



# KOSOVO INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES







## PRE INVESTMENT SUPPORT

- National, regional, sectorial, etc. information
- Study visits to Kosovo
- G2B and B2B meetings







#### INVESTMENT PHASE SUPPORT

- Permits, licenses, and administrative procedures
- Linkages with local SMEs as suppliers and clients
- Promotion of products for export
- Linkages with economic chambers
- Linkages with business service providers
- Plots on economic zones and identification of private locations







# AFTER CARE SUPPORT

- Addressing challenges in local and central level
- Government advocacy
- Investors' Grievance Redress Mechanism







# STRATEGIC LOCATION



- Languages
  - Albanian
  - Serbian
  - English
- Population
  - 1.8M
- Currency
  - EUR
- Access to EU

| • | Thessaloniki | 329 km  |
|---|--------------|---------|
| • | Durrës       | 261 km  |
| • | Bar          | 299 km  |
| • | London       | 3.5 hrs |
| • | Berlin       | 2.5 hrs |
| • | Rome         | 1.5 hrs |
| • | Istanbul     | 1 5 hrs |







#### **WORLD BANK DOING BUSINESS 2019**



- 77 rank improvements in the past seven years
- 2018 overall rank 44
  - Starting a business 13
  - Registering property 37
  - Getting credit 12
  - Paying taxes
     44
  - Trading across borders 51
  - Enforcing contracts 50







#### LOWEST OPERATIONAL COSTS IN EUROPE

- Corporate profit tax: 10%
- Income tax 0 10 % (Progressive)

- Mandatory pension contribution: 5%
- VAT: 18 %, except for utilities and food basket which is set at 8%
- Tax on Dividends: 0%
- Cost of electricity at 0.055 0.10 EUR per kWh (22 cents in EU)
- Average Wage: 400 450 EUR/month (3,103 EUR in Western Europe)







## IMPORT LIBERATION

- Production lines and machinery used for the production process;
- Raw materials for production
- Information technology (IT) equipment
- Equipment and materials imported for electronic and hard copy media
- Newspapers and periodicals
- The raw material used for the production process;







#### LEGISLATION AND AGREEMENTS

- Law on Foreign Investments
  - Wide support to and protection of FDI
- Law on Strategic Investments
  - Direct negotiations and fast-track admin procedures

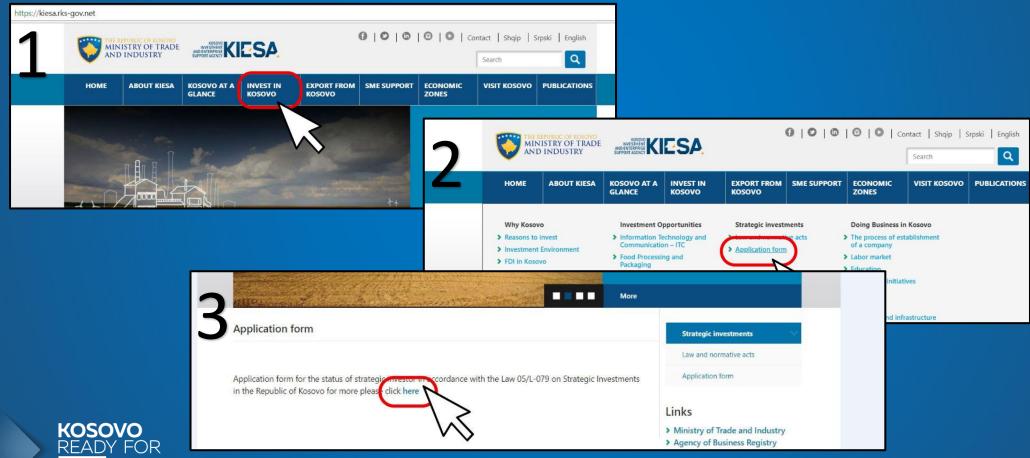
- Bilateral investment promotion and protection agreements
  - 1. Germany
  - 2. UAE
  - 3. Austria
  - 4. Switzerland
  - 5. Turkey
  - 6. BENELUX
  - 7. Albania
  - 8. Macedonia
  - 9. OPIC







#### LAW ON STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

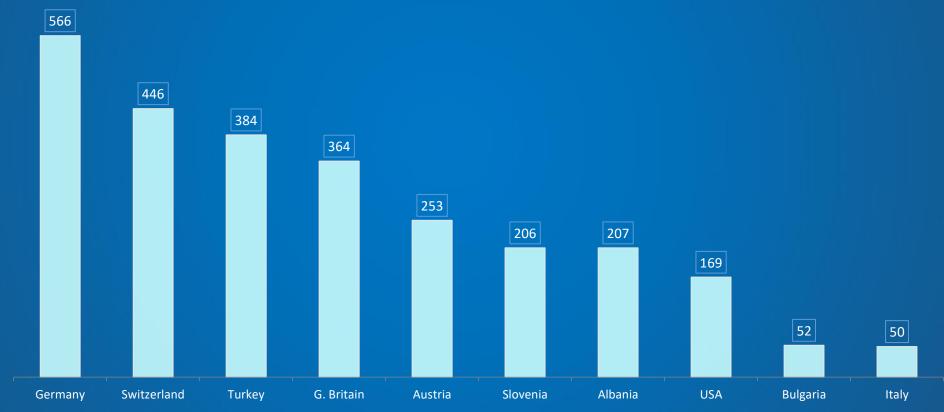








# FDI 2007- FEBRUARY 2018 BY COUNTRY (EUR mil)









#### MAIN ECONOMIC SECTORS

- Agriculture and food packaging
- Mining
- Energy
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Wood processing
- IT & Telecommunications
- Textile and leather processing









- New power plant "Kosova e Re"
  - 500 MW
  - EUR 1.3B private investment
- Significant resources of renewable energy resources including
  - Hydro
  - Wind
  - Solar
  - Biomass
  - Thermal



- Infrastructure projects
  - Developing road network R6A Peja –
     Montenegro
  - R6 towards Mitrovica
  - Highway Prishtinë Gjilan Dheu i Bardhë
- Main pillar of the Kosovo's economy
- Approximately 3,800 enterprise
- Around 20% of new businesses per year



- Estimated volume of forest land about 53 million m<sup>3</sup>
- Wood products
  - 75% final products
  - 18% semi-final products
  - 10% raw materials
- Main export destinations
  - Germany
  - Austria
  - Switzerland
  - Western Balkans



Youngest population in Europe average age 27

Workforce both skilled and multilingual

• English being only just short of an official language



- Government is working to revitalize textile sector
- Important advantages for investors
  - A cheap, well-skilled, and experienced work force
  - A solid base of technology that can be acquired through the ongoing privatization process
  - Different opportunities on business process outsourcing





## **THANK YOU!**

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