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## MACEDONIA

FREE ZONES,  
TECHNOLOGICAL INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT ZONES



WORLD FREE ZONES  
ORGANIZATION

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Official Terms for Free Zones

Technological Industrial Development  
Zones

Year of promulgation of the first text  
of law concerning the Free Zones

2008

Exact number of Free Zones

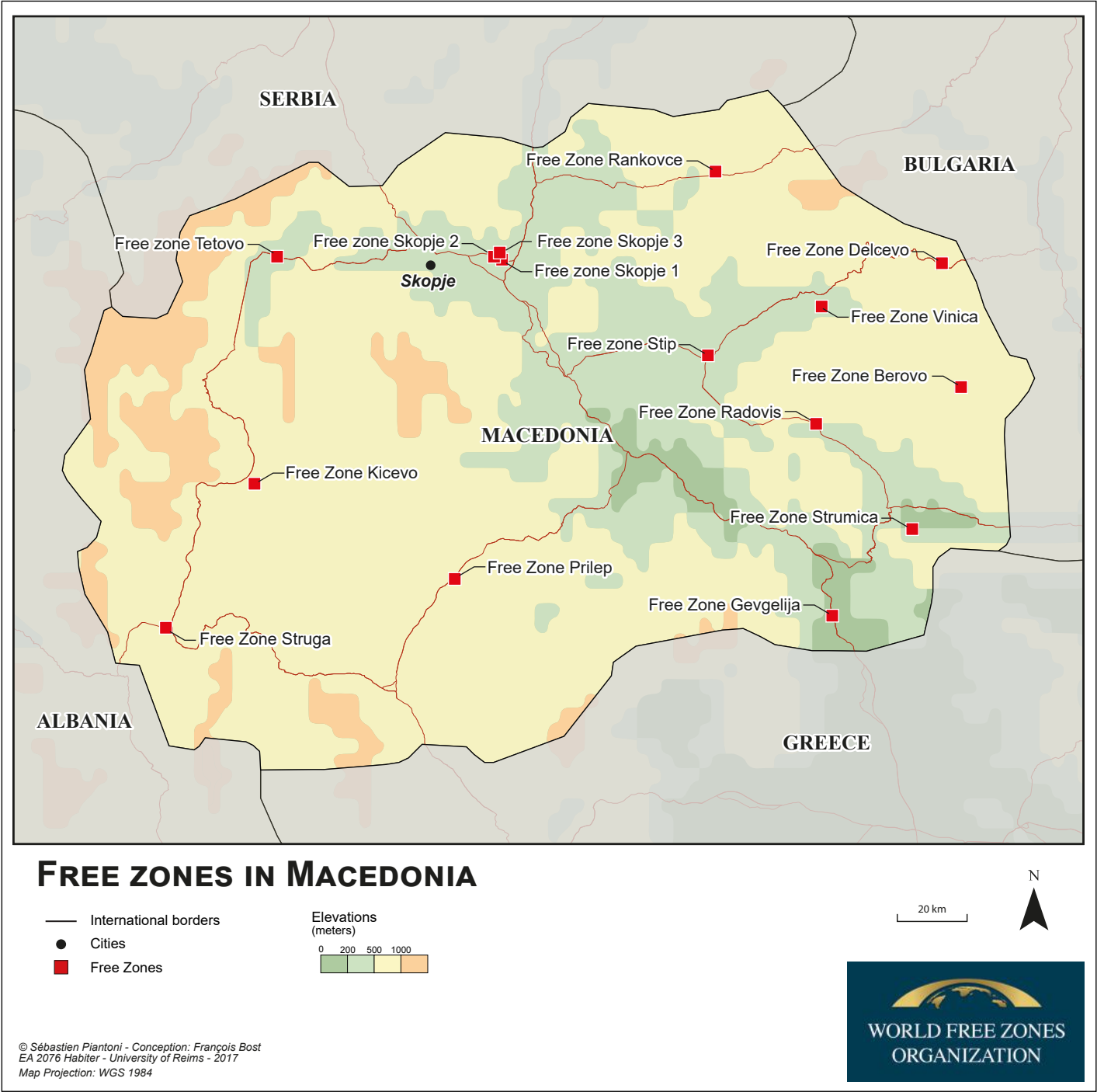
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Possibility to be established as  
Free Points

