful implementation of the Ohrid Agreement, NATO membership, and the opening of accession negotiations with the EU, our major geopolitical aim next for the country is integration into the European Union.

We must unite all progressive forces to work towards and promote European integration, adopt constitutional technical amendments, and open negotiation clusters. This is of great importance for stability, security, the economy, youth, rule of law, anti-corruption efforts, functional democracy, good governance, and so forth. This will prevent the departure of young people and bring back those who have already left.

Integration also entails European standards within the country and the region. Establishing European standards in our country and regional cooperation will contribute to sustainable peace and development in the Western Balkans region.

As a NATO member and strategic partner with the USA, we must certainly prevent Russian influence in the country, both directly and indirectly. With developments in Ukraine, Kosovo, Bosnia, Montenegro, Moldova, Georgia, the 5 Stans (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan), and the Middle East, it is crucial for people to see the risk of destabilization in the Balkans, especially in North Macedonia as a multiethnic, multicultural, and multireligious society. **No to Russian influence!** 

## 3. ECONOMIC CONSENSUS AGREEMENT

After the Ohrid Agreement, the Prespa Agreement, and the Agreement on Good Neighborly Relations with Bulgaria, the time has come for a major agreement, namely the Economic Consensus Agreement (Economic Framework Agreement). A consensus agreement to be reached through continuous dialogue and partnership among policymakers, regulators, the business community, labor unions, academia, civil society, as well as consumer organizations, retirees, youth, etc.

The Economic Consensus Agreement, or the Economic Framework Agreement, aims to ensure a framework for an economy with equal opportunities in a functional free market economy with fair competition and equal regional development and infrastructure that creates equal economic opportunities for all participants regardless of their ethnic, cultural, gender, and other societal affiliations.

The Economic Consensus Agreement will secure political and social consensus on development priorities, key policies, and reforms that will enable social equality and equal economic opportunities for all, create optimism, and foster accelerated economic growth (over 5% GDP growth annually), sustainable development, and inclusive higher living standards for all citizens.

The Economic Consensus Agreement is based on the country's strategic orientation towards EU membership and the country's Euro-Atlantic determination in the geopolitical context, as a NATO member and strategic partner with the USA.

The Economic Consensus Agreement has the following prerequisites: political stability, good governance, rule of law, fight against corruption and organized crime, as well as professional and efficient administration with digitalized public services.

The Economic Consensus Agreement aims at these priorities: Competitive economy and digital transformation; Sustainable development and green transformation; Modern infrastructure and equal regional development; Human capital and quality of life; and Active youth and inclusive society.

Competitive economy and digital transformation entail accelerated growth and sustainable finances, a favorable business environment, combating monopolies and oligarchy, combating the informal economy and fair and loyal tax systems, as well as support for business, smart specialization, and digitization of the economy.

Sustainable development and green transformation will focus on clean and healthy environment, secure energy, renewable and energy efficiency, as well as modern agriculture and sustainable food.

Modern infrastructure and equal regional development are key to a small and open economy, namely the pan-European corridors 8 and 10, which intersect our country and create competitive advantages with modern transportation and communication, highways, and railways. Modernization of municipal infrastructure, transportation, and communication will

be the basis for equal developmental opportunities throughout the country's territory. Representative tourism will be an opportunity for local and national economic development based on natural and cultural assets.

Human capital and quality of life are determinants of economic productivity through quality education, modern healthcare, and sustainable social security.

Active youth and an inclusive society will create an attractive environment in our country with cultural diversity, new opportunities for youth, sports and recreation, as well as civic engagement in all areas of life. Also, demography, migration, and the diaspora will be in the focus of all economic and social policies to create new perspectives.

The Economic Consensus Agreement will make North Macedonia a desired place for the lives of our citizens, for retaining youth in the country, for the return of the diaspora, an attractive destination for tourists, and a preferred place for investors.

# We are Europe!

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

### 1. ONE PRIME MINISTER FOR ALL

- Good Governance
  - Transparency, participation, efficiency, accountability, responsibility, and accountability.
- Equality, consensus, and cohesion
  - Full equality for all and co-governance.
  - Consensual democracy in decision-making on important issues.
  - A consensus-elected President in parliament with a 2/3 majority and a Badenter vote.
  - A Prime Minister for all.
  - Respect for diversity and social cohesion.
- Rule of law and justice
  - Independent and impartial judiciary.
  - Efficient and integrity-driven judiciary.
- Fight against corruption and organized crime
  - Vetting of politicians, judiciary, prosecution, and law enforcement agencies.
  - Vetting for corruption, Russian influence, and anti-state "services."
  - Zero tolerance and systematic approach.
  - Individual accountability and responsibility.
- Professional administration and digitalized public services
  - Digitalization of processes and public services.
  - Digital identity for citizens and legal entities.
  - Reorganization and optimization of state organs for efficiency and functionality.
  - Rationalization and optimization of state administration.
  - Fair and adequate representation at all levels of leadership in the public sector.
  - Diversity in the workplace, especially for organizations in the private sector and civil society.
- Order and security
  - Law enforcement agencies ensuring freedom, peace, and security for every citizen and legal entity.

