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NEWS REPORT

Country:	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Title:	Underrepresentation of women in new Governing Bodies
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Update of news report:	FYR Macedonia - Underrepresentation of women in the new Governmental Cabinet (PDF 131 kB)
Context	
Issue at stake:	Representation of women on steering boards
Ground of discrimination:	Sex
Source:	Policy development
Field:	Other; political representation
Applicable law:	Directive 2002/73/EC

Content

Policy development: After a certain delay due to turmoil in the Macedonian Parliament, the newly formed Macedonian governmental Cabinet (31 May 2017) appointed new heads and members of the steering boards of public institutions and enterprises. Of the 67 heads of these bodies, which are *ad interim* appointments (for the period of six months), only seven, or 10,6%, are women.

Key points of analysis: Parliament is the only area in which political representation of women is regulated, since the Electoral Law obligates one third of the candidates to be female. Hence, the Parliament remains the only area where women's representation is above a tolerable minimum threshold (i.e. 30%, which is even less than one third). Yet, although the process of appointing presidents of the parliamentary committees is not finished, at the moment only 23% of them are women. Furthermore, as stated in the previous News Report on this issue, although the percentage of women in the new Cabinet has doubled compared to the previous one, it still only reaches 15%. This means that, in comparison, the *ad interim* heads of the steering bodies of the different state bodies have the lowest percentage of women – only 10,6%.

Internet link source: Appointments of the Cabinet of the Government

<http://vlada.mk/node/13237>

Standing commissions at the Parliament <http://www.sobranie.mk/rabotni-tela-2016-2020.nspix>