

Joint UNECE/Eurostat Work Session on Statistical Data Confidentiality
(Skopje, on 20-22 September 2017)

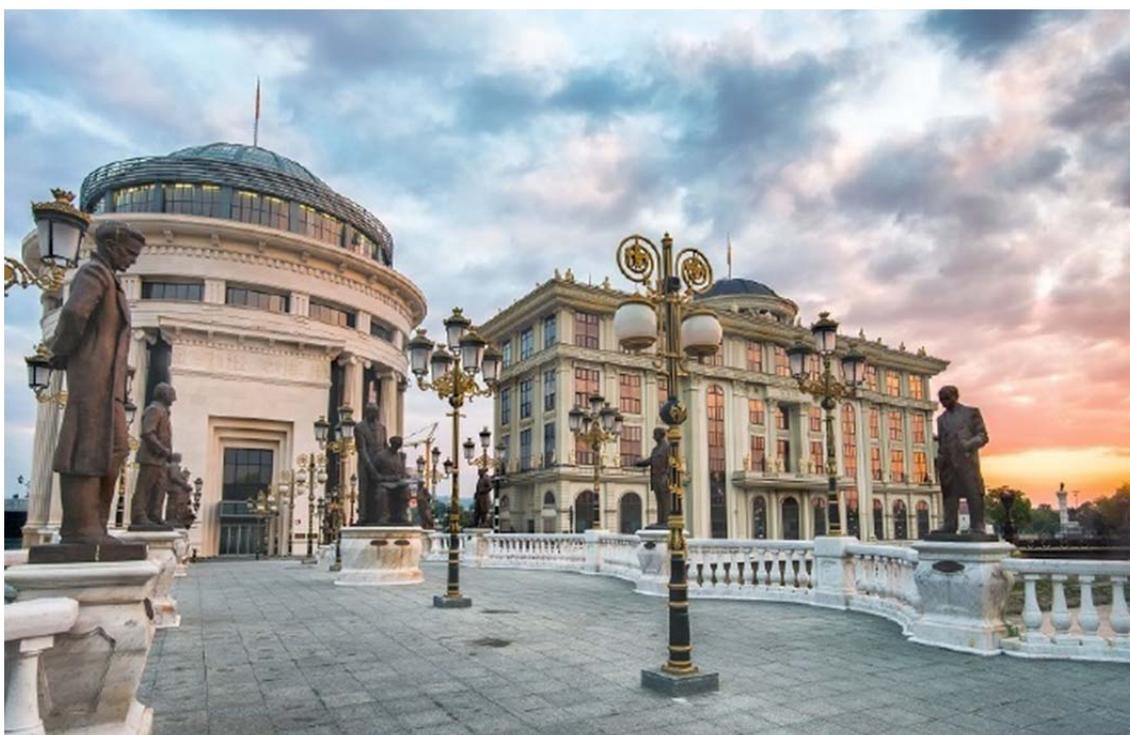
**INFORMATION NOTICE No. 2
ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

At the kind invitation of the hosts, this work session will begin at 09:00am on Wednesday 20 September and will finish by 2:00pm on Friday 22 September.

I. MEETING VENUE

1. The workshop will take place at:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Boulevard "Philip II of Macedon" Nr. 7
1000 Skopje.

Министерство За Надворешни Работи
булевар "Филип Втори Македонски" бр. 7
1000 Скопје



II. ACCOMMODATION

2. Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations, and are reminded that they are responsible for covering all related costs. However, the Appendix to this document contains a list of hotels near to the meeting venue and transport links.

III. VISAS

3. All participants attending the workshop are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa.
4. Information about visa requirements can be found on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - <http://www.mfa.gov.mk/index.php/en/>.
5. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to your nearest embassy, with a reference to the Joint UNECE/Eurostat Work Session on Statistical Data Confidentiality. If necessary, a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa can be requested from the organizers using the contact details below.

IV. GRANTS FOR PARTICIPATION

6. Whilst the UNECE Secretariat is unable to fund participation in this meeting, the UNESCO Chair in Data Privacy (<http://unescoprivacychair.urv.cat>) sponsors a limited number of travel grants for contributors and delegates from transition countries. For further information please directly contact unescoprivacychair@urv.cat (for attention of Romina Russo).

V. MEETING DOCUMENTS

7. Papers will be made available via the UNECE website at the following location: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2017.09.confidentiality.html>. Presentations will be added to this web site after the work session. Documents posted on the website before the workshop will not be distributed in the conference room. You are encouraged to save paper by reading documents on your electronic devices where feasible.
8. Those who are contributing papers and presentations to this event have been sent instructions on how to submit these documents. **Please note that for security reasons, use of USB memory sticks for transferring files at the meeting venue is strongly discouraged.**

VI. ENTERING THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING ROOM

9. Entry into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs building is located at number 7 on Boulevard “Philip II of Macedon“ (булевар “Филип Втори Македонски“). - Please refer to the map in Appendix A.
10. Only delegates who have registered online prior to the meeting will be able to enter the building. – The deadline for online registration is **by Friday 18 August 2017** at the following site: <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=RyLcA2> . (Online registration is sufficient, and it is not necessary to have a copy of the registration form.)
11. On the first day of the meeting, registration begins from 8:30, and participants are requested to arrive in good time to allow security badges and other material to be allocated to them.
12. Participants need to show their passport at the Registration Office, which is located at the main entrance of the Ministry. (EU and EFTA member states can use ID card or Driver's License.)
13. The workshop will take place in the Amphitheatre room, located on the ground floor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. - After passing through the main entrance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, walk straight 20-30 meters the entrance of the Amphitheatre is on the left side beside the elevators on the right side.