# 2. NO TO RUSSIA, YES TO EUROPE

- Integration into the European Union
  - Constitutional changes in 2024.
  - Commencement of negotiations with the European Union in 2024.
  - Accession to the European Union by 2030.
- Regional cooperation
  - Berlin Process.
  - European Union's plan for the economic growth of the Western Balkans.
- Geopolitics and NATO

- Over 2% of GDP budget for defense in line with NATO's commitment.
- Alignment of security stances and foreign policy with NATO.
- Alignment of security stances and foreign policy with the European Union.
- Resistance to Russian influence in North Macedonia.
- Partnership and strategic dialogue with the USA
  - Security, rule of law, economy and trade, visa regime, and culture.

# 3. ECONOMIC CONSENSUS AGREEMENT

- Partnership in policymaking between the public, private, and civil sectors.
- Competitive economy and digital transformation.
- Sustainable development and green transformation.
- Modern infrastructure and equitable regional development.
- Human capital and quality of life.
- Active youth and an equitable society.

# 3.1. Competitive Economy and Digital Transformation

- Accelerated growth
  - Economic growth averaging over 5% annually.
  - Stable prices with an annual inflation rate of 2%.
  - Increase in investments in the economy by 10% annually.
  - Foreign direct investments above 3 billion euros for the period 2024-2028.
  - Average net wage 900-1.000 euros by 2028.
  - Unemployment to decrease to under 7% by 2028.

# Sustainable finances

- "SMART" finances, digitilized, transparent, IFMIS (Integrated Financial Management System).
- Public Finance Academy.
- Efficient management of public investments.
- Successful restructuring and management of state-owned enterprises.
- Transparent, efficient management, and state aid map.
- Transparent, developmental, and consensus budget
  - Increase in capital expenditures from 733 million euros in 2024 to 1.1 billion euros in 2028.
  - Increase in subsidies and economic transfers from 410 million euros in 2024 to 640 million euros in 2028.
  - Increase in transfers to municipalities from 485 million euros in 2024 to 710 million euros in 2028.
  - "Fiscal rules" with a budget deficit of 3% and external debt below 60%.
  - "Value for money" for budget policies and performance indicators.
  - Blockage for budget subsidies.
  - Innovative budget financing instruments: citizen bonds, green bonds, development bonds.

## Fair and honest taxes

- Transparency and efficiency of tax institutions.

- Redefinition of personal taxation into family taxation and debate on progressive taxation.
- Effective personal tax reduction with tax relief of up to 50% of the minimum wage.
- "Tax-free" for non-resident consumers.
- "Sugar tax" for unhealthy products.
- Possibility for freelancers to pay contributions and secure internship and health insurance.
- Two contribution rates in healthcare, instead of the current 7.5% rate: basic package 5% and expanded package 10%, to ensure quality healthcare services.
- Review of excise taxes for tobacco and alcohol to support healthcare.
- "Green taxes" to preserve the living environment.
- Creating a Favorable Business Environment and Competitive Economy
  - Tax Digitalization: e-fiscalization, e-invoicing, track & trace.
  - Regulatory simplification and reduction of para-fiscal taxes.
  - Tax calendar.
  - White and black lists of taxpayers.
  - Combating the informal economy.
  - Easier access to finances: concessional loans, credit guarantees, crowdfunding, business angels, tax incentives, development funds.
  - Smart specialization: innovative ecosystem, digital transformation, human capital.
  - Export promotion and integration into the global value chain.
  - Active measures in the labor market: training, self-employment, and job creation.
  - Youth guarantees.
  - Integrated promotion of foreign direct investments with advanced technology and high added value.
  - Development agency and economic diplomacy.
- Digitalization of the Economy and Public Services
  - Digitalization of business services and banks.
  - Digitalization of public services.
  - National Committee for Artificial Intelligence.

# 3.2. Sustainable Development and Green Transformation

- Clean and healthy environment.
  - Climate change (COP21 and Kyoto Protocol standards).
  - Nature conservation, UNESCO, Sharri Mountain National Park.
  - Air protection, measurement, and restrictive measures in transportation, industry, and households.
  - Water management, modernized infrastructure.
  - Waste management, regional centers.
  - Circular economy, promotion of green investments.
- Secure and Renewable Energy
  - Increase in local production capacities.
  - Increase in renewable energy production (hydro, solar, wind, bio).
  - Diversification of energy sources and energy security.
  - Gasification and connection to international energy corridors.
  - Energy transition and decarbonization.
  - Energy Efficiency Fund.

