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“Quality of Living” Survey (Mercer)

SKOPJE

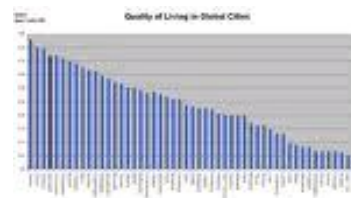
Rank: 152 out of 221 cities in the world

The capital of Republic of Macedonia, Skopje is ranked 152nd on the Mercer Human Resource’s annual “Quality of Living” survey, ranking the quality of life in 221 cities around the world.

The poll showed that Vienna topped the 2010 Quality of Living Survey. On second and third places are Zurich and Geneva, while tied up in fourth place are Vancouver and Auckland.

From the cities in the region, Ljubljana has best ranking, namely it's placed on the 77 rank, Zagreb 102, Bucharest 107, Sofia 111, Belgrade 136. Sarajevo 157 and Tirana 173 are placed behind Skopje.

The survey used New York as base city, which was given an index score of 100. Vienna topped the list because of its 108.6 score, while cellar dweller was Baghdad, which scored 14.7 percent.



Governments and multinational firms use Mercer’s Quality of Living yearly index to help determine a just compensation scheme for its employees who are given overseas assignment.

Mercer also had a ranking system of cities in terms of ecological criteria, which includes water availability and drink ability, waste removal, quality of sewage systems, air pollution and traffic congestion.