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SOCIAL MEDIA FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

Pavle Sazdov, Member of Parliament

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ELECTIONS LAW

- 2011 early elections - Three seats added to parliament each representing one exterritorial electoral district:
 - Europe and Africa
 - North and South America
 - Australia and Asia
- Elections held in 54 Diplomatic Missions
- MPs located in Skopje, Macedonia
- Six trips per calendar year to the electoral district, 7 days each
- Embassies and consulates provide support while overseas

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

- Estimated 500.000 Macedonians from first and second generation live in North America
- In Canada – mostly concentrated in Toronto and surrounding cities. Some in Montreal, Vancouver, Edmonton and Winnipeg
- In USA – spread across. Large communities in Chicago, Crown Point, Detroit, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, New York, Garfield (N.J), Washington, etc.
- Embassies in Ottawa (CAN) and Washington D.C. (USA)
- Consulates in Toronto (CAN) and Chicago, Detroit and New York.
- Few small communities in South America, primarily in Brazil, Chile, Peru and Argentina.
- No Embassies or Consulates in South America

COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- Assembly e-mail, publicly available
- Assembly cell phone, not available for the public as per assembly policy
- Privately owned Vo-IP phone for North America
- Private e-mail
- Facebook page and account
- Twitter account
- Local media

ASSEMBLY WEB SITE



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EVENTS

Friday, 21 September 2012, Straburg
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT VELJANGOSKI AT THE SECOND SESSION: IS REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN CREDIT CHALLENGES FOR NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS
Even though the democracy is, so far, one of most optimal and sophisticated means of organization of the political community, it is undoubtedly a dynamic process that requires permanent development. In the same time, the democracy has its disadvantages and weaknesses create possibility and space for some dilemma, confusion, mistrustment of the competent bodies and institutions, forces and aims, which is evident in European countries and in the world. >>>

Thursday, 20 September 2012, Straburg
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT VELJANGOSKI AT THE FIRST SESSION: FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS – ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS
First and foremost allow me to express my appreciation to participate in the debate for the future of the European System for protection of human rights. Since its establishment, the European Convention on Protection of Human Rights and Freedom and the European Court have confirmed to be an especially important international instrument and instrument deeply embedded in the legal and political systems of our states. >>>

Thursday, 20 September 2012
PRESIDENT VELJANGOSKI AT THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF PARLIAMENTS IN STRASBURG
Speakers and Presidents of Parliaments from the 47 member states of the Council of Europe, partner and observer states, as well as Presidents of several international parliamentary assemblies, will be in Straburg for the Conference on 20 and 21 September. The delegation of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia will be headed by the President of the legislative branch Mr. Trajko Veljanoski >>>

Monday, 17 September 2012
MEETING OF PRESIDENT VELJANGOSKI WITH MR. STEFAN HÜLL, EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY
Expressing satisfaction from the meeting, the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia Mr. Trajko Veljanoski said that the Assembly continues to demonstrate institutional capacity to respond to all the obligations deriving from the High Level Accession Dialogue with the European Union >>>

Thursday, 13 September 2012
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT VELJANGOSKI AND MR. JANE ARMITAGE
The President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Trajko Veljanoski had a meeting with the Country Director and Regional Coordinator for Southeast Europe, Mr. Jane Armitage and the Director of the World Bank for the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Ulfte Surunbuh, >>>

Thursday, 13 September 2012
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT VELJANGOSKI AND THE NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, H.E. JOSEPH ARIAS
The President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Trajko Veljanoski, expressing his appreciation for the meeting, underlined that the Republic of Macedonia and the State of Israel have excellent relations on individual, but that there is always opportunity to promote the cooperation in everyone of mutual interest. >>>

AGENDA

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ASSEMBLY PAGE FOR MPs

Internet Explorer browser window showing the URL: <http://www.sobranie.mk/en/default-en.asp?ItemID=6064A2EB>. The browser title is "Assembly Republic of Mace...". The address bar shows navigation icons and a search icon. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, Help, and a search icon. The toolbar shows various utility icons like isoHunt, BitTorrent, Download music, movies, Welcome to Facebook, Twitter, Sobranie, Sign In, http--www.audiothief, Suggested Sites, and Web Slice Gallery.

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VMRO - DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR MACEDONIAN NATIONAL UNITY

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Member of VMRO-DPMFJ, born on 27.12.1983 in Strajce, Macedonia. Bachelor of Science in Information and Communication Technologies. Currently enrolled in Masters Degree program in the same field.

Activities in the Assembly:

- Oversight Committee for the Application of Communication Interception Techniques by the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Defense, Member
- Committee for Transport, Communications and Environment, Member
- Foreign Affairs Committee, Deputy Member
- Committee for Constitutional Affairs, Deputy Member
- Parliamentary Group of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia for cooperation with the Parliament of Ireland, Member
- Parliamentary Group of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia for cooperation with the Parliament of Canada, Member
- Parliamentary Group of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia for cooperation with the US Congress, Member
- Inter Party Parliamentary Group for the Rights of People with Disabilities, Chairman

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DIASPORA REGISTRATION WEB SITE

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Diaspora Registration' page on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://mfa.gov.mk/?q=node/805&language=en-gb>. The browser's menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favorites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The browser's toolbar shows various icons for navigation and utility.