No

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# FREE ZONES

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Official definition

"The Technological Industrial Development Zone is a free zone in terms of the customs and tax laws. The Technological Industrial Development Zone (TIDZ) is part of the customs area of the territory of the Republic of Macedonia, separated from the remaining part of the customs area, being a separately fenced and marked area representing a functional entity in which activities are performed under the terms and conditions prescribed by the Free Zones Law and other applicable laws in which the customs and tax incentives determined by the Free Zones Law and other laws apply. The Technological Industrial Development Zone is established with the aim of developing highly propulsive and modern technologies by introducing economically profitable production and efficient utilization of the resources by applying the highest environmental standards."

"The Technological Industrial Development Zones, or free zones, have been established to host high-tech clean industry production that is export-oriented. Detailed information regarding permissible activities in the free zones is stipulated in Article 35 Paragraph 1 in the Free Zones Law that is available on our website."

<http://www.dtirz.com/faq/?q=1#1>

<b>Number of free zones</b>	15
<b>Number of active companies in Free Zones</b>	No information
<b>Main sectors of activity</b>	Automotive, textile, manufacturing facility for homeopathic pharmaceuticals, cereals, herbs and vitamins and minerals, etc.
<b>Total job numbers</b>	No information
<b>Distribution of investors</b>	USA, Italy, Russia, etc.
<b>Exports and sales</b>	No information
<b>Free zones contribution to the national economy</b>	No information
<b>Corporate Tax and Incentives</b>	<p>Investors in TIDZs are entitled to personal and corporate income tax exemption for the first 10 years. Investors are exempt from payment of value added tax and customs duties for goods, raw materials, equipment and machines. Moreover, up to €500.000 can be granted as incentive towards building costs depending on the value of the investment and the number of employees. Land in a TIDZ in Macedonia is available under long-term lease for a period of up to 99 years.</p> <p>Other benefits include completed infrastructure that enables free connection to natural gas, water, electricity and access to a main international road network. Investors are also exempt from paying a fee for preparation of the construction site. Fast procedures for business activity registration are provided in TIDZ that further reduce the costs of setting up.</p> <p>The tax exemptions and incentives available in the TIDZ include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Corporate income tax exemption for a period of up to ten years from the day of commencement of activities in the TIDZ. In order to fully utilise this tax exemption, the investor should start with the business activities no longer than two years after obtaining the official decision for work commencement in the TIDZ;</li> <li>2. Personal income tax exemption on salary payments for a period of up to ten years as of the moment the investor commences its business activities in the TIDZ i.e. as of the month of first salary payment to the employees;</li> </ol>

	<p>3.VAT exemption on the sales of goods and services within the TIDZ, excluding the sales of goods and services considered as final consumption under the VAT law;</p> <p>4.VAT exemption on the import of goods into the TIDZ intended for export, excluding the goods intended for final consumption as per the provisions in the VAT Law.</p> <p>5.Exemption from taxes and other duties related to the utilization of construction land, connections to water, sewerage, heating, gas and the power supply networks.</p>
<b>Free Zone law</b>	<p>Law on Technological Industrial Development Zones</p> <p><a href="http://dtirz.com/media/1044/ltidz-unofficial-consolidated-text-17-07-2014.pdf">http://dtirz.com/media/1044/ltidz-unofficial-consolidated-text-17-07-2014.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.dtirz.com/media/1190/law-in-tidz-eng.pdf">http://www.dtirz.com/media/1190/law-in-tidz-eng.pdf</a></p>