- Future energy perspectives: hydrogen and electric batteries.

# 3.3. Modern Infrastructure and Regional Development

- Modern transport and communication.
  - Highways corridor 8 and 10d.
  - Skopje-Blace highway.
  - Hasan Prishtina Boulevard.
  - Tetovo-Prizren road.
  - Tetovo ring road.
  - Modernization and construction of railways 8 and 10.
  - Transit green zones in the Western Balkans.
  - Broadband and regional telecommunication network.

# Equal Local and Regional Development

- Increase in the share of VAT revenues for municipalities from 6% to 9%.
- Increase in the share of personal income tax revenues for municipalities from 6% to 9%.
- Equality Fund and Performance Fund.
- Agency for Local and Regional Development.
- Fiscal discipline and fiscal rules for municipal budgets.
- Financing instruments: municipal bonds, structural bonds, standby loans from the state budget.

### Representative Tourism

- Interactive digital tourism platform.
- Subsidies and tax incentives for tourism.
- Cultural, ecological, ethno-gastronomic, rural, alternative, and touristic pearl.
- Ohrid, Struga, and Lake Ohrid as UNESCO-protected cultural areas.
- Lake Prespa with Pelister National Park.
- Lake Mavrovo with Mavrovo National Park, Radika Canyon, and Dibra with Glloboçica and Shpilje lakes, as well as Kosovrasti baths.
- Sharri Mountain National Park with mountain lakes.
- Kodra e Diellit Tourist Center should be developed as a regional winter tourism center for skiing but also as a year-round tourist attraction.
- Saraj with Matka Canyon and the revitalization of Lake Treska.
- "Bit Pazar" in Skopje and multicultural tourism, Skopje Fortress, Ancient Amphitheater "Skupi", "Aqueducts", etc.
- Megalithic Observatory "Kokino".
- Archaeological sites "Stobi", "Heraklea", etc.
- Monastery towns with famous architecture and the mountainous region "Molika".

# 3.4. Human Capital and Quality of Life

- Quality Education
  - Increase in education budget by over 4.5% of GDP.
  - Increase in science budget by over 1.5% of GDP.
  - Enhancement of education quality and international assessments.
  - Integrity and standard improvement of the education framework.
  - Improvement of educational infrastructure (schools, sports halls).
  - Curriculum alignment with market and social needs.

- Student skills: creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, organization, entrepreneurship, ethics, health.
- Year-round and modular learning.
- Digitalization of the learning process.

#### Modern Healthcare

- Institutional optimization of healthcare: primary, secondary, and tertiary healthcare.
- Quality improvement and digitalization of healthcare services.
- Reforms in healthcare financing: basic insurance and extended insurance.
- Standardization of prices for healthcare services funded by the Health Fund.
- Performance-based healthcare financing.
- Review and expansion of the positive drug list.
- Dignified salaries and safety and integrity protection for healthcare personnel.
- Integration of the Clinical Center University in Skopje and transformation into a new healthcare complex.
- Investments in regional clinics and hospitals: Tetovo, Kicevo, Struga, Ohrid, Bitola, Kumanovo, Shtip, etc.

# Sustainable Social Security

- Efficient system for social protection and security, digitalization, and field inspections.
- Social services for the elderly and care centers.
- Poverty reduction through policies and social measures.
- Social welfare and childcare in every settlement.
- Dignified pensions according to the systematic methodology for continuous pension increases.
- Minimum pension at 70% of the minimum wage level, representing a 20% increase from the current.
- Social and family pensions.
- Early retirement and adjustment of missing service periods.

# 3.5. Active Youth and an Equal Society

- Diversity and Equality
- Representative Culture
  - Promotion of cultural diversity.
  - Preservation and cultivation of cultural heritage.
  - Advancement of cultural and artistic infrastructure.
  - Development of art, music, theater, film, fashion, and design.

# Active Youth

- Participation in decision-making.
- Encouragement of youth entrepreneurship.
- Guarantees for youth.
- Digital platform for youth.

# Sports and Recreation

- Sports promotion policy.
- Budget-supported sports vouchers.
- Tax incentives for sports support.
- Public and private initiatives for recreation.

#### Civic Activism

- Free media and freedom of expression.
- Open platforms for discussions.
- Involvement in all societal processes and decision-making.
- Family the nucleus of the society

- Demography, Migration, and Diaspora
  - Policy for demographic recovery.
  - Policy to slow down migration and create opportunities for return with special focus on youth.
  - Strengthening economic, social, and cultural ties with the diaspora.

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