

Integrity Watch North Macedonia Platform User Manual

User guide for the public, journalists, researchers
and anyone who wants to follow the money

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How to use this manual

This manual walks you through the Integrity Watch North Macedonia platform end-to-end: key thematic dashboards; how to filter and search, how to interpret charts and risk (red-flag) indicators, and how to download data.

It's written for non-technical users, especially journalists, researchers and scholars who need fast, reliable evidence and exportable visuals/data for research and media articles. It contains text and visuals helping users navigate and find information in only a few steps.

Additionally, the manual provides technical insight on how the data communicate between themselves and between different datasets that are part of the platform to build indicators and flag anomalies.

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ABOUT THE PLATFORM

Integrity Watch North Macedonia is an open-data platform that helps users explore how money and power intersect in public decision-making. It connects datasets on political financing, public procurement and exploration of mineral goods and hydropower plants, areas considered especially vulnerable to corruption and abuse of office and adds built-in red-flag indicators to surface potential integrity risks.

At its core, Integrity Watch platform for North Macedonia transforms scattered public records into accessible, searchable, and comparable information. The platform includes built-in red-flag indicators that automatically signal political-integrity risks. With just a few clicks, you can explore who funds political parties, which companies win public contracts, and how asset declarations of public officials showcase potential conflicts of interest.

Platform sections at a glance

The platform enables citizens, journalists, researchers, law enforcement institutions and decision-makers to see:

- **Political Financing** – Who pays for politics? (donations, amounts, dates, types; trends around elections; signals links between donors and public contracts).
- **Public Procurement** – Where does your tax money go? (tenders, contracting institutions, bidders, procedures, award criteria/values; links to companies and integrity indicators).
- **Mineral goods and Hydropower plants** - Who explores our resources? (concessions, companies, topl locations)



Figure 1. Example of the Political financing dashboard UI

PLATFORM STRUCTURE AND NAVIGATION

Basic Platform Set-up

The Integrity Watch North Macedonia platform is organized into three thematic sections. The structure is designed to allow users to easily move between different sections and access analytical graphs without need for public policy and data analytics skills.

A. Desktop version

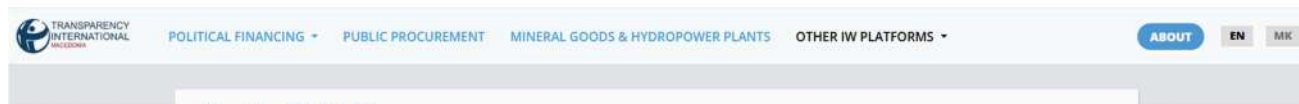


Figure 2. Main Navigation panel of the platform in desktop version

The main navigation elements include:

- TI-M's logo that directs you to the TI-M's official website;
- Thematic module on Political financing;
- Thematic module on Public Procurement;
- Thematic module on concessions for exploration of mineral goods and building small hydropower plants;
- Links to other Integrity Watch Platforms across the Western Balkans region and EU member states;
- About: an informational page on methodology, data sources, data availability and disclaimers;
- Language selection (Official language of the platform is Macedonian).

B. Mobile version

While all the data and graphs are the same between the desktop and mobile version, in mobile version display is formatted to fit the mobile screen to allow for readability and clarity of information. The display will show slightly different pertaining to navigation on the platform.



Figure 3. Main Navigation panel of the platform in mobile version at start-up

The main navigation elements include:

- TI-M's logo that directs you to the TI-M's official website ;
- List box at the top right corner;
- By clicking on the list box, you will open the navigation menu to other thematic sections and platform content:

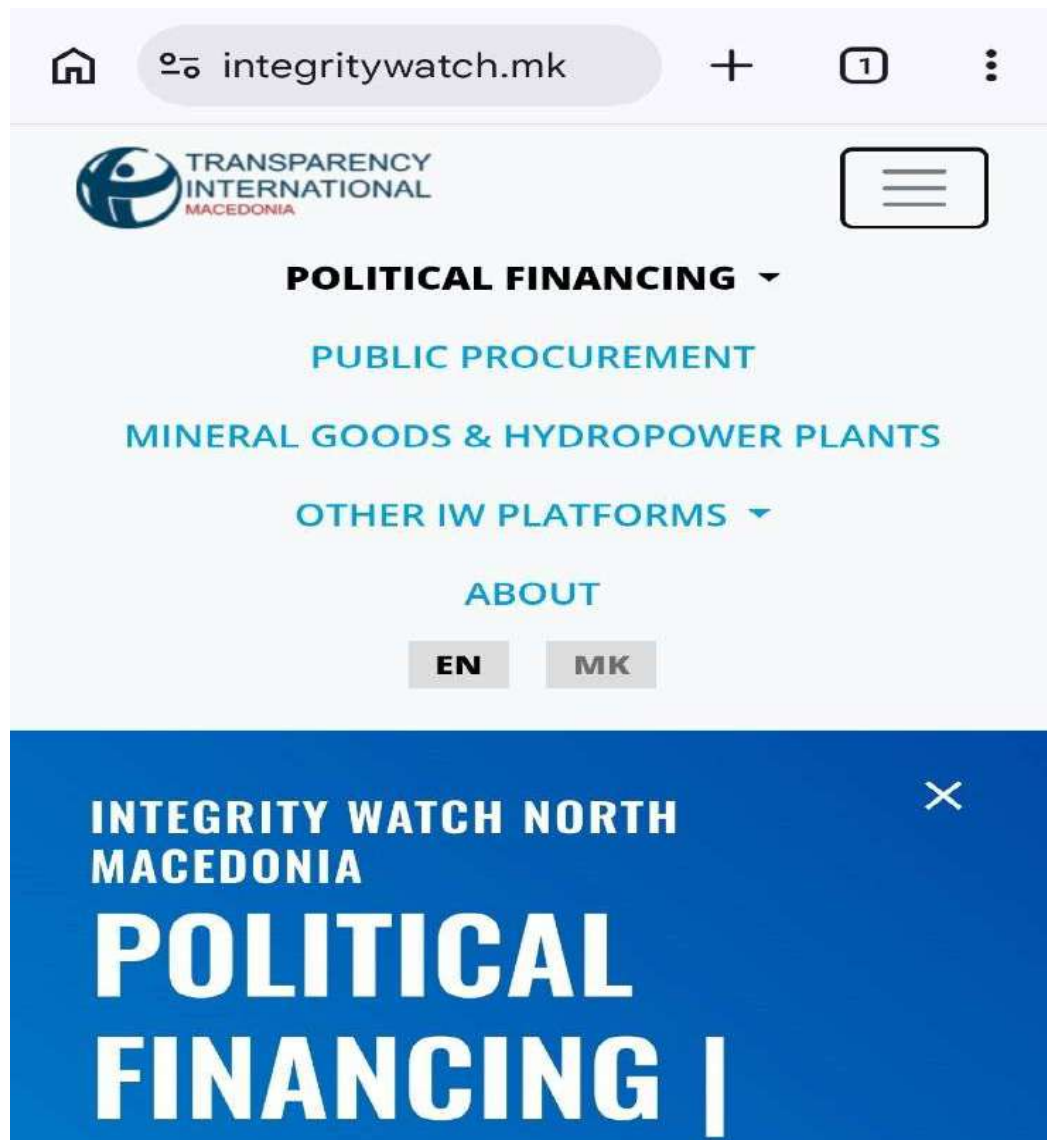


Figure 4. Main Navigation panel of the platform in mobile version after clicking list box

- Thematic module on Political Financing;
- Thematic module on Public Procurement;
- Thematic module on concessions for exploration of mineral goods and building small hydropower plants;
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COMMON INTERFACE ELEMENTS

(Work the same across dashboards)

1) Year selector

Most dashboards let you choose a year at the top (tabs in desktop version or a dropdown in mobile version). Changing the year refreshes charts and the underlying table.



Figure 6. Main Navigation panel of the platform in desktop version

2) Interactive charts

Charts are not just pictures but they also serve as filters. Clicking a bar, slice, or category filters the dataset and updates all other charts and the table to match.

Typical interactions you'll see:

- Click a chart element (bar/slice/label) to filter by that category.



Figure 7. Main Navigation panel of the platform in desktop version

- Hover over chart elements to see tooltips with exact numbers.

