

KOSOVO DELEGATION

1. Safet Gerxhaliu

Education: MA degrees in International Marketing (1993) and Foreign Trade (2002) from the University of Zagreb (Faculty of Economics) and BA studies in Foreign Trade from the University of Split (faculty of Foreign Trade).

Professional Experience: **Mr. Gerxhaliu serves as the President of Kosova Chamber of Commerce.** Mr. Gerxhaliu has held several managerial positions in Germany, the UK, Spain and Belgium before getting back to Kosovo in 2002. He was employed in the Cabinet of Prime Minister Bajram Rexhepi, as Deputy Coordinator of the Stability Pact. He is a member of the negotiation team dealing with Free Trade Agreements with Croatia, FYROM, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Albania. Mr. Gerxhaliu is also a member of CEFTA Forum, Eurochambers, TAEX, BAC within the Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe, SECIPRO, KOSPRO, etc. Kosovo Chamber of Commerce is a leading business association in Kosovo. Established in 1962 from the Assembly of Kosovo, it is the legal representative of the interests of the business community in Kosovo. **Kosovo Chamber of Commerce** is a non-profit, independent organization with no political affiliation. KCC is organized and works under the objective of improving the market economy, entrepreneurship and triggering competition between its members. It seeks to advocate and represent at its best the interests of its members, to advice on business start-ups and give professional assistance for the member companies and in particular promote investment and the development of Kosova's economy. Its presence throughout Kosovo is established through its regional offices in Gjilan, Ferizaj, Prizren, Gjakove, Peje and Mitrovice. According to the law on the establishment of KCC, membership is on a voluntary basis. KCC consists of four main departments, thirty associations and over 15000 registered members.

2. Xhevat Jusufi

Professional Experience: **Mr. Jusufi is the Director General and Owner of Buçaj Corporation.** Buçaj Corporation is a **leading business in Kosovo in the field of distribution and sale of food products, sanitary ware, beverages and tobacco.** It employs 210 skilled workers and it cooperates with 3562 buyers, offering over 1,000 various products. For two consecutive years, the corporation ranked first as the year's best taxpayer, and as the best corporation in commodities trading.

3. Ismet Bojku

Professional Experience: **Mr. Bojku is the legal representative of Devolli Company.** Devolli Company is a **leading company of the production and distribution of quality coffee products in Kosovo.** Moreover Devolli is also **engaged in the production and distribution of sponge mattresses.** Its business activity covers almost the entire territory of Kosovo. Devolli Company employs 500 people. Currently, products of Devolli Corporation are being exported in Albania, Macedonia, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany and United States of America. Apart from many investments in technology and human resources, "Devolli Corporation" has made large capital and development investments by buying "Shock Absorbers" factory in Prishtina and "Emin Duraku" factory in Gjakova.

4. Xhelal Radoniqi

Professional Experience: **Mr. Radoniqi serves as General Director of Devolli Group.** In 1992 Devolli Group began **producing sponges** in Kosovo, while production in Albania began in 1995. Since then, production capacities have steadily grown. In 1995, Devolli Group expanded its activities by starting the production of Styrofoam, mattresses and inner springs in Kosovo. In Albania, the productions of the same started in 2002. The final products are distributed in the markets of Kosovo, Montenegro and Macedonia.

5. Halil Qela

Professional Experience: Mr. Qela acts as the General Director of Trepça Mines, a large industrial complex in Kosovo, located in Mitrovica. According to the Minerals and Mining Committee, Trepça has 14700 million tons of lignite reserves used for energy production in Kosovo, making Kosovo the fifth country in the world for lignite reserves. More than sixty minerals are listed up to date, most of which from a museological viewpoint are of exceptional quality.

6. Berat Rukiqi

Professional Experience: Mr. Rukiqi serves as the Chairman of Kosovo's Energy Corporation J.S.C (KEK). Kosovo Energy Corporation is a publicly owned company under Kosovo law. KEK has over 7,800 employees and is the largest employer in Kosovo. KEK has over 400,000 consumers, of which about 340,000 residential, 60,000 commercial (mostly small commercial customers). 100% of KEK's shares are held by the Government of Kosovo, on behalf of the Republic of Kosovo.

