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LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Norwegian Embassy in Skopje supports the global event "Global Entrepreneurial Week" that will be held in Macedonia 17 – 23 November 2008. The host organizations of this event are the Strengthening Entrepreneurship, Competitiveness and Innovation (SECI) project funded by the British Embassy Skopje, and implemented by the Agency for Promotion of the Entrepreneurship, and the Youth Entrepreneurial Services (YES Foundation) funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Foundation Open Society Institute Macedonia (FOSIM) and implemented by SINTEF local branch in Macedonia.

Global Entrepreneurship Week will be the world's biggest single event celebrating and promoting entrepreneurship among young people. In one week millions of people around the globe will take part in these events organised by thousands of organisations in hundreds of cities worldwide. The aim is to support the world's next generation of entrepreneurs, by inspiring people through activities in the classroom, workplace, and on the internet.

Both the YES Foundation and the SECI Project have the ultimate goal of strengthening the local innovation system in Macedonia by stimulating the practical entrepreneurship among the youth and offering complementary activities that will ease the start-up of new ventures as well as improve the competitiveness of the Macedonian companies on the domestic and international markets, encouraging better exploitation of the innovative potential of enterprises along with improving the performance by enhancing their functional skills and fostering a favourable environment for entrepreneurship and small- and medium-sized enterprises.

The Norwegian Embassy wishes to express its strong appreciation of all international and domestic institutions and organizations that will allocate a portion of their attention and, hopefully, resources, to support this important event for stimulating the entrepreneurial spirit, Global Entrepreneurial Week 2008.



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