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**REDUCE POVERTY  
AND SOCIAL  
EXCLUSION**

**TARGET:**

*Reduce the proportion of the population living below the poverty line to 9.5% by 2015*

**STATUS OF PROGRESS:**

Reducing the proportion of the population living below the poverty line to 9.5% by 2015 in the Republic of Macedonia will not be feasible. If we take the trends over the past two years as the standard, according to the best-case scenario, it would be realistic to expect that by 2015 the current poverty rate (29.4%) would drop to 27% (measured according to the national method).