

European Investors Council

Monthly Newsletter



In the December 2022 edition of the European Investors' Council Newsletter you will be able to read an exclusive message from our CEO, Emrush Ujkani on the end of this year. Moreover, you can read about EIC activities, the annual conference for the promotion and attraction of investments in Kosovo, the meeting between EIC members and Kosovo Prime Minister Albin Kurti, as well as our launch of the "Improve the Business Environment for Foreign Investors in Kosovo" project, supported by the British Embassy in Prishtina. News about our members' achievements, social responsibility and awareness campaigns can also be found throughout this edition, along with other important and relevant news of the month.



Dear Readers,

As we come to the end of another year, I want to take a moment to express my sincerest gratitude for your exceptional cooperation and partnership over the past year. Your commitment to our organization and its goals has been unwavering, and I am deeply thankful for the valuable contributions that you have made.

Despite the challenges of this year, I am grateful for the support and collaboration of all European Investor Council members, and I am proud of the impact we have made on our community together with partners from Kosovo and international institutions, including the EU Office, the EBRD, EIB, and embassies and representative offices of EU member states in Kosovo. Through our events, activities, advocacy efforts, and support for European investors in Kosovo, we have continuously made a difference and contributed to economic growth in the country.

Looking ahead in 2023, I am excited for what the future holds. Together, we will continue to build on our successes and work towards our shared goals of improving the investment climate in Kosovo, intensifying sustainable dialogue and interaction between the private sector and the Government of Kosovo, and addressing and resolving important business and investment barriers that European investors may face inside the country.

On behalf of the entire European Investors Council team, I want to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you for all that you do, and here's to a prosperous and successful 2023!

Emrush Ujkani

Chief Executive Officer

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EIC Members meet with Kosovo Prime Minister to discuss Business Environment and Investment Opportunities

The members of European Investors Council (EIC) had the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Albin Kurti, and together discuss the experience of doing business in Kosovo from the perspective of European investors, as well as share suggestions for improving the business environment in the country.

Legislative reforms and concrete solutions for attracting more investments were at the forefront of the conversation between EIC members and Prime Minister Kurti. EIC representatives emphasized that open, constructive, and sustainable dialogue between the government and investors will contribute to the improvement of the investment climate in Kosovo and increase foreign direct investments.

Prime Minister Kurti reaffirmed the government's commitment to receiving recommendations from the private sector for improving the business environment in Kosovo. He thanked EIC and its members for their initiative and the productive exchange.





EIC Launches Project to Improve Business Environment for Foreign Investors in Kosovo with Support from British Embassy

The European Investors Council (EIC) is pleased to announce the launch of the "Improve the Business Environment for Foreign Investors in Kosovo" project, supported by the British Embassy in Pristina. This initiative aims to assist the Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade in making strategic use of international investment climate indicators through an in-depth analysis of the current situation, including methodological and data-gathering structures.

We were honored to have the UK Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to the Western Balkans, Martin Vickers, as well as the Embassy's Deputy Ambassador, H.E. Jacob Webber, the Embassy's Head of Internal Politics & Communications, Richard Le Vay, and UK Members of Parliament Matthew Offord, Lisa Cameron, and Baroness Blake, present at the launch event. EIC Members and other delegates from the business community, with a focus on representatives of British investors in Kosovo, were also in attendance.

Minister of Industry Entrepreneurship and Trade Rozeta Hajdari also participated in the meeting. The EIC looks forward to collaborating with the British Embassy and other stakeholders to improve the business environment for foreign investors in Kosovo.



EIC and KIESA host successful annual conference on Investments in Kosovo

The European Investors Council (EIC) and Kosovo Investment and Enterprise Support Agency (KIESA) have successfully concluded the annual conference for the promotion and attraction of investments in Kosovo. This conference, which drew significant attendance from the business community, focused on addressing challenges and improving the investment climate in Kosovo.

During his opening remarks at the conference, Kosovo Prime Minister Albin Kurti highlighted the progress that the country has made in terms of rule of law, ranking first in the Balkans and second among 14 Eastern European countries. This favorable ranking, along with new laws and initiatives aimed at supporting sustainable investments, industrial and technological parks, innovation and entrepreneurship, and the protection of intellectual property rights, make Kosovo an attractive destination for foreign investment.

EIC and KIESA believe that these efforts will help Kosovo achieve its vision of becoming a leading country in foreign direct investments and exports in the Western Balkans, and provide many opportunities for European investors.





The Government of Kosovo grants strategic investor status to Moxico Luma Kosova Mining

The Government of Kosovo has approved the proposal for the decision to grant Strategic Investor Status to the investment entity MOXICO LUMA KOSOVA MINING.

The Minister of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade, Rozeta Hajdari, has announced that this project worth 45 million euros aims to carry out various underground studies in the Municipality of Vushtri and Mitrovica.

"This project in itself will involve the extraction of various studies of the underground assets found in the Municipality of Vushtri and Mitrovica, at the same time the project will involve a number of local and international experts and based on the Law on Strategic Investments 05L/79 the application project MOXICO LUMA MINING in the amount of 45 million euros", she said.



