

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation – Skopje Office, the Progress - Institute for Social Democracy and the Macedonian Centre for European Education (MCEE) organized a conference on “Economic Governance and the EU Integration: SEE 2020 Scoreboard for Macedonia” which was held on June 9, 2015 (Tuesday), at hotel Holiday Inn, Skopje.

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The Conference was held against the backdrop of the publishing of the South East Development Scoreboard measuring the progress being made by all countries in the Western Balkans in achieving SEE 2020 Strategy targets and objectives. The Scoreboard is being prepared by the Regional Cooperation Council in Sarajevo, under the auspices of the European Union, and in cooperation with all EU candidate countries from the Western Balkans. It is a clear and simple illustrator of the current status and progress being made in achieving SEE 2020 Strategy targets and objectives in various economic, social, political, cultural and other dimensions, confirmed by EU Enlargement Strategy 2014/2015 released last October. Apart from Macedonia’s scoreboard, the Conference discuss and outline recommendations for measures that would enhance the strategic development framework for Southeast Europe.

At the first session, “How is Macedonia doing with the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Scoreboard of the South East Europe 2020 Strategy?” the following speakers made their presentations: Nanda Shani, an expert on economic and social development, the Regional Cooperation Council, Jon Ivanovski, ambassador, National Coordinator of Regional Initiatives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia and Aleksandar Zafirovski, Secretariat for European Affairs, Government of the Republic of Macedonia, while at the second session " Perspectives of the country regarding the SEE 2020 Strategy- What could we do? " the speakers were: prof. Dr. Biljana Sekulovska - Gaber, Faculty of Economics, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje; Valentina Disoska, president, Association of Women in Business; Blagica Petreski, Senior Economist, Finance Think and Bojan Maricic, Executive Director, Macedonian Centre for European Education.

Representatives from the academic community, civil society and the real sector also contributed to the discussion on the current situation and future measures.

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