

Day 2

Challenges when working with Parliaments

PARLIAMENT Support | Lilia

IN MACEDONIA

1. What is SDC's objective?
2. What are the political challenges in Mak?
3. Is SDC's strategy an adequate response?
4. What could we do differently to remain effective?
5. What are risks for Switzerland?

How to better ensure civil society engagement?

How to ensure knowledge transfer when new MPs come in?

How to address behavior? Only through dialogue?

1 OBJECTIVES

- ↳ Enhance performance ↗ Administration
↳ Improved functions (Legislative, oversight) ↘ MPs

↳ Civic Education (voter education)

Outputs / Indicator

- Research Center → Evidenced Based Policy Making
- Tracking Mechanism → Impact of Oversight
- Constituency offices
- Establish a parliament TV - Increase awareness
Citizen education
- Public consultations

2- Boycot → Opposition out of parliament

→ Local elections in June 2019

→ EU membership / Opening of Negotiations

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Decision
June 2019

Mediation Role ???

→ the project has not
officially started

~~Q~~ Question!

- Project has not started
- Tense Political Situation

Q: What should the Role of SE be ↗ at technical level
↳ at diplomatic level

1. TRANSPARENCY, BETTER OVERSIGHT, OUTREACH, REPRESENTATION → IMPROVED PERFORMANCE AND DEMOCRATIC CULTURE OF PARLIAMENT

2. WEAK POSITION OF PARLIAMENT VIS-À-VIS EXECUTIVE.
 - POWER CONCENTRATION (2/3 RULING PARTY CONTROLLED)
 - IMMATURE PARLIAMENTARY CULTURE
 - ONE CONSTITUENCY (~~THE~~) 1/2 MPs FROM Bg

3. REVIEW WILL TELL
 - CONTEXT ^{WAS} CHANGED
 - INVOLVEMENT OF EMBASSY-POLICY

4. ←
 - CHANGE MANAGEMENT TO BE BETTER
INT. → PER

5. RISK OF WORKING THROUGH IMPLEMENTER
 - INSTRUMENTALISATION
 - NOT RESPONDING FAST ENOUGH TO POLITICAL CHANGES, CAN WE RELY ONLY ON UNDP?