

A stylized map of Europe with white outlines of countries on a light blue background. Kosovo is highlighted in a solid red color. A horizontal grey band is positioned across the upper part of the map, containing text.

**Kosovo
Luxembourg**

**DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION**

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Kosovo, overview



1,797,151
Population

3,579 USD

GDP - per capita (PPP)
(Kosovo Human Development Report 2015)

-0.9%
Population growth rate

20.9%
Renewable energy consumption
(% of total final energy consumption)

71
Life expectancy at birth

1,296.70
Energy use (kg of oil equivalent per capita)

165
Population density (people
per sq. km of land area)

35.1%
Unemployment rate
(Kosovo Human Development Report 2015)

3.62%
GDP growth (annual %)

10 887 km²
Surface area

- Interventions of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation
- ★ Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in Pristina, Kosovo
- LuxDev Regional Office



Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: Strategies & Principles

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation is strongly committed to eradicating poverty, particularly in Least Developed Countries (LDCs). While adopting a human-centered approach, actions are designed and implemented in the spirit of sustainable development, including its social, economic and environmental aspects.

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation primarily aims at implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The main intervention sectors for development cooperation include: health, education, particularly vocational and technical training and access to labour markets, and integrated local development with a strong emphasis on water and sanitation. Relevant initiatives in the field of microfinance are encouraged and supported, both at the conceptual and operational levels.

From a geographic point of view, Luxembourg concentrates its interventions in a limited number of partner countries in order to optimise effectiveness and impact.

Since the year 2000, Luxembourg has been one of the few industrialised countries contributing more than 0.7% of their Gross National Income (GNI) to Official Development Assistance (ODA). In 2015, its ODA reached 325 Million EUR representing nearly 1% of GNI. This ODA is channelled through bilateral cooperation, multilateral cooperation, and cooperation through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), as well as through programme support.

Additionally, whenever natural or man-made disasters occur, Luxembourg strongly supports rapid humanitarian assistance through crisis management and rescue operations. Disaster prevention and post-disaster transition work are part of Luxembourg's humanitarian assistance strategy.

In parallel, Luxembourg's Development Cooperation is actively involved in discussions on new quality standards of international development assistance. Luxembourg held the Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2015, which was a pivotal year for development cooperation. Major conferences shaping the EU development policy for the next fifteen years took place under the Luxembourg Presidency. At the occasion of the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Abeba, the Presidency could contribute to the adoption of a diversified package of means for development, while maintaining ODA. At the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York an ambitious universal Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted.

Its general strategy and principles are complemented by 12 sector strategies covering its main areas of intervention; namely, health, humanitarian action, agriculture and food security, local development, water and sanitation, education, training and employability, environment and climate change, gender, governance, capacity building, fragile states and microfinance.

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation and humanitarian aid policy is characterised by a constant and progressive effort in quantitative and qualitative terms for the benefit of the poorest. This policy is an expression of true international solidarity and as such an important vector of the foreign policy of the government of Luxembourg.

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation in Kosovo

Luxembourg's support to Kosovo began with a broad humanitarian and reconstruction programme that was launched immediately after the 1999 conflict. From 2001 onwards, this effort gradually became a more sustainable development cooperation programme. Today, with the end of similar programmes in Montenegro and Serbia after these countries were granted EU candidate status, Kosovo is the sole beneficiary of Luxembourg's development aid in the Balkans.

On 23 April 2013, the first partnership commission between the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Republic of Kosovo was held in Luxembourg. A general four-year cooperation agreement was signed that set the development aid framework from 2013 until 2016. This framework laid out the main principles for Luxembourg's action, focusing on the sectors of vocational education/training; health; as well as water and sanitation. This increased formalisation went hand in hand with the strengthening of diplomatic ties between both countries. This is when the former Development Cooperation Office in Pristina, established in 1999, became an Embassy headed by a non-resident ambassador.

On 24 October 2016, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Republic of Kosovo signed a new multiannual cooperation agreement in Pristina. During the next four years, the Luxembourg's Development Cooperation will focus on four sectors: (i) vocational education and training, with continued support for the two Centers of Competence in Ferizaj (paramedical sector) and Prizren (trade professions); (ii) the strengthening of the Civil Society in Kosovo, (iii) technical assistance in line with Kosovo's EU integration process and technical support to the Ministry of Finance; and (iv) the health sector. In the latter sector, Luxembourg will in particular continue to support the Ministry of Health in implementing the healthcare reform.

Kosovo's European path was confirmed by the entry into force on 1 April 2016 of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) with the European Union. In that context, technical assistance will be provided to the Government of Kosovo to fully comply with the SAA. Furthermore, specific support will be provided to the Ministry of Finance to adopt and implement European and international standards.

