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Note to the reader:

Connect Albania continues its activities with diaspora communities and this is translated in an increased interest from individuals from the Albanian Diaspora to become Development Agent, aiming to contribute to economic development of their home country. Mr. Rezart Ujkaj joined the team lately with the conviction that he will make the best out of his network and professional experience to attract Italian as well as Albanian Diaspora investors to the home country. The full list of the Interested Development Agents can be found by following the link:

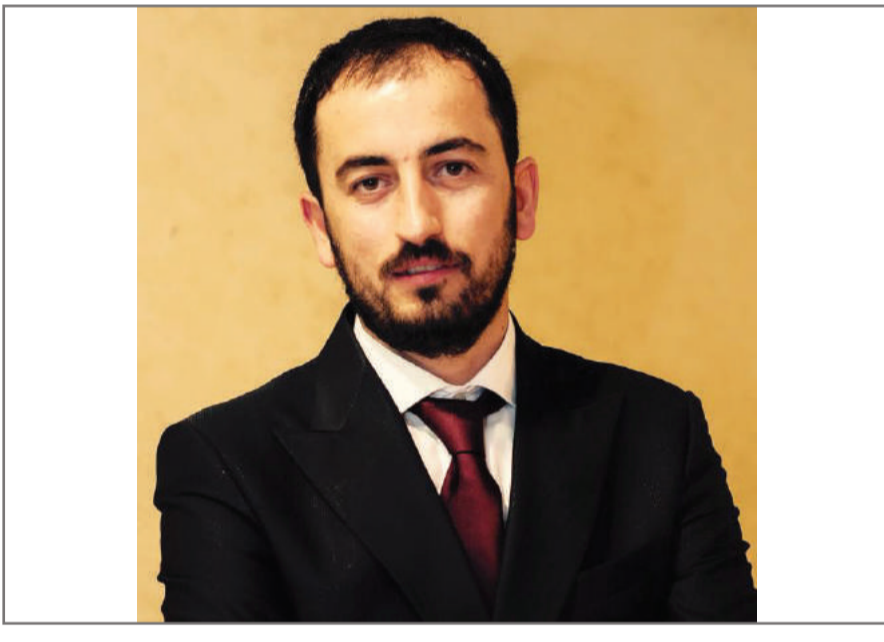
<https://www.adbc.al/en/public-register-of-interested-development-agents/>

Rezart Ujkaj

Mr. Ujkaj was born in Koplík, north of Albania. He finished the high school in his hometown and then in 2003 he moved to Italy for the university studies. Being very focused and keen to higher results he did get graduated at Catholic University of Milano on Political Sciences and International Affairs. Right after that, he started and finished master studies on Political Economy and International Institutions at University of Pavia. Since then he was a distinguished student being actively involved and organizing activities with students serving as president of Varese's Students Union.

After the studies he started his professional activity in the insurance sector. During the time he was specialized in providing consultancy on Risk Management to small and medium companies. The increasing professional network ensured him to establish a wide range of collaborators and partners mostly in the business sector. In addition, his being socially active helped him to naturally get involved even with Albanian Diaspora community. In 2013, he was part of founding group of "My Albania" association in Varese. Since then he has been frequently organizing different meetings and activities to promote Albania and its culture. Now, as an Interested Development Agent, he is going to focus and intensify his activities to promote Albania to potential investors in Italy, including Albanian Diaspora members and entrepreneurs to invest and operate in his home country.

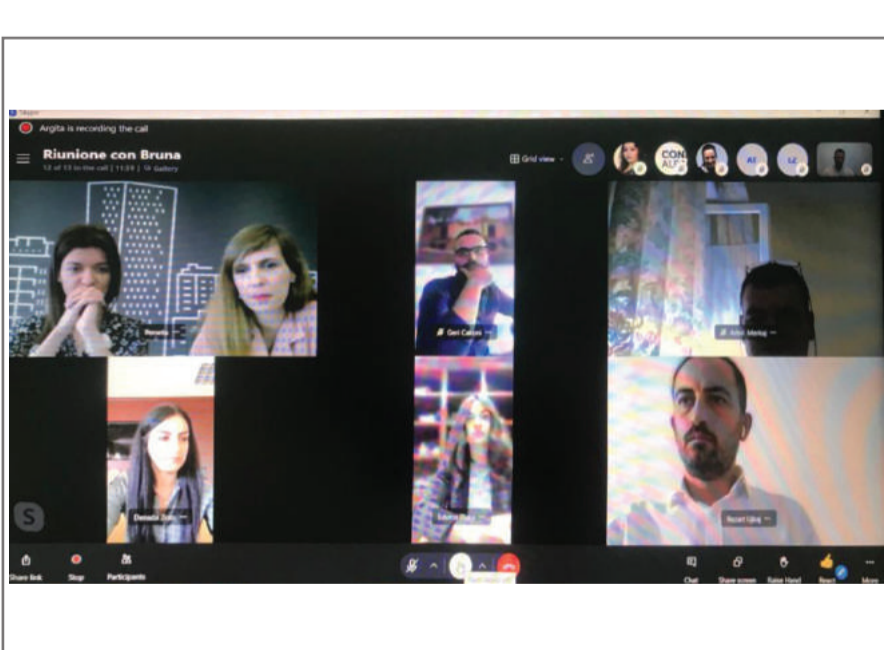
"We will have to use our professional network to first change the image of Albania as a destination for investment with improved business climate, less bureaucracy requirements and unexplored opportunities. Then, it will be easier to attract Italian and Albanian Diaspora investments".



Interested Development Agents in Italy meeting

Interested Development Agents who are operating in Italy had a chance to meet online on 18 June with Connect Albania Office representatives in Tirana. They discussed about opportunities, challenges and support needed to attract and facilitate the foreign investments in Albania. For more information about the meeting read:

<https://www.adbc.al/en/meeting-of-interested-development-agents-and-connect-albania-programme-office/>



Connect Albania mechanism is a crucial part of the program "Engage the Albanian Diaspora to the Social and Economic Development of Albania". It will contribute to increase investments in Albania, which will create new jobs and will impact on the economic growth. The program is implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Albania – the UN Migration Agency, with funding from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, in close coordination with the Albanian State Minister for Diaspora, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Ministry for Finance and Economy as well as the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS).



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