

Development Cooperation



Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) pursues its goals of reducing global poverty, ensuring peace and human security and preserving the environment in an international framework. The policies and programme parameters are agreed on with the European Union and in international committees (UN, OECD, IFIs). Two policy pillars of bilateral and multilateral development cooperation are the Millennium Development Goals and the Paris Declaration. In its programmes and projects, ADC always pays attention to gender equality and takes the needs of children and persons with disabilities into consideration.

In 1998, a Coordination Office for Technical Cooperation was established in Macedonia, which manages the total budget earmarked for bilateral ADC programmes in the country.

- Since 1998, the Coordination Office for Technical Cooperation has coordinated and administered programmes amounting to more than **26 mill. euros**.
- In 2007, Austria distributed **5,8 mill. euros** on Official Development Aid (ODA) to Macedonia.



Regional Projects



In South Eastern Europe ADC supports the countries in their social, economic and democratic development and helps them prepare for their accession to the European Union. Some challenges go beyond national borders and can only be met by international cooperation:

Achievements in Macedonia:

- Programme for improving auditing and accounting (REPARIS)
- Consolidation of legal and institutional foundations of social dialogue
- Theater manifestation for students in SEE and Central Europe (Skomrahi)
- Balkan Case Challenge – Youth network in SEE
- Society in the Western Balkans – development and progress
- Summer universities with five partner institutions in SEE
- Investment Compact – Contribution to Investment Compact of OECD
- Environment and Security in SEE

Partners: World Bank, UNIFEM, International Labour Organization, International Press Institute, WUS Austria, OSCE, Politische Akademie Vienna, Vienna University of Economics, OECD, UNEP, Österreichischer Städtebund, respective Macedonian Ministries and Faculties

Environment



About one third of ADC funds for bilateral programmes and projects is allocated for the purpose of environmental protection. ADC promotes the sustainable use of land and vegetation. It is engaged in developing renewable energy, sustainable water supply and sewage disposal. ADC also supports clean production by disseminating modern technology in industry and commerce. Wherever feasible, measures for climate protection are mainstreamed in the projects.

Achievements in Macedonia:

- Strengthening of the institutional framework and capacities for the implementation of environmental investments
- Drinking water and sewage systems
- Waste water treatment plants
- Renewable energy sources
- Energy efficiency in buildings
- Environmental education in schools

Partners: Government of Macedonia, Secretariat for European Affairs, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Ministry of Transport and Communication, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Education, Municipalities of Krivogastani, Cucer Sandevo, Makedonski Brod, Sveti Nikole, Vrapcishte-Negotino Polog Kocani, Vinica

Water and Sanitation



Water is a basic requirement for sustaining life and ensuring sustainable social welfare. ADC assists in supplying clean drinking water, connecting houses to the waste water system and waste water treatment. Since 1998, ADC has been providing access to water and sanitation services for more than 40.000 people in Macedonia.

Achievements in Macedonia:

- Construction of water supply systems to provide clean drinking water
- Reduction of water loss in water supply systems
- Reconstruction and construction of sewage systems
- Establishment of the Macedonian Wastewater Forum
- Consolidation of Macedonia's waste water sector and treatment plants
- Capacity strengthening, know-how transfer and trainings
- Creating sustainable operating conditions at the municipal level

Partners: Government of Macedonia, Secretariat for European Affairs, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Ministry of Transport and Communication, Municipalities of Krivogastani, Cucer Sandevo, Makedonski Brod, Sveti Nikole, Vrapcishte and Negotino Polog

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Energy for Sustainable Development



Access to energy is essential for human, economic and social development. Energy supply is linked to all aspects of sustainable development.

Since 1998, ADC has been contributing to the decrease of energy dependency in Macedonia and to the reduction of energy degradation. Overarching goals of programmes in this sector are the alleviation of energy poverty and the fight against greenhouse gases as the main cause for climate change.

Achievements in Macedonia:

- Support to Macedonian producers of solar panels
- Establishment of a solar test facility in Skopje
- Expansion of existing geothermal networks
- Capacity building, know-how transfer and trainings
- Public awareness campaigns
- Introduction of energy efficiency in buildings
- Contribution to the decrease of high energy degradation

Partners: Government of Macedonia, Secretariat for European Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Municipalities of Kocani and Vinica, MANU, Consumer Protection Association, UNDP, SECO, MACEF

Education and Perspectives



Modern education and vocational training that meet the requirements of the labour market are the adequate basis for this. ADC primarily invests in the modernisation of higher education and vocational training systems in order to bring them in line with European standards.

Achievements in Macedonia:

- Reformation of economic secondary education and tourism education
- Creation of virtual companies in economic schools
- Development of practically oriented education and training of teachers
- Equipment of kitchens in two tourism schools (Skopje and Ohrid)
- Modern environmental education (Green Pack)
- Scholarships for talented students
- Workshops in Austria for Austrian and Macedonian students

Partners: Ministries of Education and Science, Environment and Physical Planning, The Bureau for Development of Education of the Republic of Macedonia/VET Center, University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" – Skopje, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, SEE University, Faculty of Dramatic Arts, Economic secondary schools, Tourism schools in Skopje, Ohrid, Gevgelija, Tetovo, Krusevo, Stip, KulturKontakt Austria, WUS Austria, Regional Environmental Center

Employability



The private sector creates jobs and revenues for the population and passes on know-how. The programmes of ADC aim at utilising potential synergies between development cooperation and the private sector and strengthening the private sector in Macedonia.

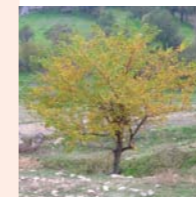
One of the main goals of ADC is fostering employment in a short term perspective and improving the overall employability in a long term perspective.

Achievements in Macedonia:

- Business plan trainings
- Establishment of a Business Start-up Centre at the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius serving as a business incubator for innovative technology
- Promoting entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises development
- Building linkages between the educational system and the labour market
- Start-up assistance to the Macedonian Investment Promotion Agency
- Business partnerships and development partnerships

Partners: Ministry of Education and Science, The Bureau for Development of Education of the Republic of Macedonia/VET Center, University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" – Skopje, Economic secondary schools

Human Rights and Good Governance



ADC assists the young democracies in establishing well-functioning legal systems and modern administrative structures designed to respond to the needs of the society and the business community. This also helps to prevent potential conflicts and stabilises the political situation as a basis for Macedonia's future integration in the European Union.

Achievements in Macedonia:

- Active involvement of the civil society in the elaboration of the Joint Inclusion Memorandum (JIM)
- Inclusion of the Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) in the JIM
- Inclusion of the HRBA in the local development plans of seven pilot-municipalities and funding of micro-projects
- Ensuring the involvement of vulnerable and poor groups in the elaboration of local development plans
- Promotion and progressive realisation of the rights of vulnerable groups
- Trainings on HRBA for different stakeholders

Partners: Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Municipality of Gostivar, Strumica, Negotino, Rosoman, Demir Kapija, Brvenica, Makedonski Brod, Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte – Branch-office in Skopje, UNDP Macedonia



Austrian Development Cooperation in Macedonia

