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| Country: | The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| Title: | Underrepresentation of women in the new Governmental Cabinet |
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| <u>Context</u> | |
| Issue at stake: | Political representation of women |
| Ground of discrimination: | Sex |
| Source: | Policy development |
| Field: | Other; political representation |

Content

Policy development: On 31 May 2017, in accordance with the Constitutional deadlines, the Macedonian Parliament elected a new Governmental Cabinet. Out of the 26 members of the Cabinet, only four are female, which is exactly 15%. Three of the four are Social Democrats (SDSM), while one is a member of a minor coalition partner. None of the two ethnic Albanian political parties participating in the Cabinet proposed female candidates for a ministerial position.

However, for the first time a female minister was elected to lead the Ministry of Defence, which is considered an important post bearing the responsibility to defend the country's sovereignty.

Key points of analysis: The electoral Law obligates parliament to have one third female representation. This obligation was respected during the early Parliamentary Elections on 10 December 2016. However, there is no such obligation concerning the Governmental Cabinet. Still, the percentage of women in the new Cabinet has doubled compared to the previous one.

Internet source:

New Cabinet of the Government <http://vlada.mk/?q=node/12802&language=mk>
Election of the Government
<http://www.sobranie.mk/sessiondetails.nspx?sessionDetailsId=59679564-147b-4f50-b8fa-570e972be26d>