The website header features the logo of the Republic of Macedonia and the text 'REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA Ministry of Foreign Affairs'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: HOME, MINISTRY, FOREIGN POLICY, ABOUT MACEDONIA, CONSULAR SERVICES, DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, MEDIA CENTER, and CONTACT.

The main content area is titled 'Diaspora Registration'. It includes a social media sharing section with 'Share' and 'Tweet' buttons. Below this is a message: 'Dear visitors, please fill in this registration form to receive useful information from Macedonia.' The registration form consists of several fields: 'Name *', 'Last name *', 'Date of birth *', 'Email *', 'City', 'Country *', 'Address', 'Phone', and 'Verification:'. A 'Send' button is located at the bottom of the form.

The right sidebar contains several sections: 'SEECIP.GOV.MK SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN COOPERATION PROCESS Macedonia's Chairmanship in Office 2012-2013', 'Visa regime', 'Photo galleries', and 'Diaspora Registration'. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a logo for 'МТВ ПРОДУКЦИЈА' (MTV Production) with the letters M, P, and T in separate boxes.

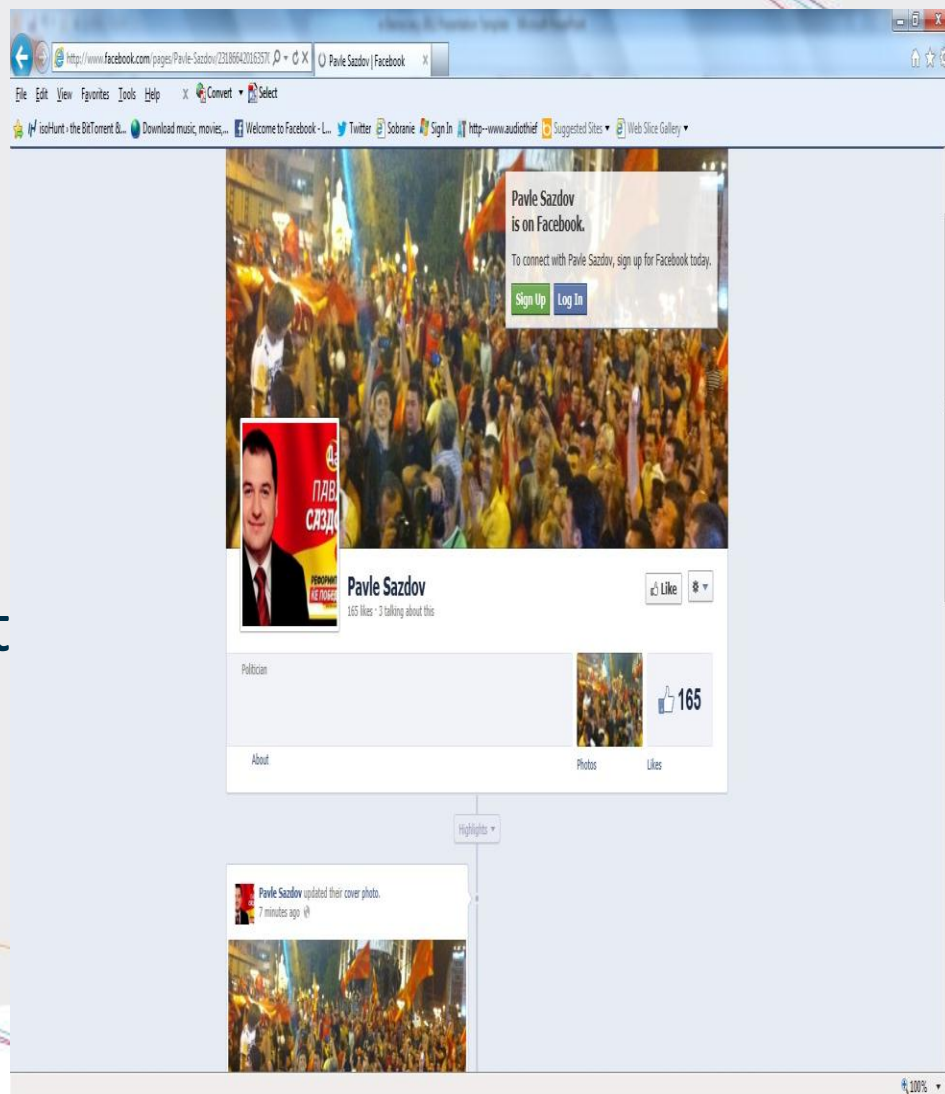
The browser's status bar at the bottom right shows a zoom level of 75%.

E-MAIL COMMUNICATION

- Built database with over 80.000 e-mail addresses
- Prepare monthly newsletter sent to all contacts and local media
- Important legislature sent right away
- Questionnaire on important issues
- Monthly interviews for local media

FACEBOOK

- Facebook page regularly updated
- 1144 friends, mostly Macedonians living abroad
- Facebook private account also regularly updated
- Polls on important issues and legislature



TWITTER

- 89 followers
- Daily status updates sent
- Extensive use of hash tags



NEXT STEPS

- Contact form on the official assembly page
- Access to social media sites within Assembly's network
- Integration with social media sites like Facebook and Twitter
- Newsletter prepared by assembly staff
- Discussions in committees and plenary session posted on all media
- Tools for dialogue with constituents



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