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### 04 NOVEMBER

Meeting of the Transport and Logistics Cluster with the Director of the Operations and Border Directorate at the Customs of the Republic of Kosovo; Pristina

### 04 NOVEMBER

Info-session “Mundësitë e Aplikimit dhe Financimit për Pjesëmarrjen e Kompanive Vendore në Paniret në Gjermani, Austri dhe Zvicër për vitin 2025;” Pristina

### 06 NOVEMBER

“Renewable Energy Sources as the Biggest Piece of the Energy Puzzle;” Skopje

### 06 NOVEMBER

“Business After Hours;” Pristina

### 12 NOVEMBER

Meeting of the Cluster for Vocational Education and Training; Pristina

### 13-15 NOVEMBER

59th Symposium Procurement and Logistics; Berlin

### 20 NOVEMBER

Meeting of the Clean Call Alliance (CCA); Pristina

### 25-29 NOVEMBER

Cluster Meetings; Pristina

### 25-29 NOVEMBER

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# HOW KDWW HELPS YOUR JOURNEY

## 1. CREDIBILITY

Member companies are associated with KDWW not only for the services it offers but also for the credibility and recognition that KDWW has as a brand, both in Germany and Kosovo. Since KDWW's mandate and mission is to strengthen German-Kosovar economic relations, German companies or those collaborating with Germany gain additional recognition as a German investment in Kosovo by becoming members of the Chamber. Thus, they proudly become part of the German-Kosovar community through KDWW.

## 2. NETWORKING

KDWW members have access to a wide network of professionals, industry leaders, political leaders, and university representatives, including contacts in Germany and Kosovo, with access to a network of over 2500 people.

## 3. REPRESENTATION OF INTERESTS

KDWW is very active in advocacy and representing the interests of its members towards the government. KDWW receives input for its advocacy work through its six Clusters and the networks Clean Energy Network, FINTECH Kosovo, and Clean Call Alliance. Join the Clusters and contribute in this direction for your sector!

## 4. SENIOR EXPERT SERVICE

Through the Senior Expert Service in Kosovo, KDWW brings German expertise to its member companies in 40 different industries, from a database of over 12,000 German experts.

## 5. TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

KDWW offers trainings and workshops, especially on topics related to trends and regulations in the German market (e.g., German Supply Chain Due Diligence Law).

## 6. STUDIES AND RESEARCH

KDWW processes statistics and data throughout the year and publishes reports in German and English. Members for Members: Opportunities for discounts on services and products from members for members.

## 7. COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for collaboration on projects, research, and initiatives with other members and German companies, through activities and delegations organized in Kosovo and Germany, including B2B meetings.

## 8. SUPPORT AND ADVICE

KDWW employs qualified professionals with knowledge of the German language and both the German and Kosovar markets and offers consultations on legal issues, compliance, ISO standards, finding partners, and facilitating German investments in Kosovo and Kosovar investments in Germany.

## 9. MARKETING

Opportunities to increase visibility through KDWW channels, publications, and events organized by KDWW.

## 10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Many members offer pro bono work for the KDWW business community, such as trainings and consultations, contributing to the responsible development of the community and the business climate in Kosovo.

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KDWW also offers personalized paid services, including business establishment in Kosovo and Germany, franchising, joint ventures, partner searches, supplier searches, and legal consultations.

# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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**Dear KDWW Members and Friends,**

Welcome to the KDWW newsletter! Here, we bring you the latest on our activities, highlight members making waves, share success stories and key updates that shape German-Kosovar economic relations.

This space is all about connection—whether through new partnerships, exciting events, or industry insights that help you stay ahead. Each edition features inspiring stories of progress and opportunities for collaboration, ensuring you're always in the loop on what matters most.

Feel free to reach out - share your news, ideas, and feedback — let's keep building bridges between Germany and Kosovo together!

Warm regards,

Nora Hasani  
Executive Director  
KDWW



## JUNGE UNION OBERBAYERN

### DELEGATION VISITS KOSOVO!

As part of the Junge Union Oberbayern delegation's visit to Kosovo, the meeting with the German-Kosovar Business Association (KDWW) representatives, Besarta Hyseni and Greta Kazia, was one of the delegation's very first interactions.

