

BACKGROUND

The existence and the core idea of our organization TAKSIRAT is strongly related with the Festival TAKSIRAT. Taksirat started when a group of young enthusiast disappointed from the current situation in the cultural life in Macedonia, in the 90's, decided not to be passive and lethargic, and to do something about it. Carried by their enthusiasm and the DIY ideology, in 1998 they founded TAKSIRAT festival. Taksirat is an old Turkish word meaning destiny, usually bad luck, un-fortune... TAKSIRAT Festival supposed to express revolt because of the current bad conditions for music and culture in Macedonia at that time the idea for the festival was born. It started as small festival (300-400 people) promoting only popular bands from the ex-yu region. And now, it is a highly professional event that promotes world famous artists and gathers 10.000 people. We have learned that bad experiences (taksirat :) have good side too – they make us think about what can be done to improve things and stimulate our creativity. They teach us and motivate us to fight and try to improve things, to learn, to work and to share, because only through growing and sharing (ideas, experiences, achievements and goods) life has a meaning and purpose...



TAKSIRAT (ТАКСИРАТ) CURRICULUM VITAE	
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Members	10 volunteers
Main goals and tasks	<p><u>Goals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of culture and art; - Contribution to the popularization and dissemination of culture and art; - Environmental protection; - Support for cultural heritage; - Building peace and development of cooperation between ethnic communities. - Support the processes of Euro-Atlantic integration; <p><u>Tasks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizing conferences and fairs at local, national and international level; - Support the implementation of civil and youth initiatives in the area which operate at local, national and international level; - Raising public awareness of problems in areas in which to act, through campaigns, lobbying and advocacy; - Improve the cultural life by organizing events: concerts, festivals, screenings, exhibitions, performances, etc.; - Development of knowledge and skills through training, trainings, workshops and forums in areas that affect local, national and international level; - Exchange of experience with organizations outside the Republic of Macedonia; - Issue magazines, publications, books and music albums.
ACTIVITIES 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012	
Jan-Dec 2008	<p><u>Co- organizer of Taksirat Festival 10 (tenth edition)</u></p> <p>Taksirat (www.taksirat.com.mk) Taksirat is an annual music festival in R. Macedonia, dedicated to alternative rock, pop, electronic, and in particular, it has always strongly supported reggae and ska.</p> <p>The whole festival lasts for one week, usually from 27th Nov. - 5th Dec and is located on different cultural</p>

locations in Skopje.

Besides the main music program, the festival is enriched with off programs like art performances, art films, theatre plays, social campaigns that promote positive values between the youth population (No Guns, Stop AIDS, Be A Volunteer) promotion of new music releases, introducing young and un-established artists with the audience and etc.

Popular artist that have already performed on the festival are: Iggy & The Stooges, The Stranglers, Transglobal Underground, Fun Lovin Criminals, The Wailers, Young Gods, Laibach, Alex Paterson (The Orb), Phil Hartnoll (Orbital) & Dj Tiga, Marky Ramone, The Roots, Neville Staples (The Specials), Delinquent Habbits, Guano Apes, Juliette Lewis and many more.

In 2007 TAKSIRAT was rebranded in TAKSIRAT MTV Movement by the world music giant MTV, so the next two years, TAKSIRAT was the main promoter of MTV Movement campaign. The Movement stands for the progressive transition of Europe and young Europeans from the past of conflicts, separation and isolation towards the future based on tolerance and diversity.

During its 10 years existence, TAKSIRAT has managed to create its own brand with its own constant audience of 15 000 visitors. Judging by the interest of the public, this number could be even bigger if only the capacity would allow it.

Other achievements of the festival are:

- The festival with The Most Original Concept- Mix between the East and the West, rewarded on Storm of Change music conference in Dresden, Germany.
- The Best Rock'n'Roll Festival on the Balkan Nomination
- The Best Overseas Festival nomination on the UK Festival Awards 2008 and 2009

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAKSIRAT FESTIVAL is a member of The European festival association- YOUROPE
Jan.- April 2009	<p><u>Organizer of the Festival “The Sound of Water “</u></p> <p>“The Sound of Water” (22nd March, 2009) was a music festival whih happened on the World’s Water Day, 22nd of March with a purpose to bring the attention of the people of R. Macedonia, (especially the young population) on the importance of freshwater and the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Beside the music part, the festival also included a booklet distribution and a debate on the current situation and the perspectives regarding the fresh water in R. Macedonia.</p>
April- Dec. 2009	<p>Co- organizer of Taksirat Festival 11 (eleventh edition)</p>
March- July 2010	<p><u>Participation in “Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture”.</u></p> <p>AC TAKSIRAT had organized 3 concerts of two prominent Macedonian Music Artist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kiril Dzajkovski (25th June, Friday, 21:30, Taksim Gezi Park), and 2. Foltin (5th July, Monday, 21:30, Taksim Gezi Park // 6th July, Tuesday, 21:30, Caddebostan Coast) <p>in the framework of the “Europe on Water” Project as a part of “Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture”.</p> <p>The project was supported by the Ministry of Culture of RM</p> <p>http://www.en.istanbul2010.org/HABER/GP_708256</p>
March- Oct. 2010	<p>Co-organizer of “ALARM FOR NATURE” (www.alarm.com.mk)</p> <p>Alarm for Nature 2010 aimed at awakening the sense of connection and interdependence between the citizens</p>

