

GERMAN-KOSOVO ECONOMIC FORUM



To the Media

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News information

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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Kosovo is the youngest country in Europe located in the central part of the Balkans. 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).

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 a realistic perspective to stay in their home country and to end this river of refugees? 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.

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.

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

Friday, November 27th, 2015, 09:00 a.m. - 02:00 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 programme you find on www.german-kosovo-economic-forum.org.

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 - 744570 or you may send us a mail to $\underline{media@german-kosovo-economic-forum.org}$.

Yours sincerely

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