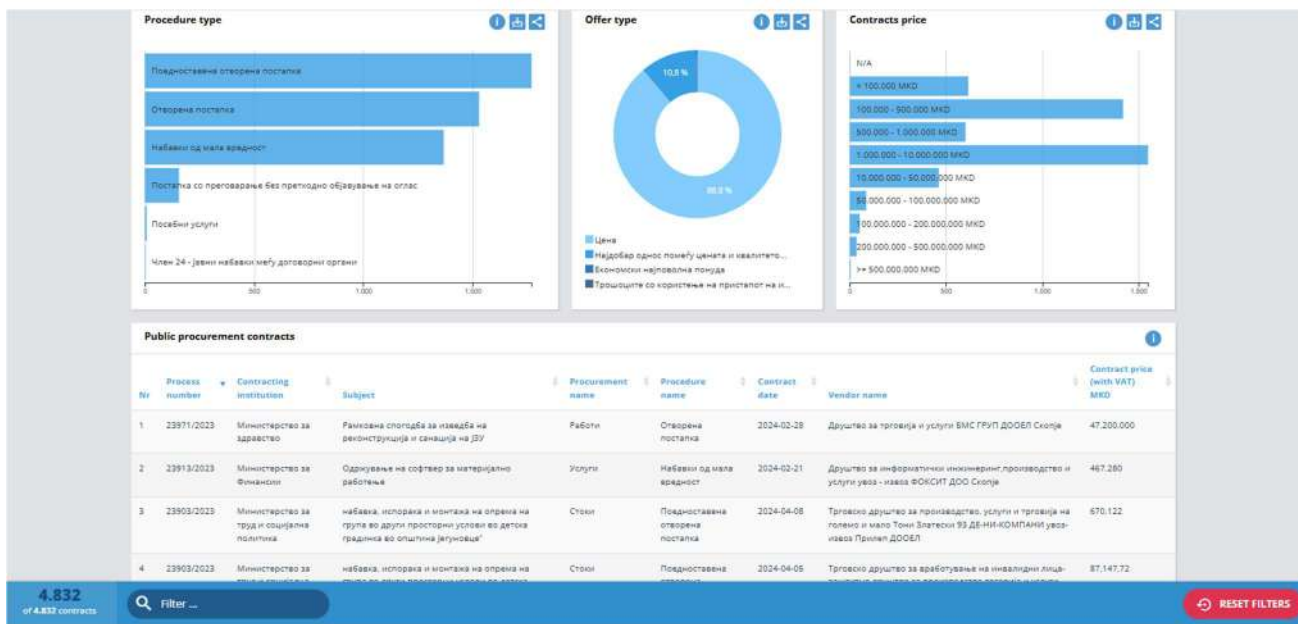


Figure 8. Main Navigation panel of the platform in desktop version

- Click again (or use “Reset filters” at the bottom right corner of the screen) to clear the selection.



3) Search bar (text filter)

A search field at the bottom of dashboards lets you filter by text, for example a party name, company name, public official or institution. Search narrows the table and the charts together.



Figure 9. Main Navigation panel of the platform in desktop version - Search bar (text filter) at the bottom of the dashboard, used to find institutions, companies, public officials, procedure types, or political parties.

By entering the text description of desired data, users can identify all information pertaining to the typed parameter (name, institution, company, procedure, political party, etc). After filtering the table using the text search field, not only will matching values be listed, but the charts above the table will also change accordingly. In this way, users can, for example, identify the largest suppliers within an institution or determine which contracting authorities most frequently award contracts to a particular company, or which political party received most donations, etc.

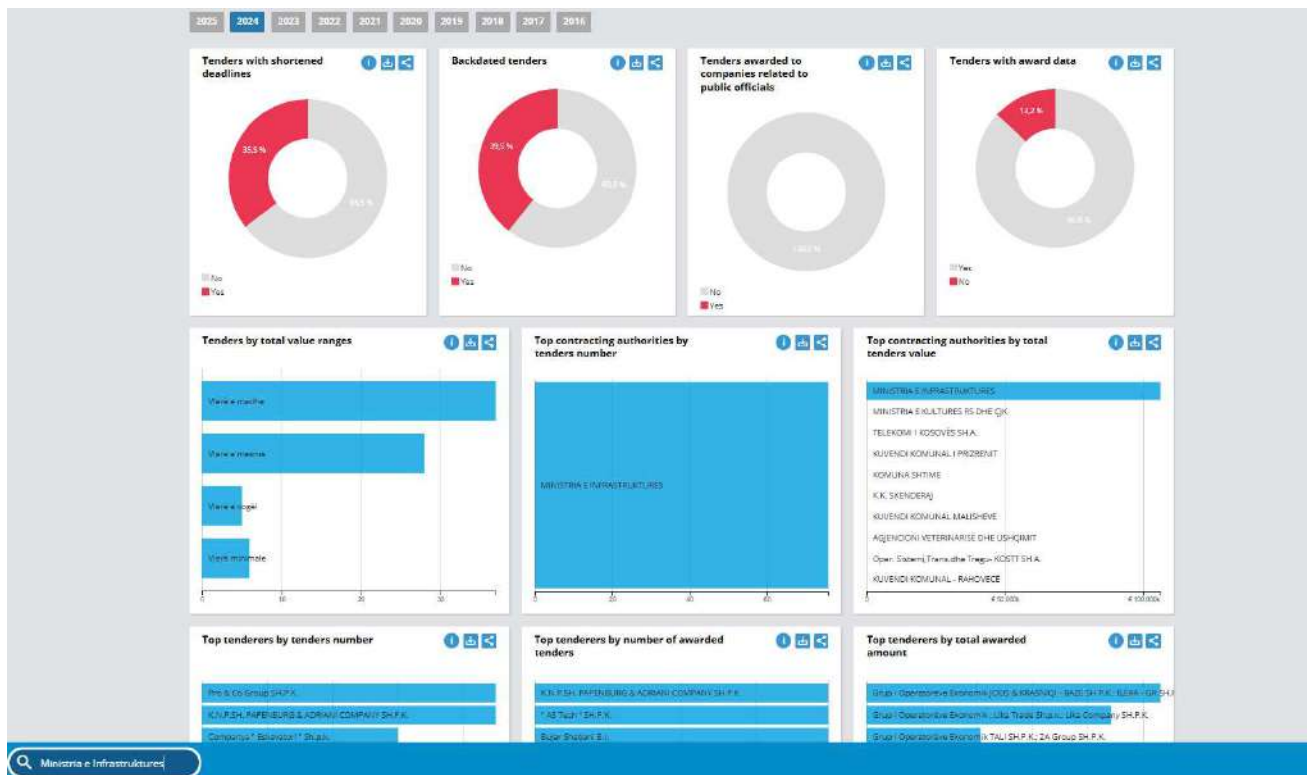


Figure 10. Main Navigation panel of the platform in desktop version

4) Reset filters

The Reset filter clears all active selections and returns the dashboard to its default view.



5) Data table / list of records

Below the charts, there is a table (or list) that shows the underlying records. This is where you verify what the charts summarize.

Public procurement contracts								
Nr	Process number	Contracting institution	Subject	Procurement name	Procedure name	Contract date	Vendor name	Contract price (with VAT) MKD
1	23971/2023	Министерство за здравство	Рамковна спогодба за изведба на реконструкција и санација на ЈЗУ	Работи	Отворена постапка	2024-02-28	Друштво за трговија и услуги БМС ГРУП ДООЕЛ Скопје	47.200.000
2	23913/2023	Министерство за финансии	Одржување на софтвер за материјално работење	Услуги	Набавки од мала вредност	2024-02-21	Друштво за информатички инжинеринг, производство и услуги увоз - извоз ФОКСИТ ДОО Скопје	467.280
3	23903/2023	Министерство за труд и социјална политика	набавка, испорака и монтажа на опрема на група во други просторни услови во детска градинка во општина Јегуновце*	Стоки	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2024-04-08	Трговско друштво за производство, услуги и трговија на големо и мало Тони Златески 93 ДЕ-НИ-КОМПАНИ увоз-извоз Прилеп ДООЕЛ	670.122
4	23903/2023	Министерство за труд и социјална политика	набавка, испорака и монтажа на опрема на група во други просторни услови во детска градинка во општина Јегуновце*	Стоки	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2024-04-05	Трговско друштво за вработување на инвалидни лица-заштитно друштво за производство, трговија и услуги ФИЛАДЕЛФИЈА ДООЕЛ Кочани	87.147,72
5	23903/2023	Министерство за труд и социјална политика	набавка, испорака и монтажа на опрема на група во други просторни услови во детска градинка во општина Јегуновце*	Стоки	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2024-04-01	Друштво за производство, трговија и услуги АЗАРО-ГСЕН ДООЕЛ Струмица	69.667,2
6	23856/2023	Министерство за здравство	Вакцини за континуирана имунизација и имунизација по епидемиолошки индикации на населението во Република Северна Македонија од јануари 2024 до декември 2026 година	Стоки	Отворена постапка	2024-03-07	Друштво за промет МАКЕДОНИЈАЛЕК ДОО Скопје	9.985.367,07
7	23856/2023	Министерство за здравство	Вакцини за континуирана имунизација и имунизација по епидемиолошки индикации на	Стоки	Отворена постапка	2024-03-07	Друштво за промет и услуги АЛКАЛОИД КОНС увоз извоз ДООЕЛ Скопје	231.522.536,28

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Filter ...
RESET FILTERS

Figure 11. Example of table at the bottom of main navigation panel of the platform in desktop version

- Sort columns to see top values.

