



**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

AND

**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KOSOVO**

**FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
DIASPORA**



The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (hereafter referred to as "the Parties") with the desire to cooperate in the field of Diaspora;

With the aim to develop and further strengthen existing bilateral agreements between the two countries, in the diaspora field. Encouraged by the common will to promote co - operation among their countries the diaspora field for: preservation, development and promotion of national, cultural, language and education; improving their social situation in host countries; realization of it their political rights in the Homeland; as well as their involvement in economic and social developments of its own;

Convinced that their cooperation in the diaspora field is an instrument of value and benefits for both countries, as well as for the Albanian diaspora in the world;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The parties will support and develop cooperation in the diaspora field between the two countries over the principles of equality and mutual benefit.

This cooperation will include:

1. The field of learning Albanian language for children of Albanian Diaspora; support activities and cultural and artistic projects for the promotion of Albanian culture and strengthening of the national identity in host countries but also of origin;
2. Linking new agreements on the recognition of social contributions and the protection of it their fundamental rights;
3. Identification and mapping of the Albanian Diaspora, in order to realize their right to vote from places where they live for parliamentary and local elections in Homeland;
4. Realization of projects and initiatives aimed at the active inclusion of the Diaspora Albanians in the economic and social development of the homeland.

Article 2

The Parties will encourage exchanges of experiences and programs in the diaspora field.

Article 3

The Parties will encourage direct cooperation between the Diaspora responsible institutions countries, which will be realized through the exchange of visits of the leaders and experts in the areas mentioned, as well as through conferences or joint activities. The parties agree to set contact points in this regard.



Article 4

As appropriate, the Parties agree to work together with a joint action plan in diaspora field.

Article 5

The Parties undertake to establish joint cultural centers for the Albanian Diaspora wherever it will consider it necessary for the preservation of Albanian language, culture and identity.

Article 6

The Parties shall encourage direct co-operation of the responsible institutions involved coordination for the education, registration, organization and joint protection of rights all Albanians who have left their homeland.

Article 7

The Parties shall support the co-operation of their institutions within the framework of the Principles the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations.

Article 8

This Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from the Agreement other international obligations that are binding on the parties.

Article 9

The Parties agree that this agreement shall not preclude the possibility of other forms of cooperation, which are not specified in it but are in line with its objectives.

Article 10

1. For the purpose of implementing this Agreement, a Joint Commission shall be established (hereafter referred to as "the Commission"), composed of representatives, as follows:
 - a) A representative of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania;
 - b) a representative of the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Albania;
 - c) a representative of the Institutions responsible for the Diaspora of the Republic of Albania;
 - d) a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - e) a representative of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - f) a representative of the institutions responsible for the Diaspora of the Republic of Kosovo.
2. The Commission will meet periodically in Tirana and Prishtina, and the dates of the meeting will be agreed through diplomatic channels. The Commission will prepare periodic



cooperation programs, which will determine the details and the terms of cooperation, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and shall evaluate and monitor its implementation, and will decide on the appropriate recommendations with the intention of its effective implementation.

Article 11

The Parties agree to co-operate, as the case may be, for the above financial performance their joint commitments, with a constructive and dialogue spirit.

Article 12

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification by which it is addressed The Parties shall notify each other, through diplomatic channels, that they have fulfilled the procedures legal interim necessary for the entry into force of the agreement.

The duration of this Agreement is for a period of five (5) years and will automatically renewable for a subsequent period of five (5) years, unless none of the Parties has announces its desire to conclude in writing through diplomatic channels.

In one case such Agreement shall expire six (6) months from the date on which the other Party has received such notification. In the event of termination of this Agreement, its provisions shall continue to apply to each exchange program agreement, or project initiated under this Agreement that is still in progress, until their completion, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties, through exchange of grades. The amendment will take effect on the date when the consent of the The other party.

In witness whereof, the authorized representatives have signed this Agreement.

Done at Korça, on 27.11.2017, in two original copies each in Albanian.

**FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
PRIME MINISTER**

EDI RAMA

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
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