During the meeting, the delegation was informed about Kosovo's economic progress, the strengthening of bilateral relations between Germany and Kosovo, and KDWW's role in fostering these developments.

An important aspect of the discussion was the exchange of perspectives on economic opportunities and challenges between the two countries, emphasizing a shared commitment to collaboration and growth.



# TRANSFORMING EDUCATION: CLUSTER MEETING PAVES THE WAY FOR DUAL EDUCATION

At the premises of the German-Kosovar Business Association (KDWV), the Cluster for Vocational Education and Training held a meeting.

Discussions focused on the latest developments of the task force for initiating and implementing the dual education system in Kosovo, including new programs set to be piloted. Additionally, special attention was given to organizing the Vocational Education Week.

The aim is to advance dual vocational training in Kosovo, offering young people better opportunities for education and professional development according to the highest standards.



# IT'S TIME TO SECURE YOUR EARLY- BIRD TICKETS TO EXPLORE KEY INDUSTRY TOPICS AT E-SOLUTION DAYS 2025!

The E-Solution Days 2025, organized by the German Association for Supply Chain Management, Procurement, and Logistics (BME), is the go-to event for procurement and supply chain professionals. As a partner, KDWW is excited to promote this congress, taking place on **13-14 May 2025 in Düsseldorf**.



Learn more and register here: [BME-eLÖSUNGSTAGE 2025](#)

## This year's edition will focus on:

- E-Procurement: Unlocking efficiency and transparency in procurement processes.
- Sustainability in Supply Chains: Integrating green practices into digital solutions.
- Automation & AI: Leveraging advanced technologies to revolutionize operations.
- Data-Driven Decision Making: Turning big data into actionable insights.
- Cybersecurity in Procurement: Protecting digital assets and ensuring secure transactions.
- Early-bird registration ends on **November 30, 2024** – Take advantage of discounted rates and secure your spot now!

# "BRIDGING BORDERS, BUILDING FUTURES: SEPA INTEGRATION FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION – EMPOWERING GROWTH AND RESILIENCE"

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo (CBK) hosted an international conference dedicated to SEPA integration and financial inclusion. The event featured opening remarks by CBK Governor Ahmet Ismaili, President of the Republic of Kosovo Vjosa Osmani, and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva.

The conference program brought together governors from central banks and heads of financial institutions across the European Union and the region. They engaged in discussions on important topics, including SEPA integration, digital transformation, financial stability, and the future of regional banking. A comprehensive study on cashless payments in the Western Balkans was also presented, shedding light on the region's strides toward digital financial solutions.



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# THE “ENERGY FOR EQUALITY” GRANT COMPONENT IS NOW LAUNCHED!

To enhance women’s employment, retention, and career development in the energy sector, MCA Kosovo has launched the "Energy for Equality" Grants Component.

Eligible applicants include active Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the energy sector and related fields – see the full list of **eligible activities** [here](#).

## Through this component, grants will be distributed as follows:

- **€26,000** for micro and small enterprises (**3–49 employees**).
- **€50,000** for medium enterprises (**50–199 employees**)-in the energy sector.
- Up to **€35,000** for CSOs advocating for women’s inclusion.

Grants for large enterprises (over 200 employees) will also be available soon.

The application process consists of two phases: Preparation of a Concept Document; and Full Application Procedures for shortlisted candidates.

The deadline for submitting the Concept Document is November 29, via email at [e4e.grants@mcakosovo.org](mailto:e4e.grants@mcakosovo.org).

Learn more or register for information sessions at [www.energyforequality.com](http://www.energyforequality.com).

# **INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) PRESS RELEASE ON THE THIRD REVIEWS ON THE STAND-BY ARRANGEMENT (SBA) AND RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY FACILITY (RSF) AND THE 2024 ARTICLE IV DISCUSSIONS**

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Press Release on the Third Reviews on the Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) and Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) and the 2024 Article IV Discussions

In an End-of-Mission press release, the IMF staff published statements concluding the preliminary findings after their visit to Kosovo.