Public procurement contracts								
Nr	Process number	Contracting institution	Subject	Procurement name	Procedure name	Contract date	Vendor name	Contract price (with VAT) MKD
1	04878/2021	Министерство за здравство	Биолошка моноклонална и таргет терапија	Стоки	Отворена постапка	2021-08-03	Акционерско друштво за производство на лекови, медицинска опрема и материјал, промет и услуги Д-Р ПАНОВСКИ Скопје	1.331.792.536,35
2	14307/2022	Министерство за внатрешни работи на РСМ	Електрична енергија (по втор пат)	Стоки	Отворена постапка	2022-09-30	ЕСМ ПРОДАЖБА ДООЕЛ Скопје	1.180.000.000
3	01046/2023	Министерство за здравство	Инсулин и глукагон, за период јануари 2023 – декември 2024 година за потребите на населението на Република Северна Македонија	Стоки	Отворена постапка	2023-04-24	Друштво за трговија, производство и услуги ФЕНИКС ФАРМА ДООЕЛ Скопје	996.925.545
4	04878/2021	Министерство за здравство	Биолошка моноклонална и таргет терапија	Стоки	Отворена постапка	2021-08-03	Друштво за трговија, производство и услуги ПРОМЕДИКА ДОО Скопје	584.605.071,12
5	11344/2023	Министерство за здравство	Вакцини за континуирана имунизација и имунизација по епидемиолошки индикации на населението во Република Северна Македонија од јануари 2024 до декември 2026 година	Стоки	Отворена постапка	2023-09-06	Друштво за промет и услуги АЛКАЛОИД КОНС увоз извоз ДООЕЛ Скопје	527.717.484
6	13392/2022	Министерство за внатрешни работи на РСМ	Услуги за исхрана во касарна Ѓорче Петров и центар за обука Идризово	Услуги	Отворена постапка	2023-01-10	Друштво за трговија и услуги ИНДУСТРИ СЕРВИС ДОО Скопје	440.000.000

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Filter ...
RESET FILTERS

Figure 12. Example of table at the bottom of main navigation panel of the platform in desktop version

- Click a row to open a detailed record (modal/pop-up) with more fields.

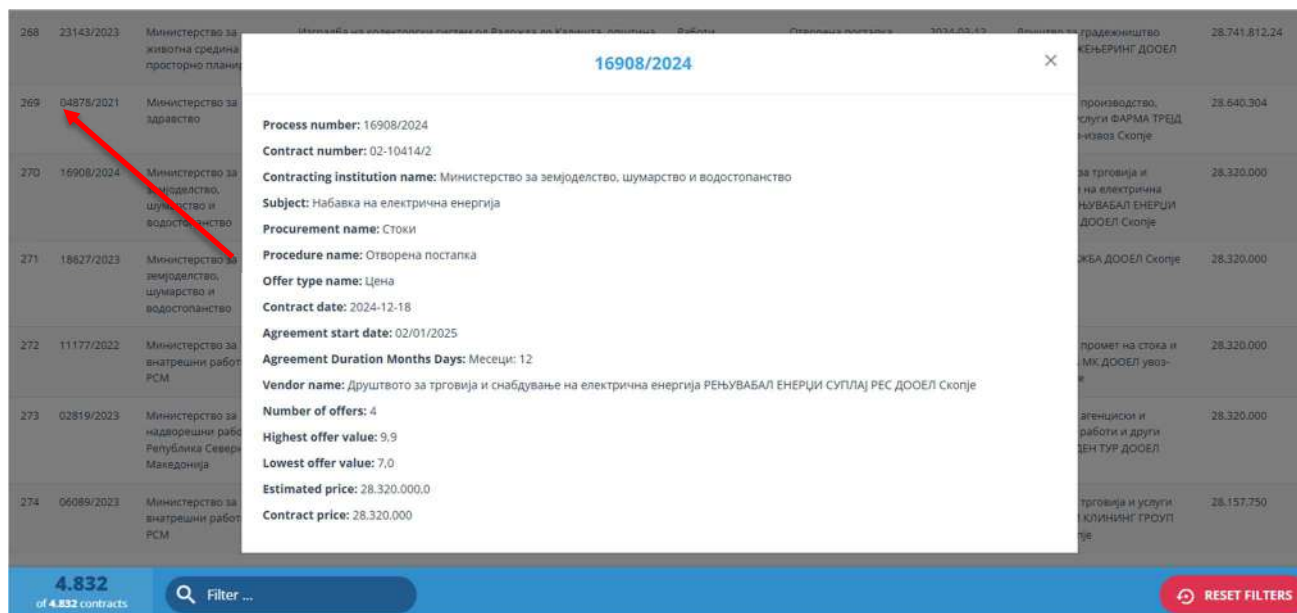


Figure 13. Main Navigation panel of the platform in desktop version

6) Download and share buttons

Dashboards include a download option for exporting data in reusable formats. Depending on the section, you can typically download as CSV or XLS;



All dashboards and graphs also offer share buttons for social platforms; these help you share a filtered view or a graphic quickly.



7) Information box

Each graph has complementary information as to what it shows, which can be accessed by clicking the  icon at the top right corner of the respective graph.

Offer type

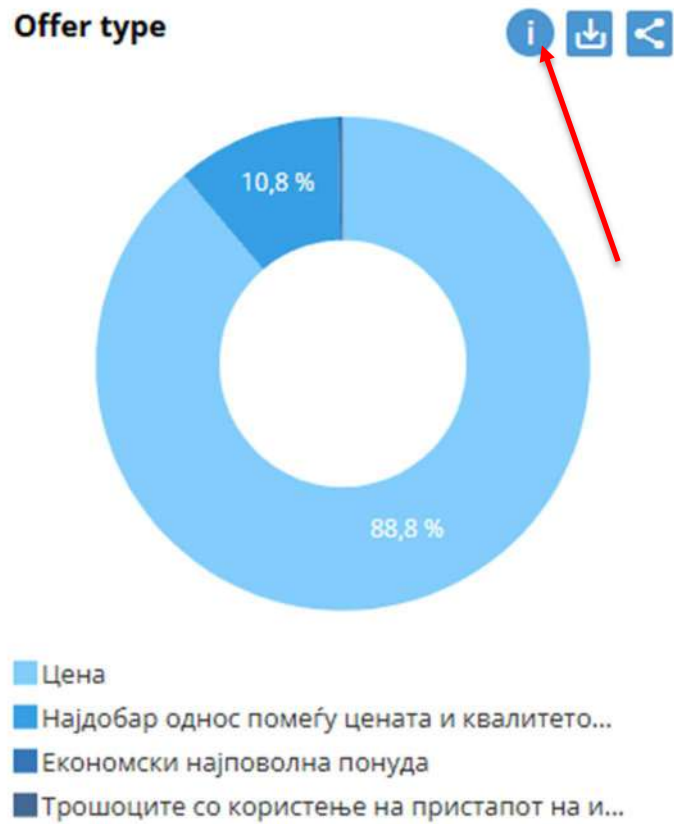


Figure 14. Information display by clicking the information bubble ("i")

8) Download option

Each graph has incorporated feature to download it as a JPG for quick usage.