The new agreement also contributes to the further development of civil society in Kosovo through support to two local non-governmental organisations: Foundation Kosovo-Luxembourg (FKL) and the Kosovo Civil Society Foundation (KCSF). FKL, a Kosovo registered NGO and spin-off from Caritas Luxembourg, is focusing on poverty reduction. Using a community development approach, FKL is targeting the education sector and income generating activities. KCSF aims to strengthen civil society initiatives by providing information, services and trainings to NGOs and other relevant civic institutions in all sectors. KCSF will also manage for Luxembourg a fund dedicated to finance local NGOs projects.

Figures

1. Bilateral Cooperation

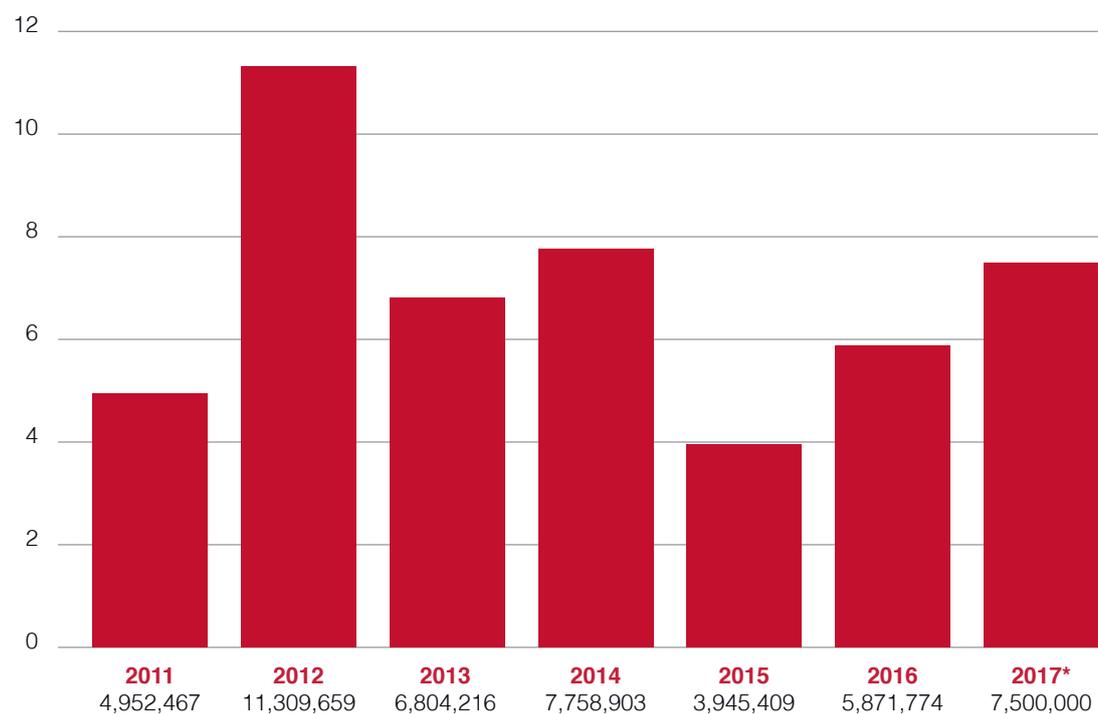
Duration	Title	Implementing Agency	Sector	Total Budget EUR
Ongoing projects				
2009-2017	Support to Vocational Education and Training Reform in Kosovo: Establishment of Centres of Competence in Ferizaj and Prizren	LuxDev	Vocational training	10,000,000
2015-2019	Health Sector Support Programme in Kosovo (II)	LuxDev	Health	6,000,000
2014-2017	Institutional and Technical Support for the Water Supply System, Mitrovica Region (II)	LuxDev	Water & Sanitation	4,500,000
2014-2016	Kosovo: Drawing on Experience, Tracing the Future	FKL	Social	2,000,000
Prospective projects				
2017-2020	Health Support Programme in Kosovo (III)	LuxDev	Health	7,000,000
2017-2020	Support to Vocational Education and Training Reform in Kosovo (II)	LuxDev	Vocational training	5,000,000
2017-2020	Technical assistance related to Kosovo's European Integration	LuxDev	EU Integration	2,000,000
2017-2019	A holistic approach to fighting poverty	FKL	Social	2,000,000
2017-2020	Technical assistance to the Ministry of Finance	House of Training	Finance	400,000
2017-2020	Support to civil society in Kosovo	KCSF	Civil society	2,000,000
2017-2020	Additional activities	tbc	tbc	4,300,000

