

ORGANIZING CIVIL SOCIETY FOR REFORMS: The Blueprint document

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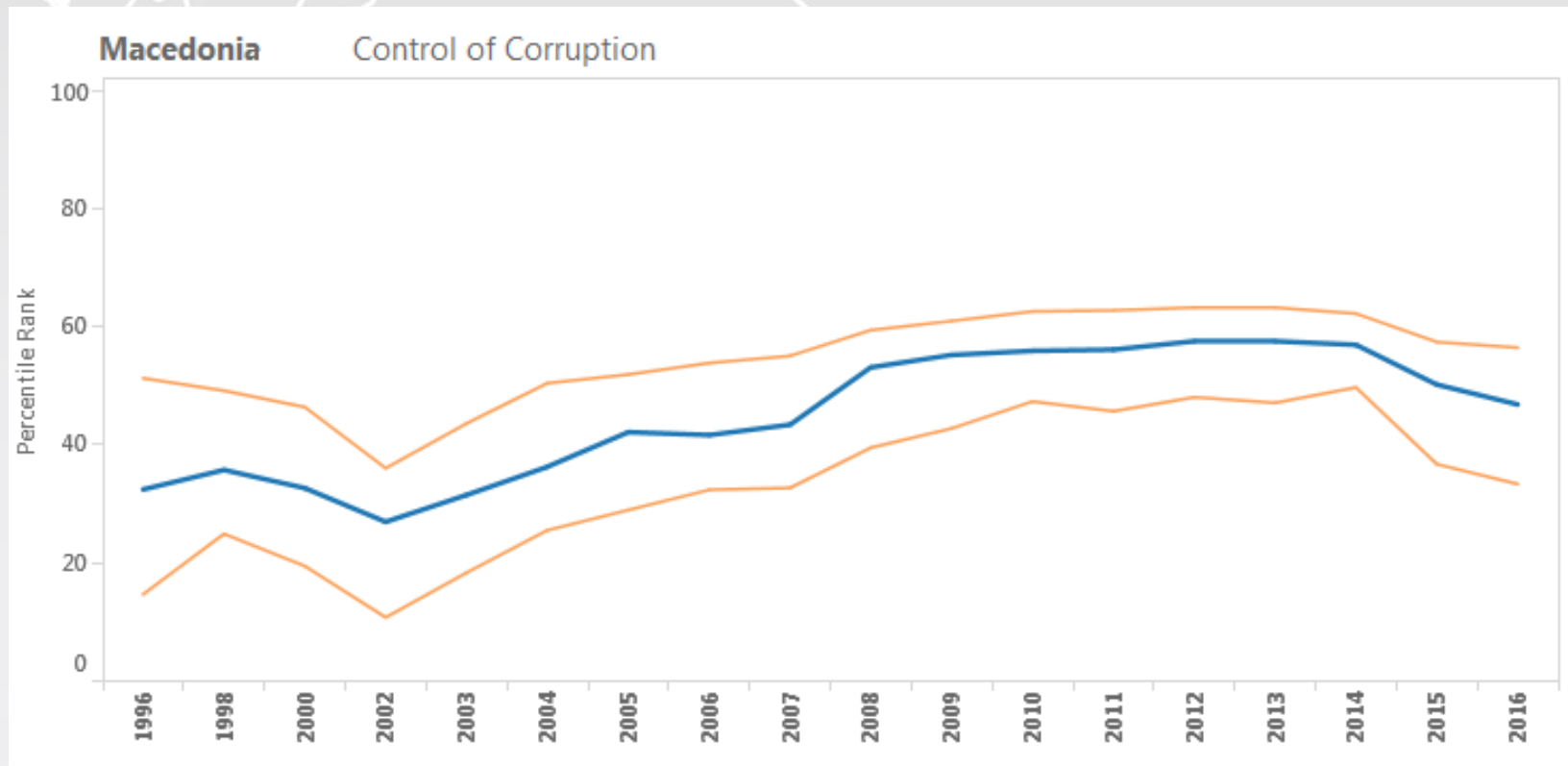


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Context

- Widespread administrative corruption ~ 30% had experience with some form of bribery (SELDI, CMS, 2016)
- Wiretapping scandal reveals massive corruption
- EC calling the situation 'state capture' in 2016 country report



Context

- Senior Expert group was sent in 2015 to assess the situation -> 'Priebe report' or Urgent Reform Priorities
- Priebe Report - No significant addition to previous recommendations, but a significant opportunity to condition reforms

Blueprint document for democratic reforms

- In 2016, a group of NGOs with expertise in different areas gathered with a task to OPERATIONALIZE the Priebe report
- Assumption: Expert government until elections
- What did we do? We organized what was previously said and debated in CSO community into a single text

Blueprint document for democratic reforms

- After the publication of a draft, an ongoing process of consultation with other CSOs, experts and political parties was initiated.
- In the summer of 2017, a second version was produced, in order to reflect on the previous period and the new political context.
- However, the main issues remained (especially in the area of anti-corruption).

Blueprint document for democratic reforms

- How we imagined the enforcement – a governmental ad-hoc body, led by the PM is responsible for ensuring the reforms are implemented
- This body includes institutions and civil society
- Parliamentary commissions hold monthly sessions about the progress of the reforms

The Anticorruption provisions

- 2 major goals: increasing integrity and reduce clientelism
- 21 steps in 12 months to increase integrity
- 23 steps in 12 months to reduce clientelism
- Sounds bold, but we were realists 😊
- Areas: CRAs, active transparency, redefinition of SCPC, public procurement, open data, WB...



What happened?

- The government started a 3-6-9 action plan that is supposedly also based on the Blueprint
- There is an active process of consultations
- However...
- We cannot see the big picture of the 3-6-9 plan and sounds like cherry-picking
- No body that includes CSOs in internal monitoring of the reforms

- Thank you