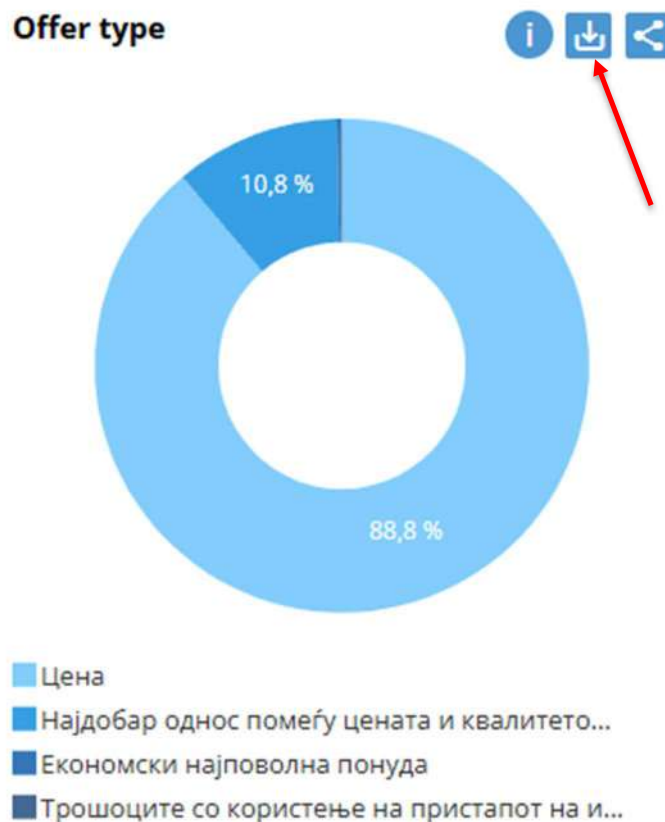


Figure 15. Download feature for graphs

Step-by-step: download

1. Apply your filters (year, chart selections, search).
2. Click the Download Data option/button (usually near the top of the dashboard).
3. Choose your format (CSV/XLS).
4. Save the file locally and open it in your preferred tool (Excel, LibreOffice, Google Sheets, or a data analysis tool).

What each format is good for

- **CSV:** Best for analysis, simple tables, and importing into tools (Excel, R, Python, Power BI).
- **XLS:** Convenient for quick spreadsheet work; easier for non-technical users.

9) Share feature in graphs

All graphs also offer share buttons for social platforms; these help you share a graphic quickly.



Figure 16. Share feature for graphs

THEMATIC SECTIONS OF THE PLATFORM

(Dashboards in detail)

The following section provides detailed instructions how to navigate and read details of the dashboards for thematic section of the platform:

A) Political financing dashboard

This section is divided in three categories: parties funding which includes the finding of the political parties from the state budget, membership fees and donations; the second category covers data for expenses occurred during election ad and the third category lists all the donations contributed to the political parties by private entities and physical persons.

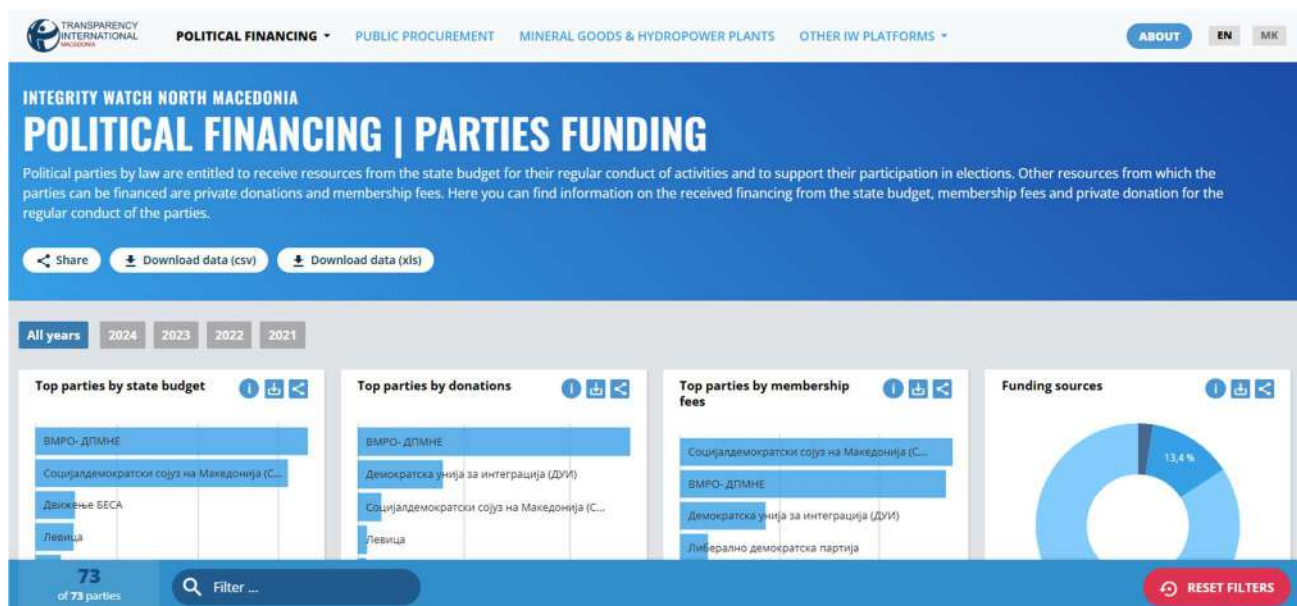


Figure 17: Textual explanation of the Parties Funding dashboard and purpose

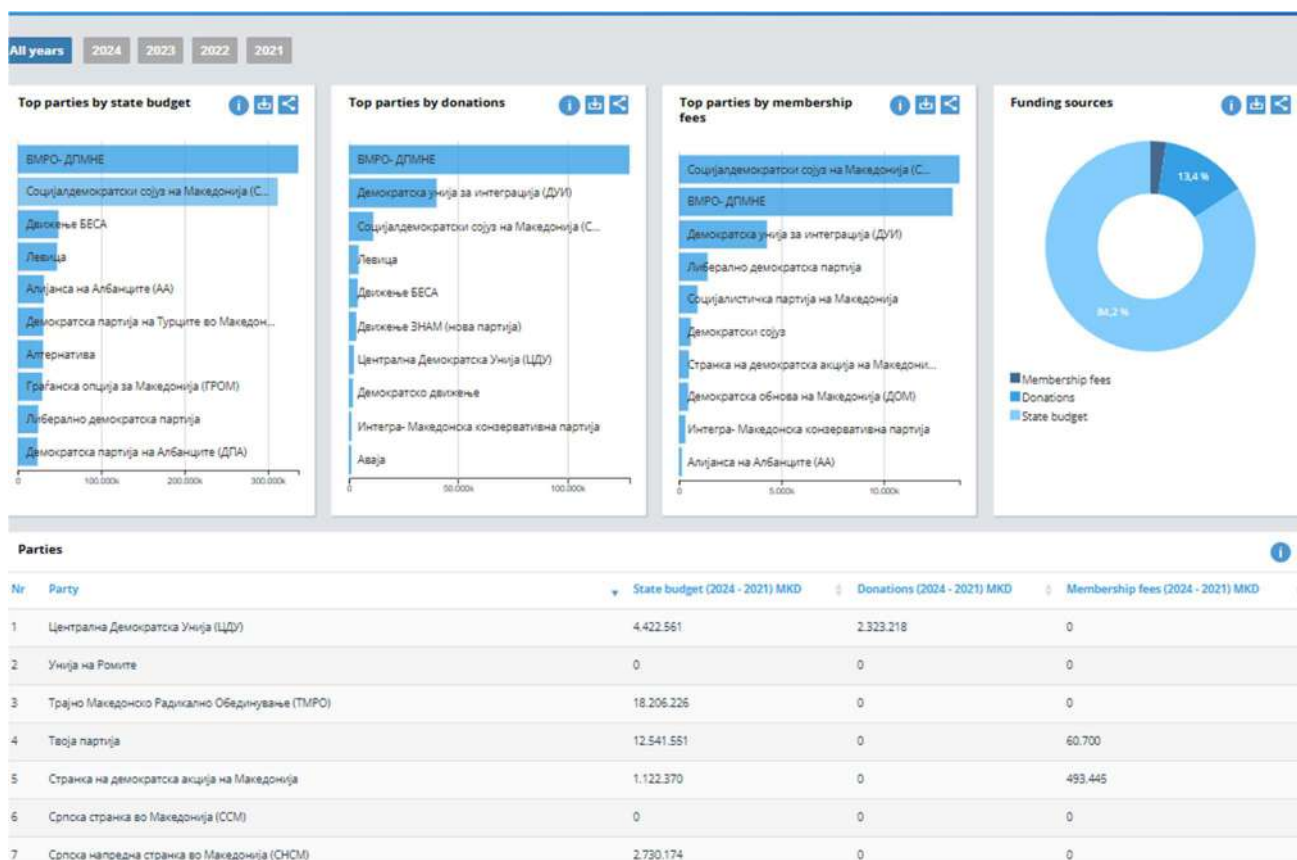


Figure 18: Data contained in the category: Parties funding

What you're seeing

- Data on the parties funding from state budget, membership fees and donations in the period from 2021 until 2024
- Info boxes/headers: explain the dataset and provide context.
- Multiple charts: usually a mix of bar charts (top entities) and pie/donut charts (shares).
- Each chart is clickable: selecting an element filters the whole dashboard.
- Download icons/buttons: export data or visuals for reuse.

Typical workflow

1. Select the year
2. Use charts to see which parties receive most resources from the state budget, membership fees of donations
3. Filter by source of funding or by political party
4. Download filtered data records for story work or further analysis.



