



***The Republic of Macedonia and  
Regional Cooperation in the  
Western Balkan –  
From an "equidistance" policy  
to cooperation promoter?***

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# DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Interest of the Global Actors
2. Macedonian approach to Regional Cooperation
3. Republic of Macedonia and Euro-Atlantic Integration
4. Way Out

# Republic of Macedonia and International Community – Security Consumer 1992 -2002

## ☀ UN:

- UNPROFOR (preventive deployment)
- UNPREDEP (preventive deployment)

## ☀ NATO:

- “Essential Harvest” (collection of weapons and demobilization of NLA)
- “Amber Fox” (protection of observers of OSCE and EU)
- “Allied Harmony” (minimizing the risks of destabilization)

## ☀ EU:

- EUFOR Concordia – (contribute to a stable, secure environment)

# Republic of Macedonia and International Community – Security Producer – 2002 -2013

## ☀ NATO:

- ISAF (as of August 2002)

## ☀ US leading “Coalition of willing”

- Iraqi Freedom (June 2003 – December 2008)

## ☀ EU:

- ALTHEA (as of May July 2006)

## ☀ UN:

- UNIFIL (as of May 2007)

# ***The Republic of Macedonia and Regional Cooperation in the Western Balkan***

- ★ "Equidistance" policy , 1992 -1998***
- ★ Openness for cooperation, 1998-2002***
- ★ A cooperation promoter, 2002-2013?***

# Republic of Macedonia and Euro-Atlantic Integrations

## ☀ NATO

- ☀ PfP, 1995
- ☀ MAP, 1999
- ☀ Bucharest Summit, 2008

## ☀ EU

- ☀ SAP, 2001
- ☀ Candidate status, 2005
- ☀ Recommendation for opening negotiations, 2009

# Way Out

- ✦ Compromise with Greece?
- ✦ Status quo, how long?
- ✦ New Strategic Direction?