The main discussions focused on the 2024 Article IV Consultations and the Third Reviews of Kosovo's Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) and Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) Arrangement.

This IMF visit to Kosovo (from October 28 to November 11 2024) was part of a mission led by Mr. David Amaglobeli, who issued a statement that concluded the preliminary findings. A fragment of the statement includes:

“Kosovo’s economy continues to perform well, supported by robust private consumption and higher public investment, offsetting the impact of a widening trade deficit and softening remittances. We project growth to reach 4¼ percent this year and 4 percent next year.

Headline inflation has significantly declined, reaching 0.4 percent year-on-year in October 2024, driven by a slowing in the growth of food and transportation prices. The external current account deficit widened to 2¾ percent of GDP in the first eight months of 2024 from 1½ percent of GDP in the same period last year, due to growing imports of goods and services, fueled by higher domestic demand. Private sector credit grew at double digits, deepening the financial sector and providing additional support to the economy. The banking sector remains healthy—profitable and well-capitalized with low levels of non-performing loans.”

**Read (listen to) the full press-release [here](#).**

# COP29 AND KOSOVO'S FIRST VOLUNTARY NDC

As we reach a critical moment in global climate negotiations, #COP29 has gathered country leaders to renew their commitments on combating climate change—and Kosovo is now part of this journey!

Supported by the German Government, and facilitated through a partnership with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Kosovo has stepped onto the COP29 global stage and is participating with a governmental delegation to present the country's first voluntary Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

This step marks Kosovo's commitment to a more resilient and sustainable future.



## Kosovo's First Voluntary NDC

# THE BANKING AND ITS FUTURE IN THE REGION: A DISCUSSION HOSTED BY OST-AUSSCHUSS DER DEUTSCHEN WIRTSCHAFT E.V. AND PROCREDIT BANK GERMANY

Providing a space to discuss common difficulties and hurdles most businesses face when embracing interregional trade, this event will feature expert insights, and explore the following

- What are the challenges of doing business in the Southeastern and Eastern Europe area?
- The business and economic potential in Southeastern and Eastern Europe
- Financing and banking tools that are available to German companies operating in the area: (co-) financing, cross border finance, letter of credits, cross border collaterals, cross border payments, including case studies
- An overview of support schemes for doing business in Southeastern and Eastern Europe

Taking place on **November 21 2024, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**, the event will be in the online format **via Online Microsoft Teams**. The registration deadline is November 18 2024. You can find the **registration form [here](#)**, and use the common password 2024PCB-OA.

More detailed information in the agenda, [here](#).

## "KOSOVO'S PRIORITIES IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE GREEN AGENDA"

On November 14, 2024, the Institute for Development Policy (INDEP) hosted a discussion on Kosovo's priorities for sustainable development and the Green Agenda.

Topics included renewable energy, decarbonization, biodiversity protection, and sustainable agriculture. Key points highlighted the need for institutional cooperation to meet decarbonization targets, promote solar energy, protect nature, and address challenges like water pollution. The event also emphasized the importance of sustainable farming and forestry practices, alongside fostering youth engagement in agriculture.

Collaboration between stakeholders was identified as crucial for achieving Kosovo's sustainability goals.

The discussion underscored the urgency of implementing existing laws and adopting new policies to combat environmental degradation and ensure long-term economic and environmental resilience in Kosovo.

## THE GREEN RISING WORKSHOP IN PRISTINA

On November 12-13, KDWV took part in the co-creation workshop organized by the Green Rising Movement in Prishtina.

The workshop gathered 30 participants, including youth, public sector officials, representatives from GenuHQ, civil society organizations, and private sector leaders.

Through collaborative discussions and idea-sharing, the group worked to establish the groundwork for an active green volunteerism movement in Kosovo.

The creativity and input of young participants will be key in shaping the movement's development, operations, and lasting impact on environmental transformation.



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