Figure 19: Data contained in the category: Expenses

What you're seeing

- Data on the expenses occurred during the presidential and parliamentary elections held in 2024
- Info boxes/headers: explain the dataset and provide context.
- Multiple charts: usually a mix of bar charts (top entities) and pie/donut charts (shares).
- Each chart is clickable: selecting an element filters the whole dashboard.
- Download icons/buttons: export data or visuals for reuse.

Typical workflow

1. Select the elections
2. Use charts to see top party/candidate/coalition by expenses or expense category
3. Filter by type of service, media or contractor

4. Download filtered data records for story work or further analysis.

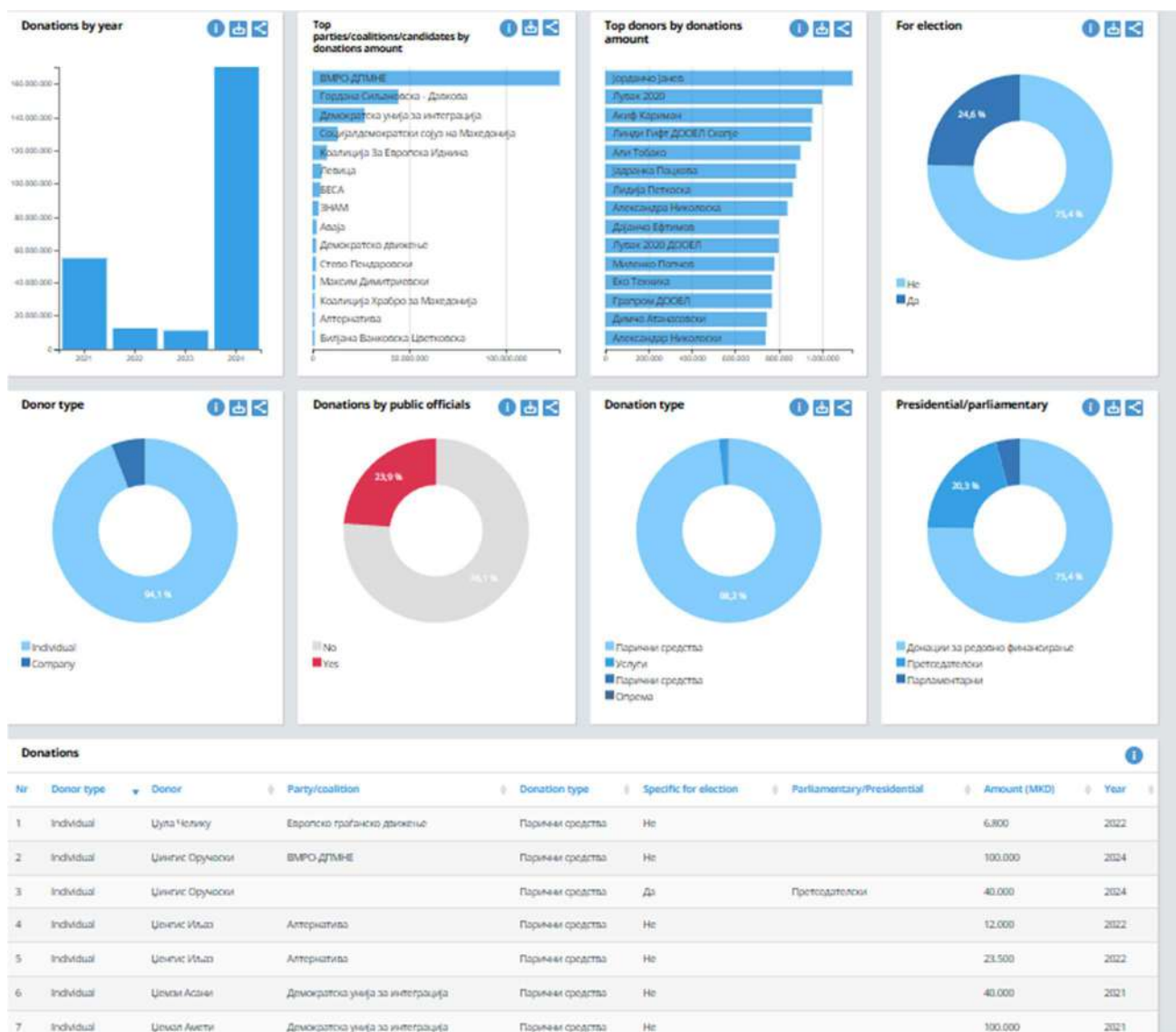


Figure 20: Data contained in the category: Donations

What you're seeing

- Data on the donations received by the parties in the period from 2021 until 2024 for their regular conducted activities and during election campaigns
- Info boxes/headers: explain the dataset and provide context.
- Multiple charts: usually a mix of bar charts (top entities) and pie/donut charts (shares).
- Each chart is clickable: selecting an element filters the whole dashboard.
- Download icons/buttons: export data or visuals for reuse.

Typical workflow

1. Select the year.
2. Use charts to see which parties receive most donations by value and by number of donations.
3. Filter by donor type, donation type, elections or regular conduct of activities
4. Search for a donor name and cross-check whether the donor appears in as a donation by public officials
5. Download filtered donation records for story work or further analysis.

What counts as a “red flag” here?

A red flag is not proof of wrongdoing, it’s a signal to investigate. In this dashboard, political finance red flags often involve unusual timing (large donations close to elections), concentration (few donors funding most of a party), or donor profiles that overlap with major beneficiaries of public spending.

How are red flags generated?

The political financing section has one risk indicator signaling red-flags that are incorporated in the dashboard:

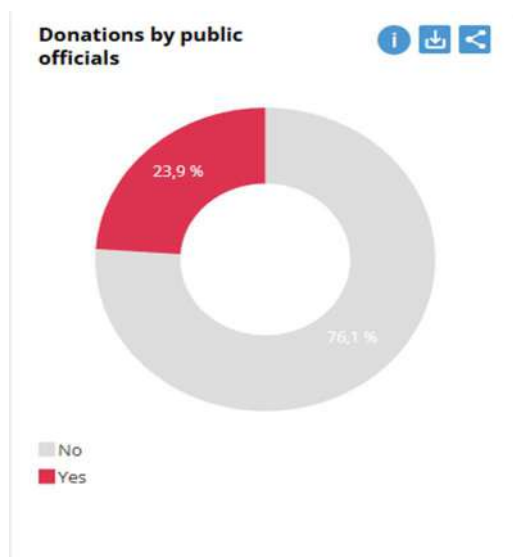


Figure 21. Example of graph showing risk indicators in Donations category for all years combined

This risk indicator shows whether the donation is made by high-official. The data of the donors are cross-checked with the registry for appointed official taken from the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption.

B) Public Procurement dashboard

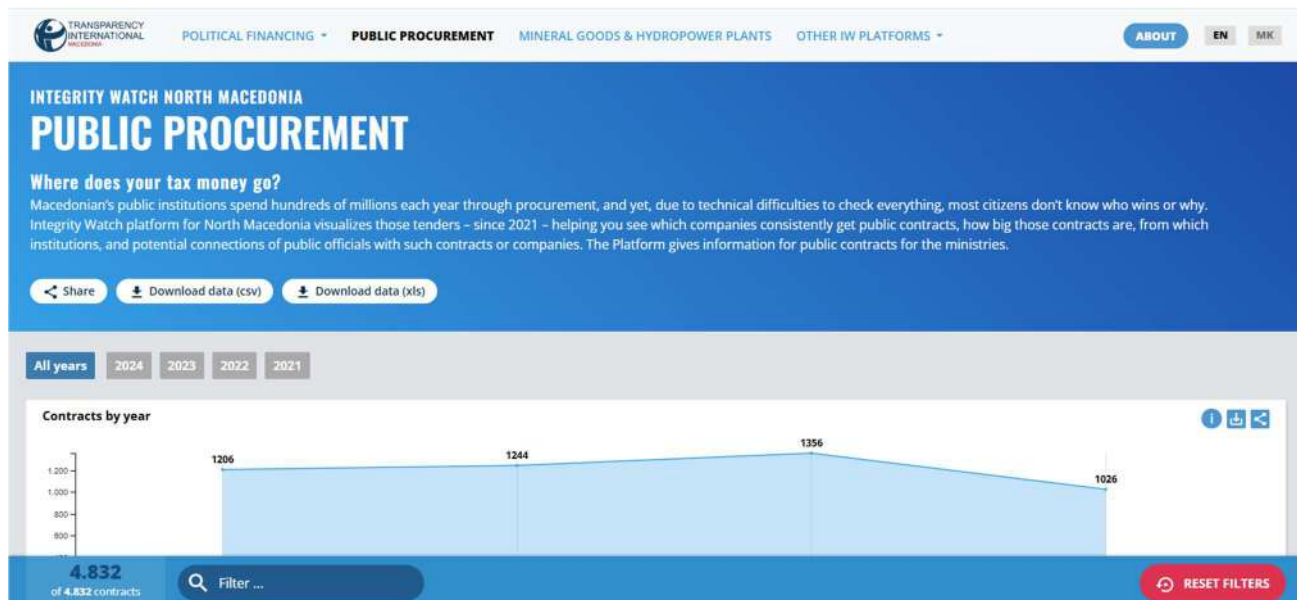


Figure 22. Textual explanation of the Public Procurement dashboard and purpose

This section visualizes public tenders and awards, helping you see which companies repeatedly win contracts, the value of those contracts, which institutions award most of the contracts and in what values; top vendors by number of contracts and value of contracts; procedure and offers type, etc. The data refer to the contracts awarded by ministries in North Macedonia for the period from 2021 until 2024.



