



CAKMAKOVA Advocates has extensive experience when it comes to company formations, especially in Mergers & Acquisitions, Foreign Investments, Joint Ventures, Corporate, Business Law, Taxation and Commercial Law. Biljana Cakmakova, is Managing partner at CAKMAKOVA Advocates Skopje.

Please describe the legal requirements when it comes to setting up a company in your Macedonia.

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"The following documents and information should be submitted by the Founder of the company in the Republic of Macedonia: (i) Act for establishing of the company Founder, notarized by Notary Public (Statutes or Agreement) or if the founder is a natural person details of the person-founder of the Company - notarized passport photocopy, profession and address; (ii) Photocopy of registration of the company Founder, notarized by Notary Public; (iii) Details of the person/s who is/are to be appointed as a Manager/s of the Company notarized passport photocopy/ies, profession and address; (iii) Original document issued by the competent body of the country of the person/s who is/are to be appointed as a Manager/s of the company in the Republic of Macedonia proving that upon the final court decision the appointed person/s is/are not partially or fully forbidden to perform the profession, activity or obligation connected to the function of a manager, (iv) name, registered office of the company and the main activity of the company in the Republic of Macedonia, as well as the scope of activities in the foreign trade; (v) details of the Company's founding capital, i.e. if this capital will be in money, or if it will be in equipment we would need detailed specification of the equipment and its value. The minimum of the foundation capital is 5.000 EURO and the minimum of the each investment ratio is 100 EURO; (vi) authorization for appointing a person including the passport details of that person, who shall sign all necessary documents for establishing the company in Macedonia, notarized by Notary Public.

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"The manager or persons that are authorised to represent the company pursuant to the company agreement shall submit notarized signatures, enclosed and provided in accordance with the Company Law of the Republic of Macedonia.

"The registration procedure usually takes approximately 3 to 4 days (including obtaining ID number, opening a gyro account) from the day of providing of the complete documentation.

What can your jurisdiction offer to prospective companies?

"The recent reforms of the tax system have made Republic of Macedonia a tax heaven in Europe. A flat rate tax of 10% was introduced on corporate and personal income. And to further stimulate additional foreign and domestic investment, the corporate tax on retained earnings was set at 0%. Hence, Macedonia is considered to have one of the most attractive tax packages in Europe. Also, Republic of Macedonia has signed numerous double taxation agreements in order to avoid double taxation of foreign companies operating in Macedonia

"Special tax incentives are offered for companies operating in the technological—industrial development zones, which include a 10-year personal and corporate income tax exemption for the first 10 years. Every company is exempt from tax on retained earnings."

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