



Programme of Cooperation

between

**the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Kosovo**

and

**the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
of the Republic of Croatia**

in the Field of Diplomatic Training, 2014-2016

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, hereinafter referred to as 'the Signatories',

Taking into account the mutual understanding and effective bilateral relations between their two countries, as well as the readiness for even closer cooperation in the field of diplomatic training, on the basis of the Protocol on Cooperation between the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo and the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia signed in Dubrovnik on 26 May 2012,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The aim of this Programme of Cooperation is to create a framework for the implementation of mutual cooperation in the field of diplomatic training for the year 2014, which will be further implemented and developed in 2015 and 2016.

This Programme of Cooperation will be focused on creating a set of basic diplomatic training activities for diplomats and other civil servants of the Republic of Kosovo dealing with international relations, which could become more self-sustainable in 2015 and 2016, and especially in the years to come.

The Signatories will implement this Programme of Cooperation in the framework of their respective national legislation and available resources. The Signatories will provide intellectual, organisational and logistic support, which also includes joint activities aimed at attracting other interested parties, such as international bodies and foundations

Article 2

The Signatories will implement this Programme of Cooperation through their diplomatic academies, as well as by the Centre of Excellence of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia.

Diplomatic training projects in the framework of this Programme of Cooperation will be prepared by Croatian experts and supported through Croatian development cooperation structures. The local cost will be covered by Kosovo side, i.e. the organisation and logistics for the projects to be executed in Prishtina, international travel and lodging costs of Croatian and other trainers engaged in Prishtina, as well as for all the trainees from Kosovo and abroad participating jointly in the projects if possible.

Article 3

The programme of specially designed training projects to be held during 2014 in Prishtina, will include the following:

- *'Preparation for Negotiating with the EU: Practical, Legal, Institutional and Functional Aspects'* - a series of seminars for Kosovo diplomats and other civil servants dealing with the EU institutions and/or issues (dates to be confirmed);
- *'Diplomatic Communication: Protocol, Writing and Policy Planning'* - a series of seminars, workshops and presentations for diplomats of the Republic of Kosovo (dates to be confirmed).

Article 4

The training projects will be also held during 2014 in Zagreb and/or elsewhere in the Republic of Croatia, for diplomats of the Republic of Kosovo to be trained in an international setting, together with trainers and diplomats from the Republic of Croatia, but also from the closer region and abroad, which will include the following:

- *'Towards Integration into the EU: Negotiation Strategies for the Candidate Countries'*, an international diplomatic seminar organised by the Centre of Excellence and the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, 26-28 February;
- *'Croatia's Accession to the EU: Lessons for the Region'* - an international workshop for diplomats from the Western Balkans countries, March/April;
- *The 17th Dubrovnik Diplomatic Forum on 'Diplomacy and Diplomatic Training: New Approaches to Diplomatic Practice'* - to be held on 19-21 May;
- *16th Joint Seminar on 'European Integration Processes' for Junior Diplomats from Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe* - to be held in October.

Article 5

The diplomats of the Republic of Kosovo are invited to take part in the new international postgraduate university studies on 'Diplomacy', organised by the University of Zagreb and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, in Zagreb, 2014.

Article 6

Study visits to Zagreb of the staff of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo and other diplomats of the Republic of Kosovo responsible for and engaged into diplomatic training will be organised continuously and as agreed by the Signatories, which will include the following:

- *introduction of the organisation and activities of the Directorate for Diplomatic, European and Predeployment Training, including the Diplomatic Academy, as well as of the Centre of Excellence of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia;*
- *contribution to a training curriculum of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo, for diplomatic, consular and other functions; tailored for junior, mid-career and senior diplomats, including ambassadors.*

Article 7

All the diplomatic training projects referred to in the Articles 3 to 6 above will be discussed thoroughly and prepared in a more detailed manner by the Signatories, so that the Programme could accordingly be implemented during 2014.

The diplomatic training projects being accomplished in 2014 would represent a basis for further cooperation of the Signatories during 2015 and 2016.

The Signatories will establish joint working group to discuss a detailed program of cooperation for the years 2015 and 2016 in January 2015 and 2016 respectively.

Article 8

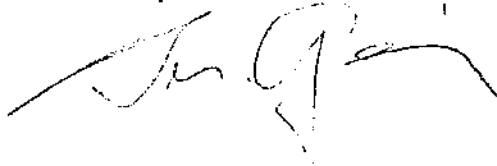
This Programme of Cooperation will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect until 31 December 2016.

This Programme of Cooperation may be amended by mutual written consent of the Signatories.

All disputes regarding the interpretation or application of this Programme of Cooperation will be settled between the Signatories through consultations.

Signed in Zagreb on 21 February 2014, in two originals, in the English language.

**For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Kosovo**



**For the Ministry of Foreign and European
Affairs of the Republic of Croatia**