Figure 23. Example of the Public Procurement dashboard UI

What you're seeing

- Info boxes/headers: explain the dataset and provide context.
- Multiple charts: usually a mix of bar charts (top entities) and pie/donut charts (shares).
- Each chart is clickable: selecting an element filters the whole dashboard.
- Download icons/buttons: export data or visuals for reuse.

The data table: shows the records behind the charts.

Typical workflow

1. Pick the year and (if available) the contracting authority filter.
2. Use charts to identify the top vendors and institutions by number or value of contracts.

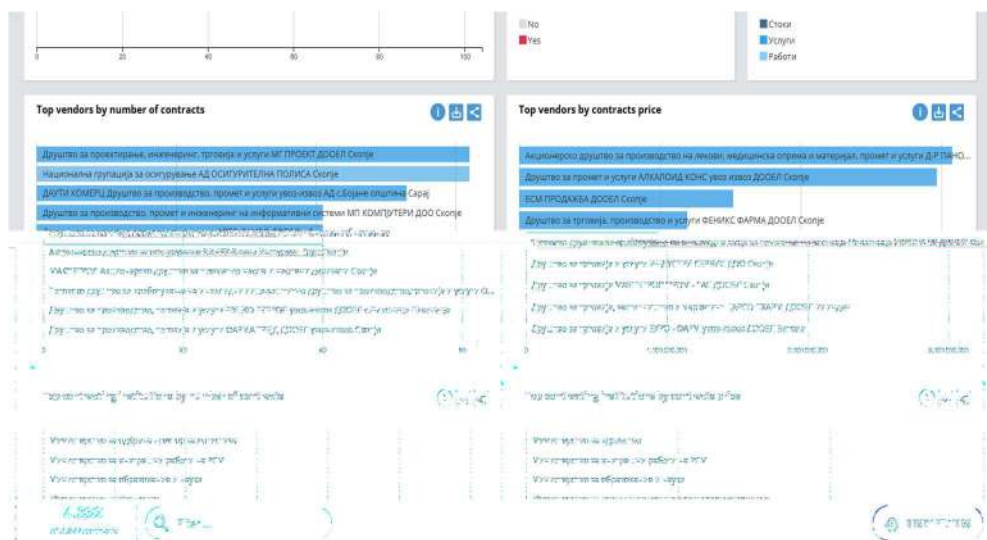


Figure 24. Representation of charts for top vendors by number of contracts and contract price

3. Check procedure types and award criteria patterns
4. Click a tender/contract row to open detailed fields (contracting authority, subject, procurement name, contract data, contract price).

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1	23971/2023	Министерство за здравство	Рамковна спогодба за изведба на реконструкција и санација на ЈЗУ	Работи	Отворена постапка	2024-02-28	Друштво за трговија и услуги БМС ГРУП ДООЕЛ Скопје	47.200.000
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3	23903/2023	Министерство за труд и социјална политика	набавка, испорака и монтажа на опрема на група во други просторни услови во детска градинка во општина Јегуновце	Стоки	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2024-04-08	Трговско друштво за производство, услуги и трговија на големо и мало Тони Златески 93 ДЕ-НИ-КОМПАНИ увоз-извоз Прилеп ДООЕЛ	670.122
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5	23903/2023	Министерство за труд и социјална политика	набавка, испорака и монтажа на опрема на група во други просторни услови во детска градинка во општина Јегуновце	Стоки	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2024-04-01	Друштво за производство, трговија и услуги АЗАРО-ГСЕН ДООЕЛ Струмица	69.667,2
6	23856/2023	Министерство за здравство	Ваксини за континуирана имунизација и имунизација по епидемиолошки индикации на населението во Република Северна Македонија од јануари 2024 до декември 2026 година	Стоки	Отворена постапка	2024-03-07	Друштво за промет МАКЕДОНИЈАЛЕК ДОО Скопје	9.985.367,07

Figure 25. List of concluded contracts

5. Export the filtered dataset for deeper analysis (spreadsheets, network graphs, story evidence).

Interpreting procurement risk indicators

Procurement red flags typically highlight conditions that increase the risk of favoritism or weak competition. Examples include awards through single bid procedures or connection between party donors and awarding of public procurement contracts. However, a red flag is not proof of corruption, it's a signal to investigate

a) Risk Indicator 1: Public procurement with single bidder

Public procurement procedures can contain specific conditions included within the requirements of the tenders that only few companies can fulfill. Using the data of how many companies applied for the open public procurement procedures by the ministries from the period from 2021 until 2024 the Platform aggregate percentage of awarded contracts through single bid procedures.

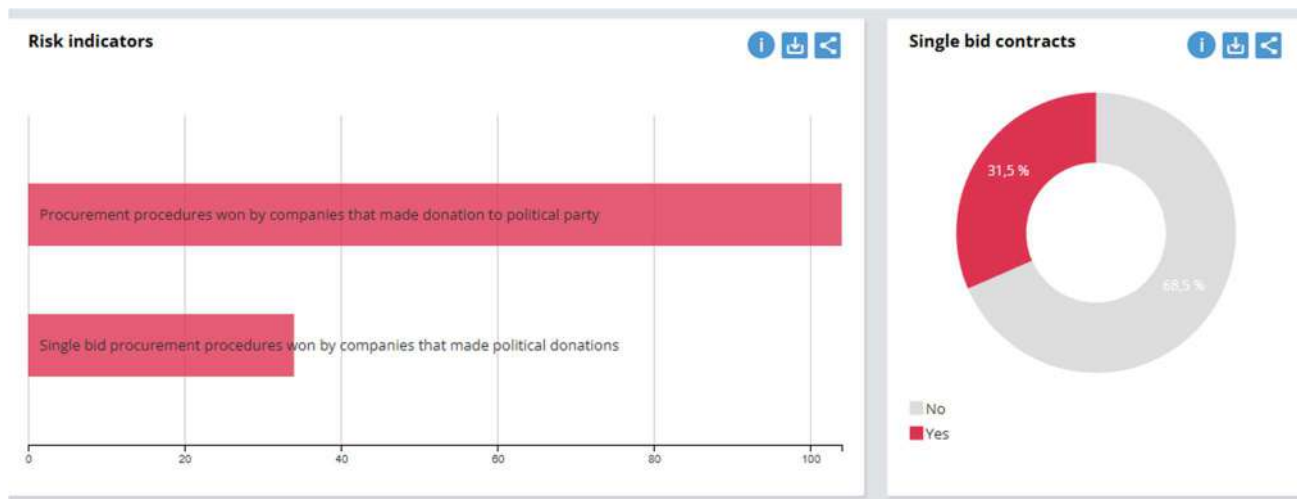


Figure 26. Risk indicators

b) Risk Indicator 2: Procurement procedures won by company that have made party donations

Using the data from the political party donations section and the section of public procurement awards the Platform aggregates data on the number of contracts awarded to companies that are political donors.

