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## Perspectives on Kosovo's Economic Development

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## Besim Beqaj

Minister of Economic Development of Kosovo



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Since attaining independence in 2008, Kosovo has oriented its policies toward sustainable economic growth. **Besim Beqaj,** Minister of Economic Development of Kosovo, will give an overview of the economy, concentrating on energy, mines, and information technology. He will also discuss the privatization process and the overall restructuring aimed at a transformation from a centrally planned economy to a market oriented one.

In his current position since 2011, Minister Beqaj was formerly Minister of European Integration. He has broad experience in the business sector as well as in governmental institutions. Minister Beqaj received a doctorate from the University of Zagreb and also studied in Kosovo, Spain, and Sweden. A former Fulbright Scholar, he has taught at the Illinois Institute of Technology and currently offers an international business course at the University of Prishtina.

Daniel Serwer, Senior Fellow at the Center for Transatlantic Relations, will moderate the event.

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