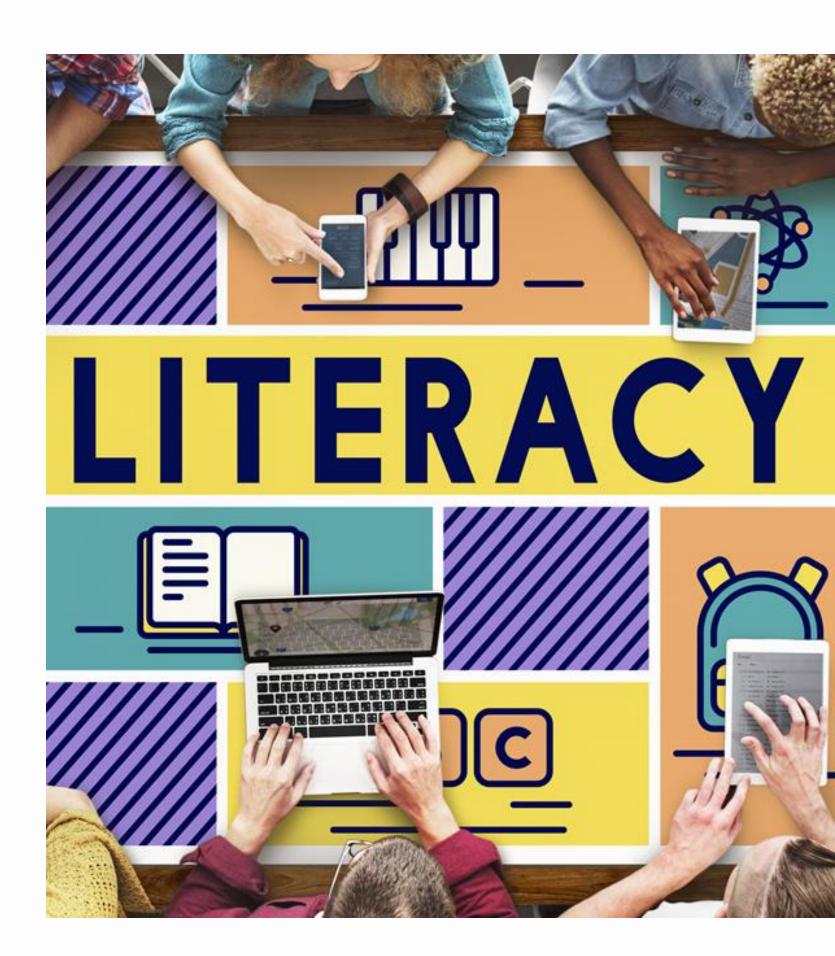
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WHAT A REGULATORY AUTHORITY CAN DO TO ORGANIZE MEDIA LITERACY DAYS

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Media Literacy Network

The **Media Literacy Network** was formed in **2017** at our initiative by 35 founding members. Today, it **has 77 members** from all walks of life: public institutions and ministries, regulatory body, civil society organizations, educational institutions, broadcasters, online media, production and other companies, projects as well as individual experts.

Its purpose is and has always been to facilitate the communication and consultation between different entities, contribute to more frequent cooperation between the relevant factors and for better and more sustainable results from the projects.



The Agency administers the ML Network

We run the communication through our special e-mail address: mediumska.pismenost@avmu.mk, we run and finance the web site www.mediumskapismenost.mk, as well as Network's YouTube channel, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.



The Network has four working groups

All on voluntary basis: on FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION, on RESEARCH, on NETWORK PROMOTION AND RECRUITING OF NEW MEMBERS and on FILM LITERACY.



We are all equals

The elected Coordinator and Coordinative Group are there to move the things forward, but not to manage.

The role of the regulator towards the Network is – the enabler.



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What does it mean to be enabler?



