



## GERMAN-KOSOVO ECONOMIC FORUM



### To the Media

Berlin, November, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

#### News information

### KOSOVO TODAY

Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

Its geographical position enables the country to serve as a connecting bridge with all other countries of Eastern Europe. As such, Kosovo creates favorable conditions for foreign investment (as low tax rates, fortunate staff costs, well educated people).

Since June 2009 the country is member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and of the World Bank Group. In November 2012 Kosovo joined the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The present currency is the Euro.

Never-the-less for a couple of month now young people from the Balkan states, and the Kosovo is part of them, try to flee into the Federal Republic of Germany to ask for asylum. Everybody knows that they will have no success, because they leave their home country not of political but out of economical reasons.

What shall we do to give those people, who leave their country out of economical reasons, a realistic perspective to stay in their home country? The first German-Kosovo Economic Forum will try with its input to develop the economical relations between the Republic of Kosovo and the Federal Republic of Germany and so to help in a moderate way to stabilize this small Balkan state.

Therefore with this first German-Kosovo Economic Forum with high-ranking company representatives and politicians we want to inform you and to draw your interest in different manners. You will be welcomed on

***Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 08:30 a.m. - 03:00 p.m.,  
Atrium of Ludwig Erhard House IHK Berlin (chamber of commerce), Fasanenstrasse 85, 10623 Berlin  
(Entrance Hardenbergstrasse)***

We are glad about your interest and your participation.

More details about the event you find on [www.german-kosovo-economic-forum.org](http://www.german-kosovo-economic-forum.org). The programme you find as well at the end of this message.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us, if there are any questions. We will be pleased to get in contact with you! You may call us +49 – (0)33609 – 744 570 or you may send us a mail to [media@german-kosovo-economic-forum.org](mailto:media@german-kosovo-economic-forum.org).

Yours sincerely

Olaf W i e h l e



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*Friday, November, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 8.30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Ludwig-Erhard-House (Atrium) of the IHK-Berlin,  
Fasanenstrasse 85, 10623 Berlin  
(Entrance Hardenbergstrasse)*

### Programme (with accompanying fair):

**08:30**

Opening

**09:00**

Fair round tour by Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, **Dr. Gerd Müller**, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo, **Hashim Thaçi**

**09:15**

Welcome by **Christian Wiesenhütter**, Deputy CEO, IHK Berlin (chamber of commerce)

**09:20**

Welcome by Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, **Dr. Gerd Müller**

**09:30**

Welcome by **H.E. Ambassador Skender Xhakaliu**

**09:40**

Speech by parliamentary Undersecretary of State, **Anette Kramme** (Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs), about the relevance of Germany's commitment in the Republic of Kosovo

**09:50**

The German-Kosovo relationship

Speech by the President of the German-Kosovo Economic Society, **Prof. Dr. Friedbert Pflüger**

**10:00**

The economical position Kosovo

Speech by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, **Hashim Thaçi**, Republic of Kosovo

**10:30**

Break, Exhibition-Hall-Tour

**11:00**

Public large-scale projects, tendering, and financial support programmes by the EU and international funds for Kosovo, with speeches by

- **Heiko Ammermann**, Senior Partner - Roland Berger Strategy Consultants

- **Lorik Haxhiu**, Attorney-in-fact - ACDC - KOS

- **Markus Merzbach**, Director division sales and marketing -Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)

**11:30**

Energy, environment technique, and mining (including infrastructure- and disposal system), with speeches by

- **Gerald Schmidt**, Managing Director Retrofit - Alstom Boiler Deutschland GmbH

- **Blerand Stavileci**, Minister for Economic Development, Republic of Kosovo

**12:00**

The dual educational system of Kosovo and protection of qualified employees, with speeches by

- **Klaus Reinecke**, General Manager - (carpentry)

- **Bedri Xhafa**, General Manager - APPK

**12:30**

Discussion about Kosovo's economical position

Presentation: **Christian Wiesenhütter**

Impulse speech: Best practices – our experience in Kosovo by **Hubertus Soppert**, Managing Director - p2m berlin GmbH

- **Heiko Ammermann**, Senior Partner - Roland Berger Strategy Consultants

- **Safet Gerxhaliu**, President - Kosovo Chamber of Commerce

- **Memli Krasniqi**, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development in the Government of the Republic of Kosovo

- **Markus Merzbach**, Director division sales and marketing -Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)

- **Gerald Schmidt**, Managing Director Retrofit - Alstom Boiler Deutschland GmbH

- **Blerand Stavileci**, Minister for Economic Development, Republic of Kosovo

- **Helge Tolkendorf**, Head of division EU-extension - Federal Ministry for Economy and Energy

**02:00**

Break, Exhibition-Hall-Tour (Closing at about 03:00 p.m.)