

## DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL OF MACEDONIA

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#### **B. Parliamentary group**

#### **Members of the national parliament : 2**

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#### **C. Current government**

##### **National Government:**

DOM is part of the Governmental coalition led by social-democrats, after the parliamentary elections in December 2016. The Parliament was blocked by the opposition for almost 6 months and is working with blockades all the time until now. This is a reason why some institutional positions are still not completed, like the position of state secretary for environment, set up for DOM, that is still in a process.

##### **Local Governments:**

Preparing for Local Election 2017, that will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> of October, in the coalition with social-democrats, with 25 candidates, 20 of which winnable.

#### **D. Recent Organizational Data**

Latest Congress	December, 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2014
Next Congress	2018
Membership: September, 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	5802 (five thousand eight hundred twenty three)

#### **E. Party profile**

DOM acts as the only green party on the political scene. It was established in January 2006, brought the Green Manifesto in February 2008, became candidate member of the European Green Party in November 2015.

DOM is active locally with 38 local branches, thematic committees, Women's Forum and Youth organization. Women's Forum and Youth organization have their own accounts and budgets. DOM is partner with a number of NGOs and associations and cooperates and campaign on common issues.

##### **Pillars of the party programme**

**Democracy, antidiscrimination and social justice**, with equal opportunities for all - men, women, children, LGBTI, persons with disabilities, marginalized groups.

**Environmental protection**, combating climate changes, protection of biodiversity, sustainable urban development.

**Green economy and green jobs** with renewable energy, energetic efficiency, organic food, eco-tourism, waste management.

**Respect for diversity** and building a concept of inclusive multicultural society.

**Education** in all stages, stimulating science and technology.

**Non-violence and international cooperation**, with peaceful policy and dialogue within the country and with other countries in the region and Europe.

### **Short History**

DOM - Democratic Renewal of Macedonia (Демократска обнова на Македонија) was established in January 2006. At the parliamentary elections in 2006 performs independently and won 1 (one) seat in the Parliament. Then enters the Government, where participates with Deputy Minister of Environment. In the period to 2008 the party is particularly active in establishing policies and legislation relating to environment and tourism, initiating the Agency for Promotion and Support of Tourism and giving priority to environmental protection.

In 2008 DOM announces Green Manifesto as a framework for green policies. On the next elections party performs in coalition together with 20 other parties from all ethnic background and is a part of the coalition government. DOM enters the coalition after previously reached political agreement on the implementation of key green policies (environmental protection and increased budget for environmental management, support for eco-tourism, subsidies for renewable energy, improvement in science, support for social policies, cancellation of the project for a nuclear plant in Macedonia, etc.).

This period is characterized by intense promotion of green policies and significant improvements in legislation, sublaws and other documents, as well as building institutional infrastructure in these fields (environment, combating pollution, tourism, social policy, energy and energy efficiency, organic agriculture, gender equality and equal opportunities), as well as raising public awareness of green policy. The interparty cooperation was based on clear principles: by the government - fulfilling the green programme package, and by DOM - voting for the common issues, with freedom to refuse any issue that is not according our values. DOM stood openly against some governmental proposals, fighting together with NGOs.

- **DOM influenced directly the strategies and laws on environmental issues to be brought, and the institutions to be established, that did not exist at all. We found an empty space for green policies, we started many processes.**

- **We think the biggest success is bringing and forcing the execution of the Law for environmental protection, that means we achieved the big polluters (old factories, smelteries, like Makstil, Feni, Archelor Mital, etc.) to put filters and other necessary equipments, while at the same time some risky ideas of restarting or building some capacities, to be stopped (Veles, Negotino). There are still many sources of pollution, but we won the battle with most of the biggest businesses.**

- **We are also proud to stop the import of GMO stock food, by campaigning against, that caused a change of the dangerous hidden sublaw. At the same time, the organic production was intensively stimulated.**

- **DOM was initiator, together with the Let's Do It Macedonia association, of the national wide action for cleaning the garbage landfills twice a year, and it became a regular activity for 6 years till now.**

- **Tourism, specially rural, has raised extremely in the meantime, with many new green jobs. Being totally neglected, it became an important economical sector.**

- **Speaking about gender issues, combating domestic violence, mobbing, right to abortion, LGBTI rights, Roma rights, disability issues and similar, DOM was at the front of the battles, proposing laws, declarations, amendments, improving the legislative, with support of the experts and NGOs, being often a bridge between government and opposition and helping the political dialog.**

On the Local elections in 2009 DOM participated as part of the Coalition and won 20 councilors, almost in all major urban centers, and a mayor in rural municipality.

On Local elections in 2013 participated independently and won 25.000 votes, 2,5% of the total number of votes and 10 councilors. These elections are characterized by strong political division between the main political forces and a number of irregularities, which contributed few thousand votes for DOM to be declared invalid, which directly diminished the number of councilors.

DOM is active in regional cooperation on Balkans, attending meetings and campaigns organized by our sister parties in neighborhood. DOM has also organized few wider Balkan events, each with 150-200 participants from up to 9 countries: on water management; green economy; environmental security and fast response to climate changes. With the last one we succeeded to lobby the president and government to put strong commitment of 36% reducing of CO2 for COP-2015, also to ratify in the parliament the document for common response in climate catastrophes of 8 Balkan countries; Balkan green network meeting in 2016 etc.

In December 2014 DOM held the Third Congress, deciding to rethink the participation in coalition. After a wider procedure and consultation with the branches, after two sessions of the Central board in March and beginning of May 2015, DOM left the ruling coalition and acted independently as an opposition party. DOM got many affirmative comments for this decision, that coincided with the political crisis in the country.

DOM announced independent performance for the parliamentary elections 2016, but had to change the plan and to go in wide oppositional coalition with social-democrats, because of severe political division and difficult fight for democratic changes in the country. The result in MP-s was: 51 for the former ruling coalition led by VMRO-DPMNE, 49 for the oppositional coalition led by social-democrats, 10 for former ruling Albanian party DUI, 5 for a new Albanian party Besa, 3 and 2 for another two Albanian parties (120 in total).

At the moment DOM is preparing for the Local elections 2017.