Organizing the Media Literacy Days (MLD) is a little bit like working on an airport

"First call" to all the members who would like to join the MLD;

After "checked-in" - ideas for their events and data;

Constant communication during the creation process;

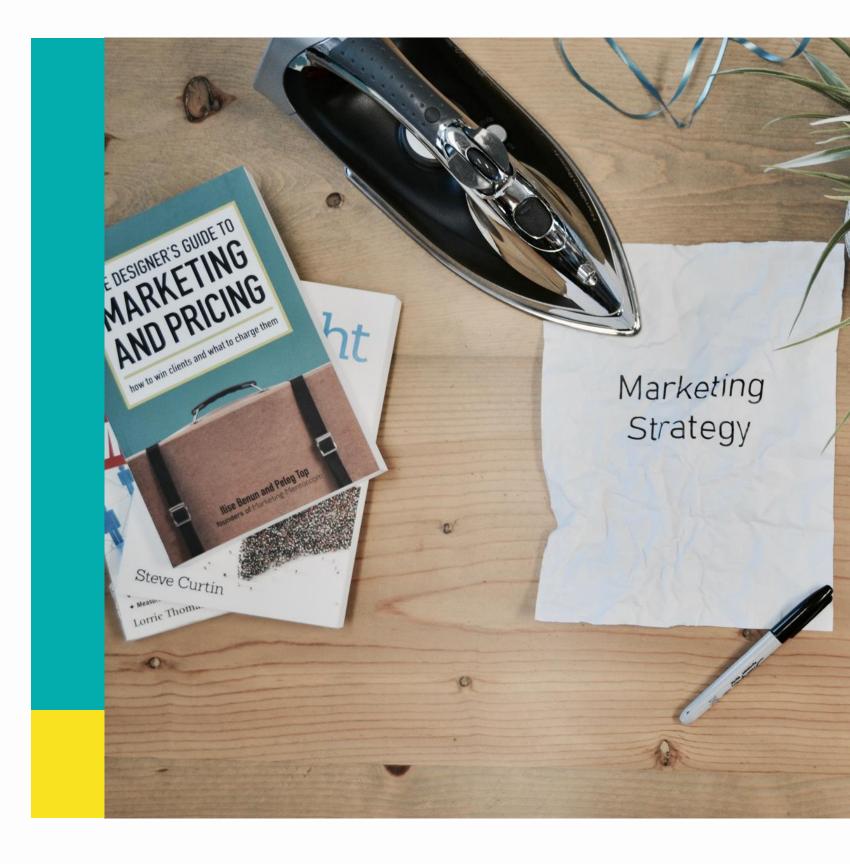
Then "the final call", and finalized program.



Once we have chosen the agency, we coordinate the whole process, in cooperation with the members of the Network's Coordinative Group. So, once the topic of the MLD was decided upon by the Coordinating Group and confirmed with the Network members, we convey it to the PR agency.

We review, give suggestions and approve the final versions of the marketing strategy

The image, the motto, the video and radio spot, the publication of announcements for the events on the web site, the social media, we ask the broadcasters to air the radio and TV spot free of charge...



Planing our own events

Alone, or in cooperation with other Network members

During the past four years, we have centered our events around different aspects of media literacy.

They range from holding open day for school children, presenting the results of the survey Mapping the levels of media literacy of the persons 16+, debating the issues of gender equality in media, the gender roles in children TV programs, and this year – the media/communication needs of the sensory impaired persons.



Media Literacy Days 2019

In **2019**, for the **first MLD**, we all had so many events to organize, that they lasted from 22 October till 15 November

Fourteen members of the Network organized about 30 workshops, debates, webinars, open days.....

The Agency organized a mutual press-conference, open days at the Agency for school children, then we were host of a two – day conference with a total of 10 sessions including a ML fair, the annual meeting of the Network members, and donors coordination.

Thank you for Irish colleagues for allowing us to use the video and the message from their "Be Media Smart" campaign – since our public procurement for the PR agency was unsuccessful.