from the R. Macedonia and Nature, and implementation of healthy lifestyle in harmony with the natural surroundings. It was an attempt to make the citizens of R. Macedonia be more aware of their own individual impact on the natural surrounding and to motivate them to take more active part in protecting and preserving the nature.

The project consisted of the following groups of activities:

1. **Activities of organized cleaning of riverbeds and lake shores** in the following municipalities: Kicevo, Plashnica, MakedonskiBrod, Rostuše, Lovech, Debar, Struga and Ohrid; Rivers: Treska, Radika and Crn Drim, and all their tributaries; Lakes: Kozjak, Debar Lake Globchica and Lake Ohrid. The total length of the covered area is 300 km.

2. ALARM FOR NATURE Festival (24-27 June 2010 , camp Ljubanista, Ohrid)

ALARM FOR NATURE Festival “alarmed” everyone thorough music and arts as the most powerful approach not just to attract different target groups from a multicultural and multinational society as the society of R. Macedonia is, but to bind them together, to create a sense of community and shared goal to create cleaner and sustainable environment.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Direct involvement of young people from all nationalities in joined activities for environmental protection and preservation.
2. Cleaner environment in length of 300 km in the western part of R. Macedonia (most of this region is multiethnic)
3. Promotion of resources, products, technologies and lifestyles that preserve the nature and popularization of behaviors that contribute to cleaner and sustainable environment
4. Giving an example of bringing local environmental initiatives.
5. Development of cultural tourism in Macedonia
6. Three day festival with over 30,000 attendees,

10000 per day.

7. Mass advertising and promotion of the project idea
8. One documentary movie about the project as a mean for evaluation of the whole project and for reinforcing the impact of the whole project over the target.

1. Activities of organized cleaning of riverbeds and lake shores:

- Project River Treska
- Project Ohrid Lake
- Project river Radika
- Project river Crn Drim

Throughout the project period, every day there were 10 active volunteers, and 25 volunteers as an additional assistance for the weekends. There was an open call for everyone who wanted to join. We insisted most of the volunteers to be from the local population for the reason of saving funds but also as an attempt to raise the awareness of the local population for the preservation of their own environment.

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The festival

The festival began when the 100 volunteers from all over Macedonia **in the center of Ohrid on the 24th of June at 10 am** and after the initial "briefing", troops went to five different locations and start to clean up the shore from plastic bottles, plastic bags, cans, dry branches etc.

In creating the entertainment program of the festival we tried to include Artists which are kind of representatives of all targeted groups or are kind of mini multicultural society.

ALARM FOR NATURE Festival embraced everyone and what is also important- **it was affordable by almost**

	<p>every young man and woman in RM. (Ticket price: 1.000,00 MKD , travel + festival entrance + camping space). There was an organized transport from every major city in Macedonia, included in the ticket price for the first 5000 thousand visitors.</p>
<p>April- Dec. 2010</p>	<p>Co- organizer of Taksirat Festival 12 (eleventh edition), 27th Nov. -4th Dec Headliners: <i>Manu Chao, Gentleman and the Evolution, White Lies, ONYX, Dubioza Kolektiv, DJ Premier</i> Campaign: World AIDS Day Celebration</p>
<p>27th Dec 2010- 27th Dec 2012</p>	<p>Partner organization in MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS – project supported by the European Commission (IPA 2009 – Civil Society Facility – Multi-beneficiary Programmes // "Support to partnership Actions between Cultural Organisations"). The project activities focus on music and the cultural operators on the field of music including NGO's, CSO's, local administration, managers, promoters, festivals, publishers agents and of course the musicians themselves, especially young and still un-established who need support and counselling for the development of their careers and talents. The project activities consist of study visits, conferences, workshops, internships. Other countries involved are: Germany, Serbia and Croatia. http://sites.google.com/site/ipa129799/255905</p>
<p>April- Dec 2011</p>	<p>TAKSIRAT FESTIVAL 13TH EDITION (27.11-03.12.2011)</p>
<p>Sept. 2011- March 2013</p>	<p>Project: <i>Multiculturalism in Music</i> (Culture Program 2007-2013)</p>