7. Mahmut Gerguri

Professional Experience: Mr. Gerguri is the Owner and Manager of Daci Metal Construction. He has an extensive experience in the industry in Power Stations and mining areas, having also worked in Germany for several years. Daci Metal Construction was founded in 2005 and is a full service metal firm. Daci's main services include ground building, high building, industrial steel construction, steel construction concrete foundation and platforms, dismantling/ erection of steel structure, dismantling/ erection of industrial equipment, electrical works, HVAC systems, processing of metals and supervisor works.

8. Milazim Zeqiraj

Professional Experience: Mr. Zeqiraj has been a University of Pristina Professor of Mathematics and since 1988 he has been working in the private Business including: Aviation and Tourism, Banking, Insurance, Privatization. He is MCM's Group Owner. MCM is a civil aviation business with MCM Air Travel (is the first IATA Travel Agency in Kosovo representing Austrian Airlines and Lufthansa for Kosovo), M-Travel which is responsible for Baggage Delivery Services and has contract with all the Airlines operating from Prishtina Airport and MCM Cargo (Special Cargo Agent for Austrian Airlines cargo in Kosovo). MCM Group has branches in Kosovo, FYROM, Montenegro and New York and employs 78 people. Apart from travel and tourism industry business, Zeqiraj is heavily involved in other business activities as well such as: 1. major shareholder in the strongest local Bank KASABANK, and 2. Major shareholder in the Insurance Company "SIGKOS".

9. Muhamet Ymeri

Professional Experience: Mr. Ymeri is a University of Pristina Professor on Wood Design and Technology and Managing Director of Galanteria Company. Galanteria is a leading private company in wood industry in Kosovo. It has a wide range of products as office furniture, school and hotel furniture as well as furniture for clients with special requirements.

10. Petrit Balija

Professional Experience: Dr. Balija serves as the Executive Director of Kosovo Banking Association (KBA). Dr. Balija has extensive experience in the financial sector where he has worked for several years (at the Bank of America as a financial specialist and in Wachovia Bank (now Wells Fargo) as a licensed investment advisor). Furthermore, Dr. Balija is also a lecturer of Economics and Management courses and has completed his PhD in the field of International Finance, Dr. Balija's previous academic background includes Bachelor studies and a Masters of Business Administration degree accomplished during his studies in the U.S. Kosovo Banking Association (KBA) was established in 2002 as a non-governmental organization with the objective to unify all commercial banks that operate in Kosovo in one place and to represent them in the best way possible. KBA has coordinated a

big number of projects for banks, among which are: 1)The Credit Registry and the International Transaction Reporting System, 2) GIRO Payment System, 3) The Direct Debit Scheme.

11. Bedri Kosumi

Professional Experience: Mr. Kosumi is the owner of Pestova Company. Pestova was established in 1991 and re-registered in 1999. Pestova's business activities are **import, production and sale of seed production, selling mechanism agricultural input, production and sale of fresh potato and processing potatoes into crisps and other products Flips and snacks.** Pestova's partners include, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Commission, USAID and the Kingdom of Netherlands.

12.Mergim Prishtina

Professional Experience: Mr. Prishtina is the Executive Director of Trepharm. Trepharm is the youngest **pharmaceutical manufacturer** in Blakans. It is a Kosovar investment with concept based on EU cGMP standards. Current Good Manufacturing Practice but also other global Quality Standards have been taken in account during design, construction and commissioning of this project, important not only for Kosovo pharma community but for whole nation as well.

13.Arif Elshani

Professional Experience: Mr. Elshani is the owner of Mercom Company. Mercom Company was established in 1989 and since 1/1/2009 has received the exclusive right (from Peugeot Automobiles) for the **sale of vehicles and spare parts in Kosovo.** It is the only service authorized by PEUGEOT Automobiles which operates with norms and standards determined by its manufacturer. Moreover, in November 2004, Mercom Company became the only company to deliver Skoda cars in Kosovo.

14.Hivzi Dragidella

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