Risk indicators

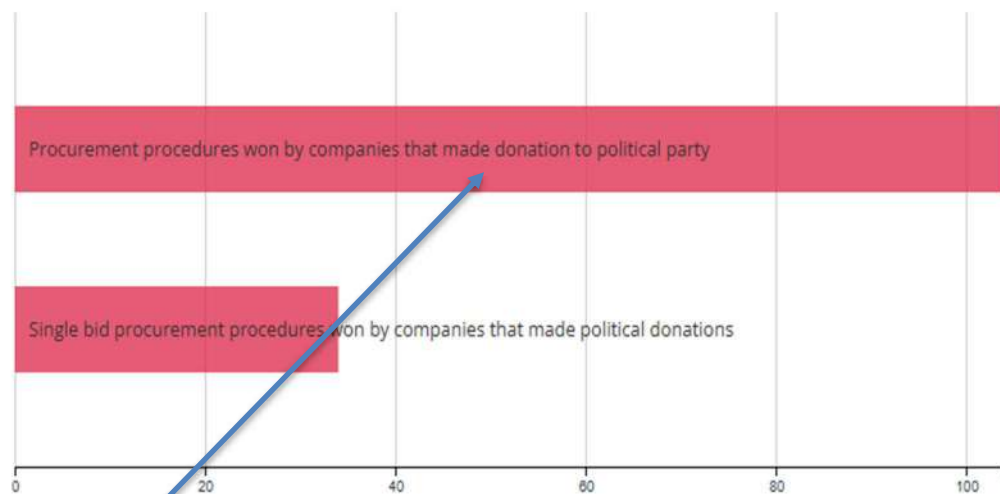


Figure 27. Risk indicators

By clicking on the row named procurement procedures won by companies that made donation to political party, in the table at the bottom of the public procurement section you can see all the companies that were political party donor and won public procurement contract.

Public procurement contracts

Nr	Process number	Contracting institution	Subject	Procurement name	Procedure name	Contract date	Vendor name	Contract price (with VAT) MKD
1	23792/2023	Министерство за одбрана - сектор за логистика	Сервисирање на пумпи за топла ладна вода и течни горива	Услуги	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2024-03-07		2.950.000
2	23764/2023	Министерство за одбрана - сектор за логистика	Оспособување на термоенергетски инсталации, опрема и арматура во објектите на МО и АРСМ	Работи	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2024-03-22		5.900.000
3	22666/2022	Министерство за одбрана - сектор за логистика	Специјализирани курсеви	Услуги	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2023-03-21	Друштво за компјутерско образование СЕМОС КОМПЈУТЕРСКИ ОБРАЗОВЕН ЦЕНТАР ДОО Скопје	1.276.840
4	22440/2022	Министерство за информатичко општество и администрација	Интернет конекција за потребите на центрите „Една Точка за Услуги,	Услуги	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2023-03-22	Друштво за комуникациски услуги А1 МАКЕДОНИЈА ДООЕЛ Скопје	1.062.000
5	22322/2021	Министерство за транспорт и врски	Услуга за објава на огласи во печатени медиуми за потребите на Министерство за транспорт и врски за период од 1 (една) година	Услуги	Набавки од мала вредност	2022-02-01	Друштво за издавање и маркетинг СЛОБОДЕН ПЕЧАТ ДОО Скопје	236.000
6	22109/2021	Министерство за финансии	Проверка на сигурноста од пробивање (penetration testing)	Услуги	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2022-03-08	Друштво за комуникациски услуги А1 МАКЕДОНИЈА ДООЕЛ Скопје	708.000
7	21918/2021	Министерство за информатичко општество и администрација	Интернет конекција за потребите на центрите „Една Точка за Услуги,	Услуги	Поедноставена отворена постапка	2022-03-30	Друштво за комуникациски услуги А1 МАКЕДОНИЈА ДООЕЛ Скопје	1.062.000

104 of 4.832 contracts

Filter ...

RESET FILTERS

Figure 27. List of concluded contract matched with risk indicators

C) Mineral goods & Hydropower plants dashboard



Figure 28. Textual explanation of the Mineral goods & Hydropower plants dashboard and purpose

In this section, you can find information on concessions for exploitation of mineral goods and construction of small hydropower plants. Data on these fields from the competent institutions is limited and citizens do not have a clear picture of how these agreements affect the economy and the environment, positively or negatively. The awarding of these concessions is still not sufficiently transparent and is a need to strengthen the oversight of the awarding. By increasing the openness of this data, should be increased the oversight role of the citizens, the media and civil society organizations and will enable questions to be risen in this area and to enable the creation of better policies and decision-making.

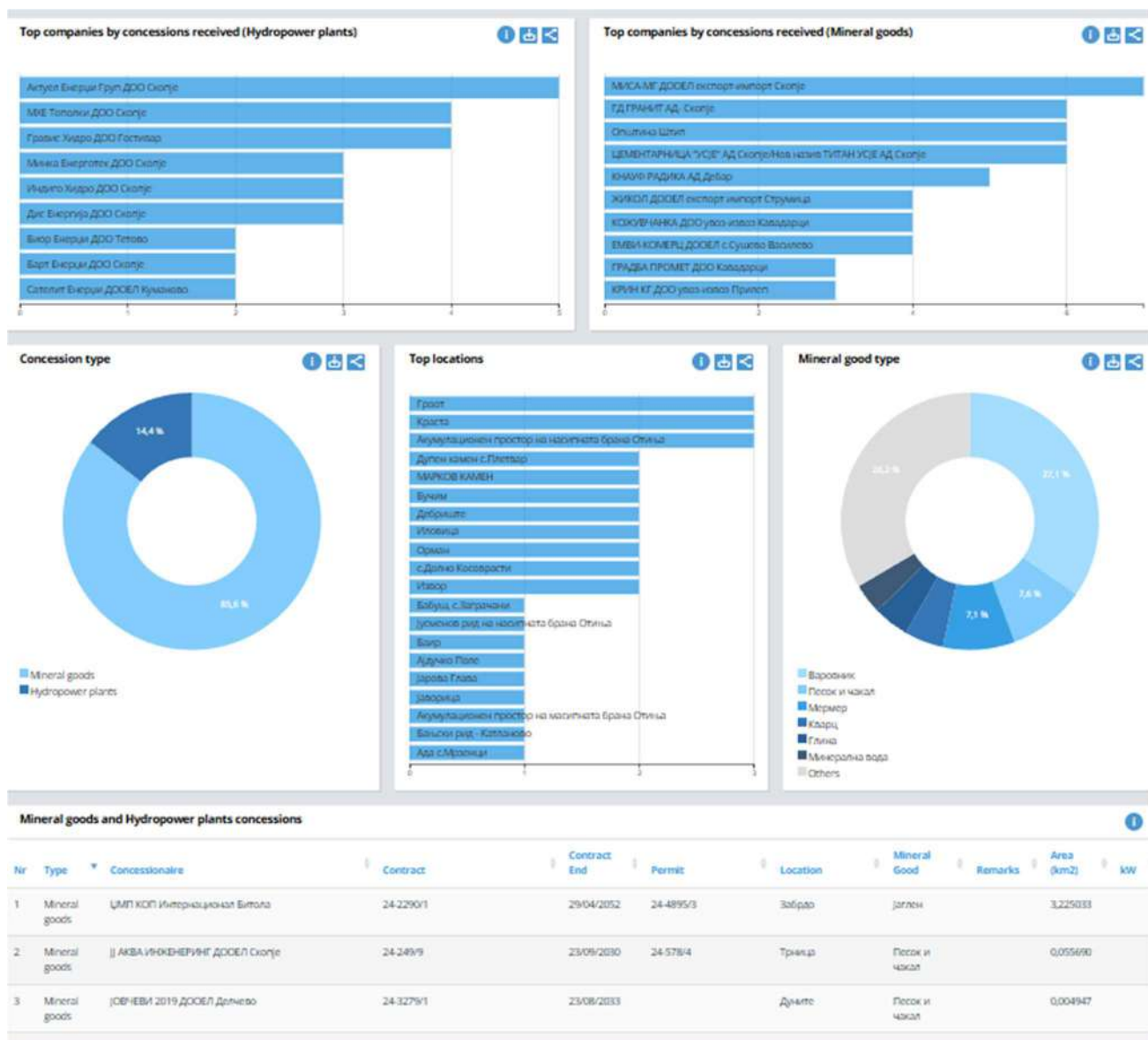


Figure 29. Mineral goods & Hydropower plants dashboard

What you're seeing

- Info boxes/headers: explain the dataset and provide context.
- Multiple charts: usually a mix of bar charts (top entities) and pie/donut charts (shares).
- Each chart is clickable: selecting an element filters the whole dashboard.
- Download icons/buttons: export data or visuals for reuse.

The data table: shows the records behind the charts.

