



SUCCESS STORY

Macedonian Consulting Association acquires international certification authority

The Competitiveness Project (MCP) helps companies develop the partnerships and capabilities needed to grow and succeed.



Photo: MCP

Ilse Ennsfellner, Vice-president of ICMCI at the certificates award event in Skopje

With the CMC certification we brought world best practices in management consulting to Macedonia, and we built local competences and skills in an institutionalized manner. Now Macedonian companies have direct access to practical knowledge, and professional management skills that will make possible for them to change and successfully integrate in international supply chains and global markets.

Risto Ivanov

- President of MCA 2000

In June 2011, the Macedonian Management Consultant Association - MCA2000 - became a full member of International Council of Management Consultant Institutes (ICMCI), and acquired certification body authorities. This was a great success and reward for the efforts invested by the MCA 2000 leadership over the last seven years, during which it was a provisional member. MCA-2000 significantly strengthened its structures and capacity as a professional organization and managed to organize three certification cycles for Certified Management Consultants in those seven years.

The very first cycle of certifying CMCs (Certified Management Consultants) using the methodology and standards of the International Council of Management Consultant Institutes (ICMCI) was organized in 2003 and was mentored by BAMCO (Bulgarian Management Consulting association) and supported by GTZ (German Donor, Bilateral Program). It resulted in 15 CMC certificates awarded. The second cycle was a real breakthrough. It was mentored by the Croatian Association of Management Consultants and supported by EBRD-financed TAM/BAS program and USAID Competitiveness Project. As a result, 30 Macedonian consultants were awarded the CMC certificates in May 2010.

With this success and experience, MCA-2000 organized the third certification cycle completely independently, during which Ilse Ennsfellner, Vice-president of ICMCI, served as assessor. This cycle resulted in 12 newly awarded CMC certificates. Smooth organization and successful processes implemented in these certification cycles led, in great part, to assuming full ICMCI membership.

CMC certification in Macedonia not only denotes the highest quality consulting standards, but also adherence to the ethical canons of the profession. MCA-2000 has a membership of 54 Certified Management Consultants (CMC)s at present. Their professional engagements with Macedonian companies not only provide them with cutting edge services, but help them compete in regional and international markets. With these group certifications, Macedonia now ranks first in the region for CMC capacity, and is followed by Romania (50 CMCs) and Bulgaria (45), Croatia (30) and Slovenia (10).

MCA-2000 has been active for eleven years since its establishment in May 2000. It is a professional, independent, and non-for-profit organization of Management Consultant professionals.