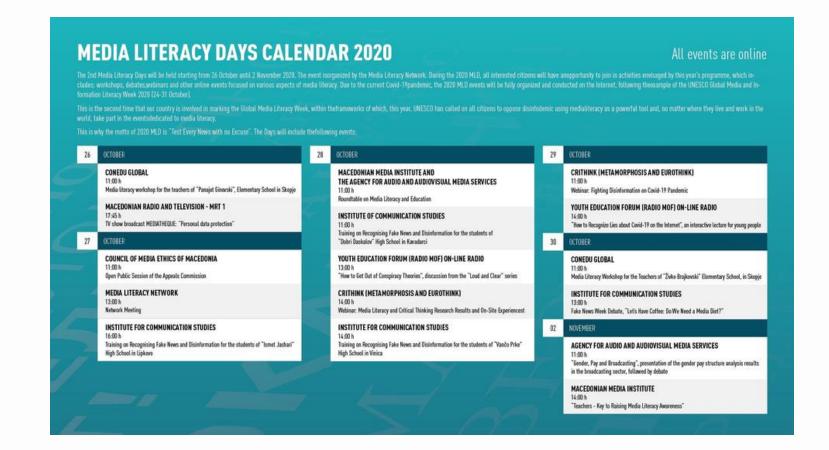
Media Literacy Days 2020

In **2020**, the **Covid** pandemic posed a new challenge before us, but we prevailed and organized the MLD 2020 online from 26 October till 2 November. This time, 11 Network members were organizers of 15 workshops, debates, webinars and other online events.

Our motto was "Test every News with no Excuse".

The Agency was co-organizer of a debate on media literacy and education during which, the Minister of education announced the (then) forthcoming reform to introduce ML in the primary education.

We also organized event during which we talked about gender equality in the broadcasting sector starting with the results of the first ever analysis of the gender structure of the salaries.



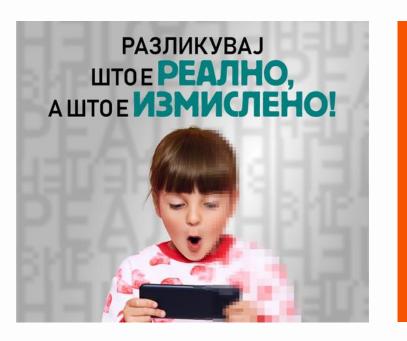


Media Literacy Days 2021

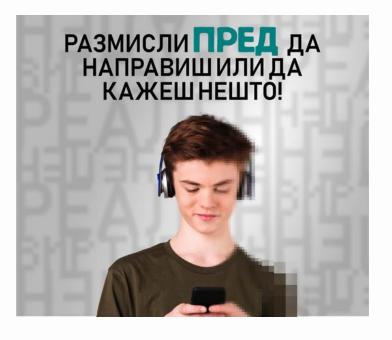
The **MLD 2021** were held mostly online, but with some hybrid events, and they were dedicated to the young people and children, since the reform in the education, announced the previous year – really did happen. 15 Network members organized webinars, workshops, debates, presentations, panel discussions.

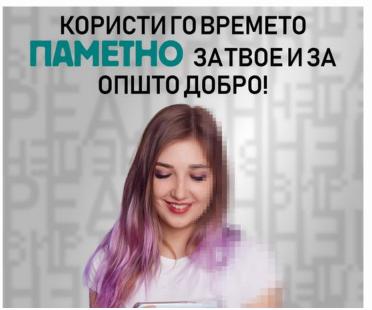
Our motto was "Virtual or Real the Rules are the Same! Be Media Literate".

The Agency organized a debate concerning analysis of gender aspects of children's' TV programs – with the main question being: Are we building Critical Awareness in Children? We also organized a press-conference, and Networks' annual meeting.











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Media Literacy Days 2022

MLD 2022 will be dedicated to the issue of Diversity and Media Literacy. Our motto is: **"Think Critically! Gather the whole Story"**.

We want to emphasize that media literacy is critical to understanding the diversity as epitome of the colorfulness of the life. And that media literacy is there to improve the manner in which it is being reported on, but also to help us all think critically about it and accept it as the richness of our society.

This year there are 17 of us. During the period between 25 October and 1 November, some of the events are going to be held online, some in live, some in hybrid form.

We use all the usual forms of reaching to the audience, but this time, the Film Agency obtained the cooperation of three cinemas and one production company, so for the duration of the MLD, people with disabilities will be able to go and watch movies from the regular repertoire free of charge.

As a separate activity there will be special, free of charge, projections for primary school children ages 12+, of the movies "My Brother Chases Dinosaurs" (about the life with a sibling with Down Syndrome), "Hacker" (about teenagers and videogames) and "Checkered Ninja" (about bulling).

Thank You



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