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### The Global Information Technology Report 2009-2010

The OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs, Skopje announces the newest research published by the World economic forum – The Global Information Technology Report 2009-2010.

The Report assesses the extent to which 133 economies leverage information and communication technologies for increased growth and development. This year, the Report highlights the key role of ICT as an enabler of a more economically, environmentally and socially sustainable world in the aftermath of one of the most serious economic crises in decades.

**Sweden** tops the Networked Readiness Index (NRI)'s rankings as the most networked economy in the world. A runner-up in the last three editions, the country overtakes Denmark as the world's best performer for the first time since the NRI's inception. The other Nordic countries also continue to optimally leverage ICT in their competitiveness strategy, with **Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Iceland** at 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> place, respectively. Among the top 10, **Singapore** leads Asia and the world in networked readiness, climbing two positions to 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by Denmark, **Switzerland** (4<sup>th</sup>), and the **United States** (5<sup>th</sup>).

Europe remains one of the most networked regions of the world, with 12 economies ranked among the top 20 best performers, as follows: the Nordic countries mentioned above, the **Netherlands** (9<sup>th</sup>), the **United Kingdom** (13<sup>th</sup>), **Germany** (14<sup>th</sup>), **Luxembourg** (17<sup>th</sup>), **France** (18<sup>th</sup>), and Austria (20<sup>th</sup>). Five other economies from the Asia and Pacific region besides Singapore place in the top 20 this year: **Hong Kong** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Taiwan** (11<sup>th</sup>), **Korea** (15<sup>th</sup>), **Australia** (16<sup>th</sup>), and **New Zealand** (19<sup>th</sup>).

With regard to the largest Asian emerging markets, **China** and **India** continue their progression in the NRI rankings, leapfrogging another 9 and 11 places, to 37<sup>th</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup>, respectively.

Republic of Macedonia is on the 73<sup>rd</sup> place, and it made small progress in comparison to the 2008-2009 index when it was placed on the 79<sup>th</sup> place, and on the 83<sup>rd</sup> place in the 2007-2008 index. From the countries in the region Slovenia is ranked on the highest position namely, on the 31<sup>st</sup> place, Montenegro 42<sup>nd</sup>, Croatia 51<sup>st</sup>, Greece 56<sup>th</sup>, Romania on the 59<sup>th</sup>, Bulgaria on the 71<sup>st</sup>. Only Serbia 84, Albania 95 and Bosnia and Herzegovina 110 are ranked after Republic of Macedonia.



Republic of Macedonia has 3.64 score. Regarding the Environment component, the Republic of Macedonia is on the 77th place. Moreover, according to the Market environment, RM takes the 83rd place, and according to the Political and regulatory environment, it is on the 87th place. Regarding the Infrastructure environment, the Republic of Macedonia is on the 65th place and on the 75th place regarding the Readiness component. Furthermore, according to the Individual readiness, the Republic of Macedonia is on the 86th place, on the 82nd place according to the Business readiness and according to the Government readiness, Macedonia is on the 59th place. Regarding the Usage component, RM is on the 65th place, whereas the Individual usage puts it on the 44th place, the Business usage puts it on the 125th place, and the Government usage puts it on the 66th place.

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