





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Government of the Republic of Kosovo

The Royal Norwegian Embassy, and

Balkans Policy Research Group

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SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF KOSOVO, PRIME MINISTER, OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, DEVELOPMENT AND THE DIALOGUE, UNDER THE FRAMEWORK "SUPPORTING PEACE AND STATE BUILDING AGENDA, and ADVANCING EUROPEAN AGENDA FOR KOSOVO"

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, represented by the Royal Norwegian Embassy and the Balkans Policy Research Group, referred to as the 'Entities; share similar objectives and wish to confirm cooperation in support of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on the agenda of the dialogue with Serbia. It is in the interest of all entities that support is provided to the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in order to elevate peace and prosperity for Kosovo.

Article 1 Purpose

The goal of the entities is to offer support for the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Development and Dialogue.

Article 2 Goal

The entities complement the EU's-ed efforts and Kosovo's commitment to work on this agenda, and the project aim to support and strengthen Kosovo's capacities, consensus and outreach to advance this process further. By assisting the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, the MoU and the follow up support aim to strengthen Kosovo institutions, and advance its state consolidation.

Article 3 Scope

The Entities agree to enter collaboration that will inter alia include support to the Government of the Republic of Kosovo through:

- Providing expert support and a group of high-level experts for the Government of the Republic of Kosovo,
 Office of the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Development and Dialogue.
- Providing thematic short-term experts within key policy areas in support of the negotiations, based on need and request from the beneficiary.
- Supporting the efforts of the beneficiary in communication and outreach to maintain and enhance public and political support.
- Providing support to increase inclusion and participation of other actors, non-governmental actors etc.
- Detailed modalities will be worked out between the three parties: a mechanism of consultations between Deputy Prime ministry (and the Office of the Prime Minister) will function.
- The signing parties will regularly consult and coordinate to enhance support for the needs of the entity.

Article 4 Obligation

- The Government of the Republic of Kosovo welcomes the support, will accommodate and make a maximum use of the quality support;
- The Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Development and Dialogue will engage with activities that will be designed and implemented within the scope of this MoU;
- The entities will agree on the list of experts and the recruitment of new experts that will be operated by the Balkans Policy Research Group with finical support of the Government of Norway; the contracts will be developed to establish responsibilities of the experts solely in support of the beneficiary;
- 4. The Royal Norwegian Embassy will provide financial support for the implementation of these activities, including the contract experts and activities associated with them;
- Balkans Policy Research Group will facilitate implementation and coordination of the activities and contracting services.

Article 5 **Disputes**

Any potential disputes between entities will be solved by negotiations and agreement.

Article 6 Duration

The Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect upon signing by all Entities and shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years from that date unless earlier terminated.

Article 7 Copies of the Memorandum

The memorandum will be signed in three copies, one for each entity.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Entities affix their signatures below.

Prishtina, Kosovo, 22 April 2021

For the Government of the Republic of Kosovo

Albin Kurti, Prime Minister of Kosovo For the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo

Jens Erik Grøndahl, Ambassador

For the Balkans Policy Research

Group

Naim Rashiti, **Executive Director**