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Today, the need for exchange of experience, information and joint action is ever more emphasized. Two editions preceded this Directory, in 2002 and 2006, which were prepared in conjunction with the Association of the Units of Local Self-Government (ZELS), as it is the case now.

This new Directory of the units of the local self-government attempts to repeat the previous positive experience. The Directory aims to improve the mutual information and communication among the municipalities, as well as the information and communication of the municipalities with the other stakeholders from the public, business and civil society sector, as well as other donors. MCIC and ZELS succeeded for the second time to secure the data for all municipalities, including the city of Skopje.

This means coverage of 100% and enables you to have in one place all the relevant information for all 85 municipalities in Republic of Macedonia. The Directory contains the data we felt will

contribute to the understanding of the information and communication.

These data pertain to the mayor and council, as well as their contact data; general information on the municipality; data on the structure of the municipality; budget; local economic development or data on the realized and planned activities.

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