2. NGO

Duration	Title	NGO	Sector	Total Budget EUR
Ongoing projects				
2016	Multi-services centre for disabled persons	PADEM	Social	29,801

Evolution of Funds disbursed

In EUR



* Programmed



Support to Vocational Education and Training Reform in Kosovo: Establishment of Centres of Competence in Ferizaj and Prizren



2009-2017

KSV/015

The KSV/015 project supports the Kosovo Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) in modernising the formal education system through sectorial reform in the area of Vocational Education and Training (VET). The project focuses on the establishment of two Centres of Competence (CoC). The future CoCs' main purpose will be to provide initial VET in secondary education targeting younger demographics. The first is located in Ferizaj and offers professional training in nursing and health care. The second is located in Prizren and focuses on training in economics, commerce and trade. Additionally, these centres will work closely with companies in their respective sectors to develop hands-on and “work-based”

learning opportunities for VET students and will also offer in-house training and life-long-learning services for businesses. Besides constructing and equipping the two CoCs, the project also includes curriculum development, training of trainers and capacity building of CoC staff, while taking into account defined job profiles and labour market needs in the respective fields. Once established and operational, these two CoCs, along with five other centres included in the MEST programme, will serve as models for VET reform for other VET schools in Kosovo.

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: 10,000,000 EUR

The new cooperation agreement (2017-2020) provides for the continued support of the VET sector, at the level of the two CoCs, as well as at a more central level to support the MEST in its development of his VET strategy (5,000,000 EUR).



◀ Practical training in a workshop for Audiometry

Health Sector Support Programme in Kosovo (Phase II)



2015-2019

KSV/017

The KSV/017 project focuses on organisational development in the health sector as well as supporting the Kosovo Ministry of Health (MoH) in implementing sector reforms through training and skills development. The achievement of the overall objective of the project, which concentrates on improving the quality of services, will contribute to sustained improvements in terms of equal access to the Kosovar healthcare system and overall health of the population. Built on the achievements of its predecessor, 'KSV/014 – Health Support Programme in Kosovo', this second phase of intervention aims at (i) supporting the implementation of health sector reform, (ii) developing management capacities within the Ministry of Health (MoH) and health care institutions, and (iii) creating new financing mechanisms for the health sector.

The project is aligned with the Health Sector Strategy 2014-2020 as well as the underlying key principles of the reform:

- Redefinition of the role of the MoH as a regulatory body and reinforcement of its stewardship as well as monitoring & evaluation capacities;
- Decentralisation of key functions and management responsibilities to health care institutions and professional bodies;
- Integration of health care services for improved performance quality and ensuring better synergy with the private sector;
- Application of the “learning by doing” approach, which is reflected in the design of the project.

The project capitalises on previous efforts and experiences gained through the implementation of two former projects, 'YUG/005 – Strengthening the Regional Hospital of Prizren' and KSV/014. In particular, the project ensures continuation of support provided under the 2010-2020 Health Information System (HIS) framework by establishing integrated HISs in public sector health institutions that were not covered in the initial phase. Besides the national roll-out of the HIS throughout all health institutions in Kosovo, the project also focuses on the use of data provided by the HIS to improve strategic management and evidence-based decision making. Furthermore, during the implementation of its predecessor, KSV/014, Luxembourg provided support to develop the design of the health sector reform and key sector laws.

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: 6,000,000 EUR

The new cooperation agreement (2017-2020) provides for Luxembourg's continued support to the health sector, in support of the Health Sector Strategy 2014-2020 (7,000,000 EUR).

Institutional and Technical Support for the Water Supply System, Mitrovica Region (Phase II)



2015-2017

KSV/018

The KSV/018 project focuses on strengthening the Mitrovica Regional Water Company (MRWC) through institutional and technical support, with the objective of upgrading the organisation and its procedures towards becoming a customer and service-oriented water company. The project aims to increase the MRWC's management capacity and ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply system for the entire population. It will also concentrate on upgrading or replacing existing assets of the Mitrovica regional water supply system in order to reduce leakages and energy required for pumping. Furthermore, the project consolidates results achieved through previous technical capacity development efforts in the water supply sector. Accordingly, the pro-

ject serves as a logical follow-up to the KSV/016 project implemented from 2011 to 2015, which sought to rehabilitate the regional water network of Mitrovica by increasing water supply capacities, improving management capabilities and investment capacity (cost recovery), generating better knowledge of the distribution network, establishing indicators for monitoring good performance as well as improving maintenance of the system as a whole. Combined, these interventions are meant to address the needs of a modern market-oriented water service provider for the region.

