

# Economic and Social Council

History of the legal and institutional framework

- Dates back from 1996
- Agreement on the establishing of an economic and social council signed on 30.12.1996 between the Government, Federation of Trade Unions of Macedonia and the Economic Chamber of Macedonia
- Total of 32 sessions held till 2010

## Article 1 of 1996 Agreement:

“The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, the Association of Trade Unions of Macedonia and the Economic Chamber of Macedonia, with a propose of achieving the basic principles of a democratic and social state, as in the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia, as well as providing social justice, a well balanced development of the societal processes, promotion of social dialogue, a tripartite approach and the enforcement of international conventions and recommendations, establish an Economic and Social Council”.

- In 2005 with the new Law on labour relations for the first time establishes a legal framework
- **Article 246 of LRL** „The Economic and Social Council shall be established for the purpose of defining and performing coordinated activities in order to protect and promote the economic and social rights and/or employees’ and employers’ interests, to carry out coordinated economic, development and social policy, to stimulate social dialog and to conclude and implement collective agreements and to comply them with the measures of economic, social and development policy.“

- The Law on labour relations 2005 introduced the category of the representativeness of TUs and EOs
- On 25.08.2010 following the legal framework, a new Agreement on establishing of ESC was signed between the Government, the Federation of Trade Unions of Macedonia, the Macedonian Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the Organization of Employers of Macedonia
- Since 1996, a total number of 70 sessions