## LIST OF OPERATING FREE ZONES

Name	Location	Surface area	Contacts	Observations
Free zone Skopje 1	Ilinden municipality. 10 km east of the capital Skopje, on the crossroads of Corridors 8 and 10. 5 km, Alexander the Great International Airport - Skopje	140 ha.	Mrs.Margarita Jovcova, Head of Department TIRZ Skopje 1, 1041 Ilinden Tel.:+389 2 255 20 00 +389 2 255 20 01 Email: <a href="mailto:margarita.vch-kov@fez.gov">margarita.vch-kov@fez.gov</a>	100% State-owned.  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-skopje-1/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-skopje-1/</a>
Free zone Skopje 2	Free zone Skopje 2 is located immediately next to TIDZ Skopje 1, on the crossroad of the Corridors 8 and 10, 4.6 km away from E-75 Highway. Alexander the Great International Airport is 6 km away from the Free zone Skopje 2.	96,75 ha.	Mrs.Margarita Jovcova, Head of Department TIRZ Skopje 1, 1041 Ilinden Tel.:+389 2 255 20 00 +389 2 255 20 01 Email: <a href="mailto:margarita.vch-kov@fez.gov">margarita.vch-kov@fez.gov</a>	100% State-owned.  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-skopje-2/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-skopje-2/</a>
Free zone Skopje 3	10 km east of the capital Skopje, on the crossroad of the Corridors 8 and 10. Alexander the Great International Airport is 5 km away from the Skopje 3 free zone	43.84 ha.	Mrs.Margarita Jovcova, Head of Department TIRZ Skopje 1, 1041 Ilinden Tel.:+389 2 255 20 00 +389 2 255 20 01 Email: <a href="mailto:margarita.vch-kov@fez.gov">margarita.vch-kov@fez.gov</a>	100% State-owned.  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-skopje-3/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-skopje-3/</a>

Free zone Stip	North-West from Stip, on it's entrance from Skopje direction, nearby the Free zone of Stip. The national rail station is 2.5 km away from the free zone, and the nearest international airport, Alexander the Great in Skopje, is 75 km away. The nearest seaport is in Thessaloniki, Greece, 225 km away from the zone.	206.43 ha.	Slavjanka Stojanovska TIRZ Stip, 2000 Stip Tel: +389 (0)32 385 377 E-mail: <a href="mailto:slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk">slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk</a>	Ownership 100% State. 100% State  Municipality of Stip counts around 50,000 citizens and it is the largest center of textile industry in the region.  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-stip/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-stip/</a>
Free zone Tetovo	35 km away from the capital Skopje, on the E-65 highway, 3 km east of the city of Tetovo.	94.74 ha.	Viktor Mizo, Chief Executive Officer Partizanski odredi 2 Blvd., P.O.Box 311, 1000 Skopje Tel.: +389 2 311 11 66 E-mail: <a href="mailto:viktor.mizo@fez.gov.mk">viktor.mizo@fez.gov.mk</a> <a href="mailto:info@fez.gov.mk">info@fez.gov.mk</a>	The Free Zones Authority and Normak Investment Group, a privately owned company, signed a Public Private Partnership agreement, stipulating that Normak Investment Group is the founder of the free zone and responsible for its development and operation. <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-tetovo/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-tetovo/</a>
Free Zone Struga	Located in the village of Mislehevo, 4.5 km from the city of Struga towards the city of Ohrid.	30.01 ha.	Margarita Jovevska V'ckov, Head of Department <a href="mailto:margarita.vchkov@fez.gov">margarita.vchkov@fez.gov</a>	The settlements that surround the Struga free zone have a total population of over 161,000 inhabitants. The Free zone has direct access to the Pan-European Corridor 8 project.  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-struga/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-struga/</a>
Free Zone Prilep	Located in the Alinci locality, south of the city of Prilep. Between Prilep and Bitola (4th and 2nd largest city).	67,5 ha. The surface area of the zone can be expanded an additional 35.71 ha.	Slavjanka Stojanovska, Head of Department  <a href="mailto:slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk">slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk</a>	100% State-owned. The settlements that surround the Prilep free zone have a total population of approximately 260,000 inhabitants.  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-prilep/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-prilep/</a>

