



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY NEWSLETTER 2024–2044

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Welcome to the first edition of the NDS 2024–2044 informative newsletter, providing an overview of the activities, progress, and results in the implementation of the National Development Strategy 2024–2044.

Through this newsletter, the General Secretariat of the Government will regularly update the members of the Working Committee, working bodies, institutions, partners, and the general public on the implementation progress of the National Development Strategy 2024–2044, as well as key processes and initiatives contributing to the long-term development of the country.

In this inaugural issue, we highlight the most significant activities from the past period, with a special focus on the 2025 Annual Report on the Implementation of the National Development Strategy 2024–2044 and demographic challenges, as one of the key pillars for the future development of the country.

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2025 Annual Report on the Implementation of the National Development Strategy 2024–2044

The 2025 Annual Report on the Implementation of the National Development Strategy 2024–2044 represents the first systemic review of the strategy's execution and a major step toward establishing a comprehensive system for monitoring, reporting, and evaluating development goals and policies.

Key Insights:

- The foundations of the monitoring and reporting system have been successfully established.
- Budget programs show a high level of alignment with the priorities of NDS 2024–2044.
- The majority of investments are directed toward local and regional development, the rule of law, good governance, and economic competitiveness.
- Additional investments are required to adequately address demographic challenges and the green transition.
- The alignment between national policies, European priorities, and the Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030) has been firmly confirmed.

2025 in Figures:

- 1st systemic Annual Report on the implementation of NDS 2024–2044.
- 3 national development goals in the focus of implementation.
- 6 strategic areas and 2 horizontal priorities covered by analysis and monitoring.
- 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) integrated into policies.
- Direct linkage to European integration priorities, spanning 35 negotiating chapters and 6 clusters.
- 41 indicators for tracking progress in strategic areas and 11 for national development goals.
- Baseline framework for monitoring and reporting fully established (Phase 1).

Demographics in Focus

Demographic revitalization is one of the six strategic areas of the National Development Strategy 2024–2044 and a core prerequisite for long-term, sustainable development. As part of the third session of the Working Committee, a meeting dedicated to demographic trends and challenges was held on March 26, 2026, addressing key issues related to migration, population aging, regional development, human capital, and quality of life.



At the Committee, constructive discussions took place within the following thematic areas:

- Demographic shifts and migration
- Regional development and demographic balance
- Labor market and human capital
- Social cohesion and quality of life
- Policies for demographic revitalization

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The 2025 Annual Report Presented to IPPG Members in Assembly. The session featured the presentation of the first Annual Report on the Implementation of the National Development Strategy for 2025.

On June 8, 2026, the Third Session of the Inter-Party Parliamentary Group (IPPG) for Monitoring the Progress of the National Development Strategy 2024–2044 was held in Assembly. The first Annual Report 2025 for implementation of the National Development Strategy was presented during the session. Attendees underscored the importance of inter-institutional cooperation and the oversight role of Parliament in achieving the country's long-term development priorities. The IPPG serves as a platform for ongoing communication and coordination among Parliament, the Government, public institutions, and other stakeholders to ensure transparency, accountability, and long-term strategic planning.



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Fifth Session of the National Development Council



The Fifth Session of the National Development Council, as a permanent advisory body of the Government within the framework of the National Development Strategy, was held on June 19, 2026. The meeting reviewed key activities related to the progress of NDS 2024–2044, focusing on the 2025 Annual Report, proposed measures from the Working Committee on Demographics–Trends and Challenges, and the next steps for the upcoming period.

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Investment Map Presented to the International Business Community

The NDS/SDG Investment Map was presented to the business community at forums in Budapest and Istanbul. This tool consolidates priority sectors and key investment opportunities in the country, enabling a more efficient promotion of investment potential and attracting foreign direct investment.

[Link to the map](#)

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Investment in Practical Skills for a Better Future for Youth

Under the Support Program for the Implementation of the National Development Strategy, the "Vancho Pitosheski" Regional Centre for Vocational Education and Training in Ohrid received modern hospitality equipment for practical classes. This support directly contributes to the development of vocational competencies and prepares a workforce aligned with the needs of the local economy and the tourism sector.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

- **Activities driven by the NDS 2024–2044 governance structure.**
- **A new session of Working Committee meetings focusing on high-priority topics.**
- **Strengthening collaboration and coordination with municipalities.**

All announcements regarding events and activities for NDS 2024–2044 can be followed at www.nrs.mk

BE PART OF THE STORY OF OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE!

The National Development Strategy 2024–2044 is being implemented through a broad partnership process based on the quadruple helix model, which brings together public administration, civil society, the business community, and public institutions.

The Working Committee is an open platform for all. With your ideas and expert opinions, we can co-create solutions for the long-term development of our nation.

If you wish to contribute your knowledge and experience, apply to participate in the Working Committee.



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