

This is the first edition of the Address Book of Religious Communities in Macedonia. Macedonian Centre for International Cooperation (MCIC) maintains and extends the positive experience with the Address Book of the Civic Organizations in Macedonia (seven editions, the last one in 2003) and the Address Book of the Local Selfgovernment Units in Macedonia (2002).

The Address Book is aimed at increasing the information fund as regards the churches, religious communities, and religious groups in Macedonia, not only amongst themselves, but also amongst the general public. It coincides with one of the goals of the Bridging religions in Macedonia programme (PRM), within the framework of which the publishing of this Address Book is realized.

The Address Book covers 23, out of 25 religious communities, registered with the Commission for Relations with the Religious Communities, under the Law on religious communities and religious groups (Official Gazette 37/1997-1426). Taking into consideration that one of the two religious communities, not included in this catalog, has not updated the data since the initial registration, and the other one seeks reregistration in order to get status of citizens' association, we may say that the Address Book has provided complete coverage.

The Address Book contains basic information for the religious communities (contact information, clerical titles, type and number of religous objects, religous ceremonies, religious Educational institutions:, publishing activity), as well as photos depicting the seat and the principle religious objects.

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