

SDSM (Socijal Demokratski Sojuz na Makedonija) - Social Democratic Alliance

SDSM is the successor to the League of Communists of Macedonia. Although the party has been accused of retaining its Communist tendencies, SDSM has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to furthering democracy in the country. The ruling party presents itself as standing in the European democratic tradition. Prime Minister Branko Crvenkovski and President Kiro Gligorov are SDSM members.

- Branko Crvenkovski President, Prime Minister since 1994
- Tito Petkovski Executive Council member, President of the Parliament
- Ljubomir Popovski Secretary General, Internal policy
- Blagoj Handziski Vice President, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Gjeorgi Spasov Minister of Justice
- Lazar Kitanovski Minister of Defence

SPM (Socijalisticka Partija na Makedonija) - Socialist Party of Macedonia

SPM has been more influential in the governing coalition than its electoral record would suggest. Leader Ljubislav Ivanov (Zingo) is the owner of the country's largest private television, which accounts for much of his influence and popularity. The party has three ministerial seats.

- Ljubisav Ivanov "Zingo" President, MP
- Zlatka Popovska Central Committee, Deputy Prime Minister

VMRO-DPMNE (Vnatesna Makedonska Revolucionerna Organizacija Demokratska Partija za Makedonsko Nacionalno Edinstvo) - The Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organisation-Democratic Party for Macedonian Unity

VMRO-DPMNE was founded in 1990 to promote "spiritual, economic, and ethnic union of the divided Macedonian people and the creation of a Macedonian state in a future united Balkans and a united Europe". After winning a plurality of seats in 1990, the party failed to form a government and went into opposition. It boycotted the 1994 elections. The party continues to be distinguished by its solid base of support among the working class and unemployed.

- Ljupco Georgievski President
- Dosta Dimovska Vice President
- Nikola Klusev President of the Council of "Intellectuals",
Prime Minister after the first elections in 1990