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: 4,500,000 EUR



◀ New pipes for Mitrovica

ATTF/House of Training

2017-2020

For several years, ATTF/House of Training has provided training in Kosovo on behalf of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation. In October 2015, ATTF/House of Training celebrated 10 years of successful collaboration with the Kosovo Banking Association (KBA), whose membership comprises each of the eight banks registered in Kosovo. The training provided covers various subjects, including compliance, risk management and the implementation of international standards and has an important impact on the sector.

Having the Training Institute of KBA as partner further allows ATTF/House of Training to be in contact with the entire financial centre of Kosovo.

The new cooperation agreement (2017-2020) provides for specific training and assistance by ATTF/House of Training to the Kosovar Ministry of Finance in view of helping the Ministry to adopt and implement European and international standards.

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: 400,000 EUR

Technical assistance related to European integration

2017-2020

Following the entry into force of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) between the Republic of Kosovo and the European Union on 1 April 2016, and in order to support Kosovo's European path, Luxembourg will put at the disposal of the Government of Kosovo such techni-

cal assistance as may be required in order to fully comply with the requirements of the SAA and other obligations related to European integration.

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: 2,000,000 EUR

UNFPA-UNICEF-WHO: Improving the Health of Women & Children



2007-2016

The comprehensive UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO joint programme is an initiative to support Kosovo's government in strengthening the health care system, improving the quality of mother and child health care services and achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals 4 (reduce child mortality) and 5 (improve maternal health). It is aligned with the Ministry of Health's sector strategy, as well as the strategy for maternal, child, adoles-

cent and reproductive health 2011-2015. The main goals are: (i) improving and implementing legislation and legal framework; (ii) improving access to, and quality of, reproductive health services; (iii) improving the monitoring and evaluation systems; and (iv) developing professional capacities.

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: 4,834,700 EUR

PADEM: Multi-services centre for disabled persons

2016

Padem is implementing a project in the sector of social services for an amount of 29,801 EUR.

Project support

2016

Junior technical assistants have been assigned to several LuxDev projects in the field:

- Isabelle Mousset;
- Eva Marina Deganello;
- Alessandro Gambella.



Kosovar Civil Society Foundation (KCSF)

2017-2020

In the context of the new cooperation agreement (2017-2020), a new collaboration with the KCSF will be established. KCSF aims to strengthen civil society initiatives by providing information, services and trainings to NGOs and other relevant civic institutions in all sectors. The idea is that KCSF will also manage for Luxembourg a fund

dedicated to financing local NGO projects in various sectors, including the fight against radicalisation, support for righteous journalist reporting and women empowerment.

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development
Cooperation: 2,000,000 EUR

Caritas Luxembourg / Foundation Kosovo Luxembourg (FKL)

2007-2019

In 2007, after a series of smaller mandates, Luxembourg's Development Cooperation mandated Caritas Luxembourg to establish a permanent office in Kosovo and implement projects in the social sec-

tors, with the main goal of reducing poverty and improving the livelihoods of the most vulnerable. Since then, several multiannual strategies were designed and implemented by Caritas.

Strategy in Kosovo 2011-2014: Poverty alleviation through sustainable development

Poverty alleviation through sustainable development focused on health, income generating activities and education. It was developed through a participatory approach involving all stakeholders and was based on needs assessments as well as on key strategic documents of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation and of the Govern-

ment of Kosovo. It was implemented through a community development approach with a geographic concentration on six municipalities in the Southern region. The cross-cutting issues of conflict prevention, gender and environmental sustainability were integrated in all project activities.

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development
Cooperation: 3,411,893 EUR



Strategy in Kosovo 2014-2016: Drawing on experience, tracing the future

Drawing on experience, tracing the future was the follow-up of the previous mandate, covering the same sectors of intervention. However, implementation was carried out only four of the previous six southern municipalities, while two northern municipalities were newly included. In order to ensure viability of past activities and strengthen local ownership, this strategy was implemented by the newly established local NGO “Foundation Kosovo Luxembourg” (FKL), with offices in Ferizaj as well as in Mitrovica.

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: 2,000,000 EUR

Strategy in Kosovo 2017-2019: A holistic approach to fighting poverty

After nearly 20 years of working in Kosovo, a holistic approach to fighting poverty embodies Caritas Luxembourg's exit strategy from Kosovo. This requires measures to ensure the viability of past activities, to guarantee the capitalisation of already established know-how, as well as to strengthening the local partner to support its continuation beyond 2019. Sectors of intervention will be reduced to income generating activities and education, and geographic coverage will be scaled down to five municipalities across the Southern and the Northern region (Viti, Klllokot, Ferizaj, Leposavić and Zvečan).

Contribution of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation: 2,000,000 EUR

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