Typical workflow

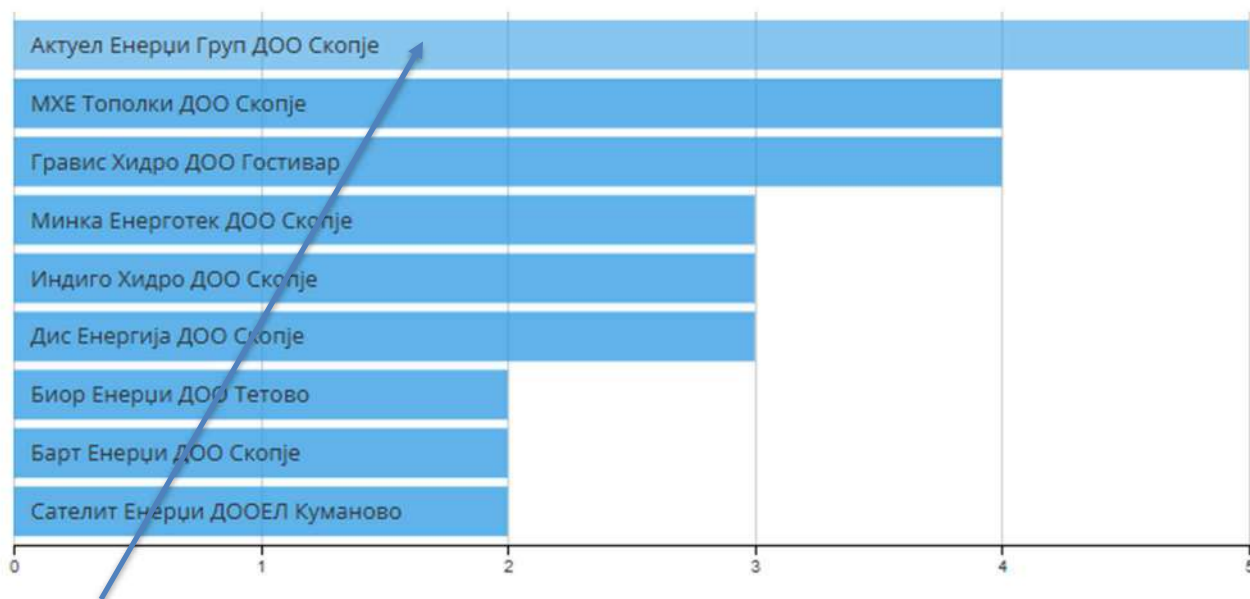
1. Use charts to identify the top companies by concessions received for hydropower plants and top

companies by concessions received for mineral goods

2. Check concession or mineral good types and top locations for exploration or construction

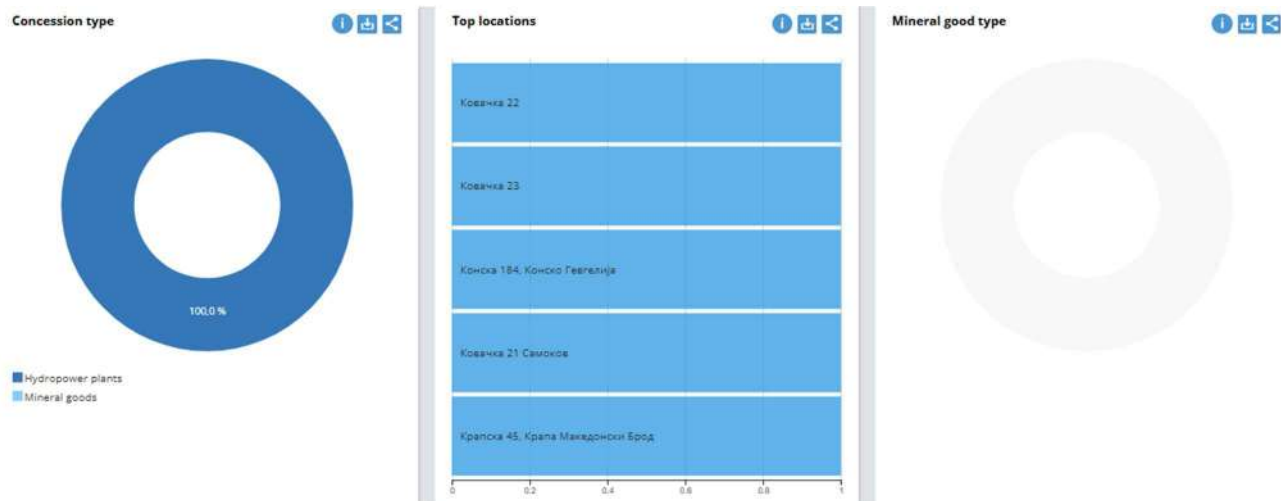
3. Export the filtered dataset for deeper analysis

Top companies by concessions received (Hydropower plants)



Click on a bar in a chart to select a company that have received a concession for construction of hydropower plant.

When company is selected you can see the concession type awarded to the company, top locations and mineral good type...



and a table will be shown with more details.

Mineral goods and Hydropower plants concessions										
Nr	Type	Concessionaire	Contract	Contract End	Permit	Location	Mineral Good	Remarks	Area (km2)	kW
1	Hydropower plants	Актуел Енерџи Груп ДОО Скопје	2015			Ковачка 22		МХЕЦ Ковачка 21,22 и 23 се пуштени во употреба на 21. 02. 2021 година. П		500
2	Hydropower plants	Актуел Енерџи Груп ДОО Скопје	2015			Ковачка 21 Самоков		МХЕЦ Ковачка 21,22 и 23 се пуштени во употреба на 21. 02. 2021 година. П		500
3	Hydropower plants	Актуел Енерџи Груп ДОО Скопје	2015			Конска 184; Конско Гевгелија		МХЕЦ Конска е пуштена 16.07.2018.		960
4	Hydropower plants	Актуел Енерџи Груп ДОО Скопје	2015			Кралска 45; Крапа Македонски Брод		МХЕЦ Кралска 45 е пуштена 02.04.2020.		685
5	Hydropower plants	Актуел Енерџи Груп ДОО Скопје	2015			Ковачка 23		МХЕЦ Ковачка 21,22 и 23 се пуштени во употреба на 21. 02. 2021 година. П		950

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ABOUT Section of the platform

The About page is the platform's orientation and credibility checkpoint. It explains what Integrity Watch North Macedonia is, what data it uses, how to interpret it, and how users should (and should not) use the findings.

What it explains, in practical terms

- **Purpose of the platform:** Integrity Watch North Macedonia is an open-data tool developed by KDI to help users explore how **money and power intersect** in public decision-making.
- **What datasets are included:** It brings together three areas most exposed to corruption risks:
 1. **Political financing**
 2. **Public procurement**
 3. **Mineral goods and Hydropower plants**
- **What users can explore in each module:** The About page outlines the main variables users will see (e.g., donors/amounts/resources of finance/expenses/dates for party finance; tender info and winners for procurement; concessions).
- **How the dashboards work:** It clarifies the interactive logic: clicking a chart element filters the dataset and updates all other charts.
- **Why this matters:** It frames the platform as a response to "PDF transparency", information that is technically public but practically unusable, and explains that connecting datasets can uncover patterns like repeat tender winners or winners of concessions and unusual donations.
- **Data reuse:** It states that data can be downloaded in reusable formats such as CSV and XLS.
- **Provides overview on the availability of data:** It contains a table which illustrates data availability and quality (data scoping) on important public policies which contribute to political integrity, including a synopsis on progress/regress between 2023 (first data scoping) through 2025 (follow-up data scoping)
- **Provides a summary analysis on progress, stagnation or regress on the data availability, including recommendations for the way forward:** It includes the section that elaborates the story behind the data scoping numbers and development between years 2023 – 2025.

How users should use the About page

The About page helps users understand scope, limits, and method before they start analyzing, so they interpret charts and “red flags” as signals for further review, not automatic proof of corruption.

DATA SOURCES AND LIMITATIONS

Primary sources

Platform data is compiled from public sources of institutions:

- State Audit Office- Data on political financing
- Public Procurement Bureau- Electing system for public procurement- Public procurement data
- Ministry of energy, mining and mineral resources- Data on exploration on mineral goods

How data is collected

Data is extracted from documents published on institutional websites, obtained via access-to-information requests, and for procurement through use of the electronic system for public procurement.

Known limitations you should keep in mind

- BETA product: the platform is a BETA version; treat outputs as a strong starting point, then verify against original institutional sources when publishing.
- Source document quality: if source websites publish broken links, duplicated declarations, or inconsistent formats, that can affect completeness until cleaned.
- PDF-heavy workflows: some public information may exist only as PDFs, limiting machine-readability and increasing the risk of missing metadata or unique identifiers.
- Interpretation risk: red flags indicate risk patterns, not proven violations. Always corroborate with official documents and (where appropriate) right-of-reply.

TECHNICAL APPENDIX

Data model and interoperability (what to expect)

The platform connects datasets across political financing, procurement and concessions.

- Always export the filtered dataset you used for a claim and keep it with your notes (date/time + filter settings).
- If you publish a chart, take note of the year and the filters applied so others can reproduce the same view.
- Prefer CSV for data cleaning and merging.

Attribution and contact

If you find inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information, the platform asks users to report it to info@transparency.mk