The proposal to announce this company as a "strategic investor" was implemented for the first time in 2020 by the Government of Kosovo, when Ramush Haradinaj was prime minister.

Meanwhile, during the year 2021, 485 million euros was the value of foreign direct investments in Kosovo. According to the data of the Central Bank of Kosovo, the amount of 485.4 million euros invested in Kosovo is divided into several categories.



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NLB Bank A world of generosity: We will end the year with a charity donation in all the markets where we operate

Every day is a great opportunity to share warmth and kindness, but during the festive December these virtues stand out even more. We at NLB Group know this, which is why we will end the year with a donation to various groups and charitable causes in all the markets where we operate.

Our world is so much more beautiful when we stand by each other and heartily create new opportunities – opportunities such as those that arise with our support. The employees of the NLB Group proposed and voted for various associations, humanitarian organizations and groups to which we will allocate funds totaling over €500,000. In Kosovo, we will share the **funds of €65,000 for charity**, thus contributing to the improvement of the conditions and quality of life in health, education and in the social aspect.

In order to support the health treatment of children, at the Pediatric Clinic we will donate the EEG device that serves to diagnose children with epilepsy. The therapy these children should receive depends on the results obtained with this device.

In the Speech Therapy Cabinet, we will donate didactic materials and inventory that are necessary tools to treat children with communication disorders, cognitive disorders, voice and swallowing disorders.

We will support therapeutic treatments for a year for 6 children through the "Autism" association. Therapy will help them improve their psycho-social and communication skills.

At the Rheumatology Clinic, we will donate the Capillaroscope device that measures and evaluates the blood flow in the small vessels of the body, namely through the capillaries.

We will support the Lifeline - the national suicide prevention call center managed by the NGO "Centre for Information and Social Improvement" which focuses on providing an emergency service to people with suicidal thoughts who may be in high-risk situations and breaking stigma and mental health awareness through training and workshops.

The rest of the funds will be allocated for education, we will offer 12 scholarships for vocational training at Cactus Education for students in the field of information technology.

In the NLB Group, we don't say for nothing that this region is our home. Here are our families, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Here we can breathe freely, create, experience and collaborate. It is therefore only natural that we want to support and improve the quality of life in our home – also creating opportunities where they are lacking, especially during this festive period. Because a world of generosity is a world of opportunity.



ProCredit Bank supports the 7th Raspberry Conference - New Initiatives for Climate Change

On December, the Raspberry Association in Kosovo organized the seventh Raspberry Conference - New initiatives for climate change, with support from ProCredit Bank. The conference brought together a diverse group of participants, including representatives from institutions, the university, the private sector, and farmers, to share knowledge and experiences related to the potential for the further development of the raspberry sector in Kosovo.

The key focus of the conference was on the challenges faced by the sector and the innovative steps that must be taken to improve the sector in the context of climate change. The conference provided a valuable opportunity for attendees to discuss these issues and explore ways to address them.

LIMAK Kosovo in partnership with UNDP in Kosovo launch the global initiative "Global Engineer Girls"

Limak Kosovo launches the Global Engineer Girls (GEG) initiative in Kosovo with the strategic partner United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Kosovo. The main aim of GEG is to provide effective support and increase the representation of women in the field of engineering in Kosovo. Kosovo has the lowest rate of women's labor participation in the region with only 22.5% of women being active participants.

For those who are employed, there is a clear division in the type of profession, as education and health care represent the main sectors that employ women (51%); while trade, construction and production are the most common employment sectors for men (42.3%). It is estimated that only about 9% of energy-related jobs are filled by women. These disparities begin at the educational level as women are underrepresented in STEM education programs, especially those related to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Engineering.



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MUNDËSI KARRIERE PËR TË JU NDIHMUAR
TË ZHVILLOHEN NË NJË INXHINIERE
TË SUKSESSHME!**

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Schengen area: Council decides to lift border controls with Croatia

Since its accession to the EU, Croatia has applied parts of the Schengen acquis, including those related to the external border controls, police cooperation and the use of the Schengen Information System.



From 1 January 2023, checks on persons at internal land and sea borders between Croatia and the other countries in the Schengen area will be lifted. Checks at internal air borders will be lifted from 26 March 2023, given the need for this to coincide with the dates of IATA summer/winter time schedule.

From 1 January 2023 Croatia will also start to issue Schengen visas and will be able to make full use of the Schengen Information System.



EIC Joins #OrangeTheWorld Campaign to End Gender-Based Violence and Empower Women

The European Investors Council (EIC) is proud to announce its participation in the #OrangeTheWorld global campaign to raise awareness and end gender-based violence. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence are marked every year from November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, until December 10th, Human Rights Day.

EIC remains committed to empowering women and promoting equal rights, and we believe that this campaign is an important step towards creating a more equitable and safe society for all. We encourage all members of the business community and the public to join us in supporting this important cause. Together, we can make a difference and work towards a future free from gender-based violence.

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