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Center for Economic Analyses (CEA) are inviting you to a project closing event

THEME: Tax behavior insights for improved tax compliance and responsibility

Location: Hotel DoubleTree by Hilton Skopje, Boulevard ASNOM 17

Online: zoom link to be delivered

15 December 2021, Wednesday, Skopje, (11:30 - 15.30 CET)

Center for Economic Analyses (CEA) – Skopje is pleased to invite you to participate on the closing project event themed *"Tax behavior insights for improved tax compliance and responsibility"*, on the 15th of December 2021 in Hotel Double Tree Hilton Skopje or online through the Zoom platform.

The goal of this hybrid (virtual and physical presence) event is to provide empirical and policy insights on the tax responsibility through enhanced tax compliance and tax behavior outcomes, seen through the pilot experiences in North Macedonia and the international experiences.

The event envisages sessions that will present and discuss the challenges the local governments in local tax collection, international experiences in the tax morale and the tax behavior, the effects of a pilot trials of influencing tax behaviors in North Macedonia on a local level and internationally, as well as discuss the citizen engagement as a driver of tax morale.

The event is part of the EU co-funded project, *Tax responsibility Project – Towards civic responsibility and responsible tax*, implemented by CEA. The project aimed to contribute to the promotion of tax responsibility, adapted to the context of the North Macedonia, both enhancing civic tax responsibility but also through the promotion of accountability of governments.

The conference is open, however all participants, either with physical or virtual presence are required to *register* in advance for form of presence on the link <u>https://forms.gle/uiw7BG36U2rU4yCd7</u>

We look forward to your participation.

Organizer,

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DRAFT AGENDA (Hybrid meeting)

11.00-11.30 Registration of participants and connection testing

- 11.30-11.50 **Opening session**
 - Session moderator and presenter: NIKOLOV Marjan, President of CEA
 - JAANMAT Freek, Head Operations I (economic development, rule of law, public administration) at DEU Skopje
 - o TRAJKOVSKI Goran, Mayor of Delchevo
- 11.50-12.20 Session 2: The Tale of 4 Cities Challenges in local tax collection
 - Session moderator and presenter: GARVANLIEVA ANDONOVA Vesna, Senior Economist, CEA
 - o KARAKASHOV Ljupco, Pehcevo Municipality
 - STOJMENOVSKI Toni, Delchevo Municipality
 - o ANGELOVSKA Valentina, Kriva Palanka Municipality
 - JOSIFOVSKA Olivera, Gostivar Municipality

12.20-13.10 Session 3: Tax morale and tax behavior: International experiences

- Session moderator and presenter: NIKOLOV Marjan, President of CEA
- KARVER Jonathan Research Analyst & LUCCHETI Leonardo, Senior Economist World Bank
- **MADZAREVIC-SUJSTER Sanja**, Senior Economist for WB, World Bank
- GLIGOROV Zoran, Assistant Head of Public Revenues and Tax and Customs Policy Department Ministry of Finance
- MIHAJLOVSKI Marjan, Head of Sector for International Cooperation, PRO (TBC)
- 13.10-13.30 Coffee break
- 13.30-14.00 Session 4: Tax compliance and citizen engagement
 - Session moderator and presenters: DIMOVSKA Gabriela, & PETROVSKA Ana Marija, Senior Economists at CEA
 - KARAKASHOV Ljupco, Pehcevo Municipality
 - o STOJMENOVSKI Toni, Delchevo Municipality
 - o ANGELOVSKA Valentina, Kriva Palanka Municipality
 - Gostivar Municipality (TBD)



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14.00-14.30 Session 5: Tax morale and tax behavior experimental methods: Experiences

- Session moderator: **PETROVSKA Ana Marija**, *Senior Economist at CEA*
- Experience in tax behavior: property tax in North Macedonia, GARVANLIEVA ANDONOVA Vesna, Senior Economist, CEA
- Experience in harnessing behavior among individuals and firms, Albania, Kosovo, Poland, KARVER Jonathan Research Analyst, LUCCHETI Leonardo, Senior Economist World Bank
- 14.30-14.45 **Questions and closing remarks:** Opportunities for behavioral interventions for enhanced tax compliance
- 14.45-15.30 Cocktail reception

Important notes:

Interpretation available: from MK to ENG and from ENG to MK

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The physical event is organized in accordance with the safety protocols for COVID-19, which includes mandatory possession of a certificate for immunization for COVID-19 or confirmation for recovery (up to 45 days from recovery), wearing of protective masks, and temperature check of participants when entering the venue, disinfecting hands and maintaining a physical distance



