

**Swiss Cooperation
Programme
North Macedonia
2025 - 2028**

Swiss Engagement for Stronger Democracy, Economic Growth, and a Greener Tomorrow

Switzerland and North Macedonia are engaged in a longstanding relationship based on mutual respect, interests and values.

The goal of the Swiss Cooperation Programme 2025-2028 is to support North Macedonia's reforms towards European integration and durable development by strengthening democratic institutions, fostering green economic growth, enhancing resilience to climate change while promoting a sustainable management of natural resources.

Transversal Topics and Guiding Principles

National ownership

Switzerland works in partnership with local and national actors for sustainable change.

Transparency, accountability, and inclusion

Switzerland aims to enhance transparency and participation in decision making, including marginalised groups, while contributing to fight corruption. Its efforts contribute to enhance trust in institutions and accountability towards all citizens.

Women and youth

Switzerland enhances the economic, social, environmental and political capacities for increased participation of young people who represent the future of the country. Switzerland is committed to empower women as key actors for sustainable economic and democratic development.

Protection of the environment and climate resilience

Switzerland will ensure that its programme does not harm the environment, while increasing resilience to climate change.

Focus Areas 2025–2028

Democratic and good governance

Switzerland strengthens the capacities of local and national public institutions to work in a more transparent, efficient, and participatory manner, while contributing to enhance their accountability. Mechanisms that promote dialogue between citizens, civil society, and state institutions are encouraged. Additionally, the knowledge of decision makers is enhanced in the fields of natural resources' management and climate change.

Sustainable Economic Development

Switzerland supports the private sector, particularly small and medium enterprises, in increasing productivity and resource-efficiency while aligning with European standards. Equipping the labour force, particularly young people and women, with the skills needed by the private sector through dual vocational education, upskilling and reskilling, remains a priority.

Water and Environment

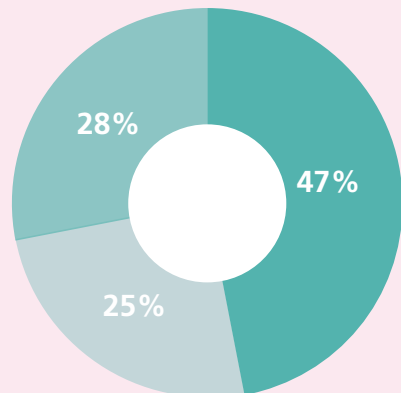
Switzerland supports municipalities and public utilities in enhancing energy efficiency and the use of renewable energies for the sustainable provision of water and sanitation services, as well as in improving waste management by applying circular economy principles. New priorities are integrated management of water and strengthening communities in protecting biodiversity.

Cooperation Programme 2025–2028

Indicative total budget:
CHF 56.1 million

Breakdown per focus area

- Democratic Governance
- Water and Environment
- Sustainable Economic Development



Results 2021-2024

Parliament improved its communication and information systems, increasing its transparency; enhanced capacities of the parliamentary staff improved their work

Over 200 civil society organizations strengthened their capacity to represent citizens, provide services, advocate for change, and improve transparency

Over 1,000 municipal councillors gained skills to improve their work in municipal assemblies

Over 350 companies expanded their business into international markets

Startups and companies that introduced new practices created more than 7,200 decent jobs

46,000 citizens gained access to improved drinking water

Digitalisation efforts increased transparency in 54 municipal councils and strengthened trust in elections results

300,000 citizens benefited from better waste management, including sorting and recycling

More than 12,000 students enrolled in dual vocational education

Over 100,000 citizens gained better flood protection, and preparedness measures reach about 300,000 people

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