VII. ON-SITE FACILITIES

14. Toilets and the cafeteria are also located near to the meeting room (Amphitheatre), as well as a terrace for people who would like to smoke during the breaks.
15. A wireless Internet connection will be available, requiring an access code which will be supplied to participants.
16. Electrical appliances use the Europlug (depicted). Please remember to bring the necessary socket converters for your laptop computers or handheld devices, if they require them for connection.



VIII. TRANSPORT - From Skopje Airport to the city centre

17. Skopje Airport is located 23 kilometres from the city centre, where the meeting venue (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) is located.
18. Bus and taxi stands are located directly outside the Arrivals Hall at the airport.
19. A regular taxi ride to the city costs 1200 denars (which is about Euro €20). Taxi drivers accept cash only. The ride to the city is around 20 minutes.
20. A Bus Service called Vardar Ekspres operates between the Airport and the city centre. The fare is 175 denars. Tickets can be purchased either in the airport (cash or credit card) or in the bus (cash only). The ride is around 40 minutes.
21. The following websites have time schedule information:
<http://skp.airports.com.mk/default.aspx?ItemID=491>
<http://www.vardarexpress.com/index.php?id=28&L=2>
22. The last stop of the Bus Service is in front of the Hotel Holiday Inn, which is located 180 meters or 2 minute walk to the Ministry, as depicted on the map in Appendix A.

IX. TRANSPORT – Transportation in Skopje.

23. Taxis are widely available in the city, and are an inexpensive and convenient way to get around the city. City centre journeys do not usually cost more than the equivalent of 3 €, and if shared can work out cheaper than bus transport.
24. The local city transport is operated by the bus service company JSP Skopje, and requires the use of an electronic bus card called SKOPSKA. These cards can be bought in the bus for 150 denars, and is good for 2 rides throughout the city. The cards can be recharged in official locations throughout the city. One ride costs 35 denars. The card cannot be recharged in the bus, and bus drivers are only able to sell a new card when an existing card is empty. More info on the official website www.jsp.com.mk.

X. SOCIAL DINNER

25. A subscription dinner is anticipated for the evening of Thursday 21 September, which participants are welcome to attend at their own cost.

XI. GOOD TO KNOW

Currency, banks and cash withdrawals

26. The only accepted currency is the Macedonian denar. (The average exchange rate is 61.5 denars per euros, and 54.9 denars per U.S. dollar.) There are exchange offices at the airport, as well as in all hotels and also you may find many in the central area shown on the map.

27. Debit and credit cards are accepted in all hotels, and many shops and restaurants. There are also lots of ATM machines in the area as well as at the airport

XII. FURTHER INFORMATION

28. For further information, you may contact the following organisers via email or phone:

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Appendix A

Nearby hotels

The following hotels are within 10 minutes' walking distance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Airport Shuttle Bus Stop.

Holiday Inn

- Located besides the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, just 2 minute walk over the bridge
- The airport bus stop is located in front of the hotel
- <https://www.holidayinn.com/Skopje>
- Prices start from € 110 per night
- Address: Philip II of Macedon No.2, 1000 Skopje

Marriott Hotel

- Located on the main city square - Macedonia, 700 meters from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or just 7 minute walk
- Prices start from € 105 per night
- <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/skpmc-skopje>
- Address: Macedonia 7, 1000 Skopje

Best Western Hotel Tourist

- Located on the city centre, 300 meters from the city square and 1 km from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or just 10 minute walk
- Prices start from € 45 per night
- https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US.html
- Address: Gjuro Stugar 11, 1000 Skopje

Hotel Solun

- Located near main city square - Macedonia, 800 meters from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or just 9 minute walk
- Prices start from € 70 per night
- <http://www.hotelsolun.com/>
- Address: Nikola Vapcarov 10, 1000 Skopje

Hotel Stone Bridge

- Located in the centre on the quay by the river Vardar, just 300 meters behind the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or just 4 minute walk

- Prices start from € 79 per night
- <http://www.stonebridge-hotel.com/>
- Address: Dimitar Vlahov quay 1, 1000 Skopje

Alexander Square

- Located on the main city square - Macedonia, 750 meters from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or just 7 minute walk
- Prices start from € 35 per night
- <http://www.hotelsquare.com.mk/>
- Address: Nikola Vapcarov 13a, 1000 Skopje

Hotel Elsa

- Located on the city centre, 400 meters from the city square and 1 km from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or just 11 minute walk
- Prices start from € 50 per night
- <http://www.elsahotels.com/>
- Address: Luj Paster 21, 1000 Skopje

Opera House Hotel

- Located near the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, just 300 meters or just 4 minute walk
- Prices start from € 77 per night
- <http://www.operahousehotel.mk/>
- Address: 1737 24, 1000 Skopje

Ibis Hotel

- Located on the main city square - Macedonia, 750 meters from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or just 7 minute walk
- Prices start from € 68 per night
- <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-9672-ibis-skopje-city-center/index.shtml>
- Address: Orce Nikolov 55, 1000 Skopje