Free Zone Gevgelija	Southwest of the town of Perdejci, on the right side of the Skopje-Gevgelija highway. 85 km from the port of Thessaloniki	50.25 ha	Slavjanka Stojanovska, Head of Department E-mail: <a href="mailto:slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk">slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk</a>	The Gevgelija free zone is situated near the border crossing point Bogorodica towards Greece and has direct road connections to Thessaloniki Port. The settlements that surround the Gevgelija free zone have a total population of approximately 67,000 inhabitants. <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-gevgelija/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-gevgelija/</a>
Free Zone Kicevo	Located southeast of the town of Kicevo.	Approximately 1.2 kilometers, with section 1 covering an area of 13.5 hectares and section 2 an area of 16.06 hectares. The total coverage area is 29.56 ha.	Margarita Jovevska V'ckov, Head of Department <a href="mailto:margarita.vchkov@fez.gov">margarita.vchkov@fez.gov</a>	The settlements that surround the Kicevo free zone have a total population of over 77,000 inhabitants. <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-kicevo/">www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-kicevo/</a>
Free Zone Strumica	Located 7 kilometers east of the town of Strumica, specifically to the south of the regional road which connects Kuklish – Bansko – Novo Konjarevo.	24.77 ha	Slavjanka Stojanovska, Head of Department <a href="mailto:slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk">slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk</a>	The settlements that surround the Strumica free zone have a total population of approximately 85,000 inhabitants. <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-strumica/">www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-strumica/</a>
Free Zone Rankovce	Located near the border crossing Deve Bair towards Bulgaria and has a direct road connection with the planned motorway on Corridor 8 (section Kumanovo-Kriva Palanka) and the planned railway Corridor 8.	40,2 ha	Margarita Jovevska V'ckov, Head of Department <a href="mailto:margarita.vchkov@fez.gov">margarita.vchkov@fez.gov</a>	The settlements that surround the Rankovce free zone have a total population of over 176,000 inhabitants.

Free Zone Radovis	Located at the entrance of the city of Radovis.	9.75 ha.	Slavjanka Stojanovska, Head of Department <a href="mailto:slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk">slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk</a>  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-radovis/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-radovis/</a>	The settlements that surround the Radovish free zone have a total population of over 45,000 inhabitants.
Free Zone Berovo	Located near the city of Berovo, on the regional road connecting Berovo and Dabile.	17.38 ha.	Slavjanka Stojanovska, Head of Department <a href="mailto:slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk">slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk</a>  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-berovo/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-berovo/</a>	100% State-owned. The settlements that surround the Berovo free zone have a total population of over 18,000 inhabitants.
Free Zone Delchevo	Located northeast of the city of Delchevo.	20.83 ha.	Slavjanka Stojanovska, Head of Department <a href="mailto:slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk">slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk</a>  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-delchevo/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-delchevo/</a>	The settlements that surround the Delchevo free zone have a total population of over 24,000 inhabitants.
Free Zone Vinica	Located 4.5 km from the city of Vinica to the city of Ohrid, specifically on the west side of the planned highway that connects Stip and Delchevo.	21.04 ha.	Slavjanka Stojanovska, Head of Department <a href="mailto:slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk">slavjanka.stojanovska@fez.gov.mk</a>  <a href="http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-vinica/">http://www.dtirz.com/zones/free-zone-vinica/</a>	The settlements that surround the Vinica free zone have a total population of over 83,000 inhabitants.

Sources:

<http://www.dtirz.com/zones/zones-overview/>  
and others

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- <http://www.investinmacedonia.com/images/resources/Doing%20Business%202016.pdf>
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