

## 3.8 Development of entrepreneurship competence

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### Policy Framework

In the Republic of North Macedonia, the concept of social entrepreneurship is not properly regulated in the legal system, although the importance of the concept and benefits is recognized in society. There is no legislation that comprehensively regulates this matter, although in several laws and policies there are provisions that contribute to supporting the future development of social entrepreneurship.

Within the project "Encouraging Social Entrepreneurship" co-financed by the EU, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy in 2015 prepared a draft text of the Law on Social Entrepreneurship ([????? ????? ?? ?????????? ??????????????????](#)). The Law has not yet been entered into the parliamentary procedure.

In the absence of a law, there is an active Entrepreneurial Learning Strategy of the Republic of Macedonia 2014-2020 ([????????????? ?? ?????????????????? ?????? ?? ?????????????? ?????????????? 2014 – 2020](#)). This Strategy was prepared by the Ministry of Education and Science with the assistance of the European Training Foundation, through 4 workshops and more than hundred direct contacts with different stakeholders.

One of the priorities in this strategy is informal and non-formal education.

The following framework of reference is used:

- Agenda for Entrepreneurship Education in Europe
- EU Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan
- Rethinking Education: Investing in skills for better socio-economic outcomes
- the EU Small Business Act

- South East Europe 2020: Jobs and prosperity in a European Perspective
- Charter for Entrepreneurial Learning (SEECCEL)

Main target groups of this Strategy are:

- primary school students
- secondary school students (VET Schools and gymnasiums)
- University students (students' organizations)
- current and potential entrepreneurs

No information on the implementation process is available.

## Formal learning

Entrepreneurship is included in the Macedonia's secondary education as compulsory separate subject. Curricula for 2 compulsory subjects are developed: "Business and entrepreneurship" ([\[REDACTED\]](#)) for the fourth year in Gymnasium and secondary art education; and "Innovations and entrepreneurship" for first, second and third year. In the primary education, adaptations in 6 subjects are made aimed to integrate entrepreneurship in the curricula (the subject Innovations ([\[REDACTED\]](#)) is included in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade).

In terms of higher education, the subject of entrepreneurship is taught at many Universities in North Macedonia. Currently there are two Faculties in North Macedonia completely dedicated to educate young people in the field of entrepreneurship.

Within the Slavic University ([\[REDACTED\]](#)) of Sveti Nikole, Faculty of Economics and Entrepreneurship Organization ([\[REDACTED\]](#)) for the past 14 years educates young people in the field of economy and entrepreneurship. The faculty is accredited for teaching in the first and second cycle of university studies.

Within the [University of Tourism and Management in Skopje](#), there is an [Department of Entrepreneurship](#), which aims to connect students with the business community through the organization of scientific debates, trainings and lectures for students. The UTMS Entrepreneurial Business School through the Entrepreneurship Department offers students, through various projects and participation in business meetings, to enrich their knowledge, skills and competencies.

## Non-formal and informal learning

There are many non-formal educational opportunities for young people in term of

entrepreneurship, and some of them also coming from CSOs.

[The Agency of Youth and Sport](#), in order to promote entrepreneurship among youth, in the third quarter of 2018 started with realization of trainings for development of entrepreneurial spirit and business skills. Since then, these trainings became annual activity of the Agency.

In addition to the set of trainings, the Agency for Youth and Sport, in the direction of developing entrepreneurship among young people, started with the implementation of a set of measures that will motivate young people for greater inclusion. In this direction is the [public call](#)

(November 2018) for young people with the possibility to apply with their own business idea (Business Plan). This measure is targeting young people aged 19-29 years, citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia, who want to start their own business regardless of whether they are currently employed or not. The [same call](#) was published in January 2020. Similar measures continued also in 2019. For example, in September 2019, the AYS published open call for young people aged 18-25 for 2 module training for entrepreneurship and development of the business skills needed to set up and run a business.

## **Educators support in entrepreneurship education**

According to the Central Register of the Republic of North Macedonia, currently there are 21 associations and foundations in North Macedonia created for education and development of entrepreneurship, but some of them have low activity.

The organizations that have the youth in focus are the following:

1. [Youth Entrepreneurship Support Network \(YES Network\)](#): YES works on strengthening the capacities for networking of youth related Civil Society Organizations and influence policy and programs development for supporting youth entrepreneurship.
2. [PSM Foundation](#) exists for stimulating entrepreneurship and raising the level of employment among young people through strengthening their skills and competencies to start their own business. PSM Foundation stands for supporting them through many activities and subventions in order to help the local development of the currently most productive sector – SMEs.

As abovementioned, The Government established Agency for Promotion of Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Macedonia (APERM) for implementation of the Governmental SME policies and other related projects/programs adopted by the Government for support of entrepreneurship, competitiveness and innovation. Additionally, Fund for innovation and technologies is established with aim to support SMEs.

The website of the [APERM](#) also serves as resource for entrepreneurs.