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I am delighted that 2021 marks 10th year of work for the Institute for Development Policy (INDEP). Through research, advocacy work, awareness campaigns and many other activities, INDEP has been transformed into one of the most influential organizations in our country.



During a decade of work, INDEP has successfully implemented around 50 projects supported by 30 different donors. We have launched 6 platforms (Investometri, Ambientalisti, Friends of Energy, Kosovo Consumer Watchdog, Recovery Barometer & Resurrection Barometer). We have published around 200 publications, of them 64 analyzes and 40 policy research. With over 80 reactions and 107 roundtables and conferences, we became the starting point of many public debates, the voice of public interest, and the main promoter of sustainable development in Kosovo. Also, we are founders and partners in over 10 regional and international networks and also the founders of a new organization from our projects - New Perspektiva, which has been operating independently for 5 years.

INDEP's work in the second decade will be intensified further. INDEP's first decade finds Kosovo with the Energy Efficiency Fund, with hundreds of installed megawatts of renewable energy and a completely different awareness of that from 2011. Kosovo has signed the Declaration of Sofia Summit and has pledged the commitment for full decarbonization by 2050. The role of INDEP in accelerating this transition will be constructive, monitoring and supportive.

Thank you all for your support so far. To all donors, partners, activists, local and international collaborators as well as the spectrum of decision-making that gave us room for input.

I invite you to read the annual report of our work during 2021.

Sincerely,

Burim EJUPI, Executive Director of INDEP

About us

Institute for Development Policy (INDEP), established in 2011 as an association of policy analysts, researchers and civil society activists, is a research institute and advocacy center that provides strategic public policy solutions.

INDEP, as a think-tank, achieves this based on independent research purposeful for creating a democratic state based on the principles of sustainable development. Therefore, INDEP's work focuses on development policies, providing a content vision for Euro-Atlantic integration. In Kosovo, where it also operates, INDEP has in special focus strengthening democratic governance and plays the role of watchdog in public policy.

INDEP's work is based on three main programs: Democratic Governance, Sustainable Development and Regional Cooperation.



In the Democratic Governance program policy research is combined with advocacy sets by focusing on functional political parties, providing independent and fair elections, strengthening the rule of law and the advancement of media freedom.



Sustainable Development makes INDEP the first institute in region that promotes economic development which advances social and political conditions while protecting the environment. This program focuses on economic and energy projects in Kosovo and the region.



Regional Cooperation is a precondition for the path of Western Balkan countries to the European Union. INDEP aims to promote and strengthen this cooperation in the fields of Euro Atlantic integration.



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Democratic Governance

Democratic governance constitutes the main area of operation of INDEP. We channel our contribution through participation in public consultations, reactions, analysis of draft laws and legal proposals.

Public Consultations

INDEP during 2021 has sent comments in 7 Public Consultations. Public Consultations are a very important part of our work. Among them, the most important consultations, INDEP commented on:

- European Reform Agenda 2,
- Draft Concept Document on amending and supplementing the Law on Consumer Protection 06 / I-34,
- Draft Law on Environmental Impact Assessment,
- Draft Law on Amending and Supplementing the Law No. 04 / I-060 on Waste,
- Concept Paper on municipal performance management and scheme of performance-based grant,
- Administrative Instruction (ME) No. XX / 2021 for the general framework of energy efficiency reporting.

In these public consultations, INDEP analyzed the relevant documents and provided comments that emerged from the findings of INDEP research. In total, INDEP has sent 45 comments, of which 15 were fully accepted, while 10 were partially accepted. Of these, INDEP considers as particularly valuable the comments submitted to the Draft Concept Document to amend the Law on consumer protection 06 / I-34, as well as the Draft Law on Environmental Impact Assessment, which INDEP will follow up to the final stage of the amending process.

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Consumer Protection

During 2021, INDEP has worked intensively in the field of consumer protection. This year marks the most successful year of work for consumer protection through the 'Kosovo Consumer Watchdog' platform. The virtual platform in social networks has managed to become one of the largest platforms of civil society and not only in Kosovo. The materials of this platform include more than 100 informative graphics, 25 reactions in the field of consumer protection, 3 OP-EDs as well as 3 informative videos for consumers. The virtual community has reached more than 35,000 active citizens. This community has become a key point and has sent more than 2,500 direct messages to the 'Kosovo Consumer Watchdog' team seeking guidance regarding where they should file formal complaints about violations committed against them as consumers.



We have noticed that with our work, the handling of complaints has significantly improved. Combining advocacy work with public policy research and civic activism through social media, we have become supporters and watchdogs of institutions dealing with consumer rights. The Department for Consumer Protection has reported a positive increase in solving cases, while the Energy Regulatory Office reported that 77.73% of complaints were resolved in favor of consumers. This promising percentage is a good indication that complaints are having an effect and that consumers are exercising their rights. Over 300 complaints in the field of energy have been processed only by our platform! The importance of consumer protection increased especially during this year, 2021. Consumers have faced organized price increases, infringement of rights while online shopping, non-return of products, and general unfair trading practices. INDEP was particularly active in raising consumer awareness to verify sellers before purchases and to file complaints. We have been in constant communication with the inspectorate and we are happy to report that the number of inspections has increased and communication with customers has improved. However, as the European Commission Report rightly points out for Kosovo, a lot of work needs to be done in order for the inspectorate to be effective.

The framework partnership agreement with the European Union Office in Kosovo is an excellent instrument that has allowed us to develop consumer protection as an internal program of the organization. The work done in 2021 is intended to be expanded and build a community of hundreds of thousands of alert consumers, equipped with information on how to exercise their rights. Only in this way we can all benefit from consumers with realized rights and a society with a strong and equitable economic development.

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World Consumer Rights Day (15 March)

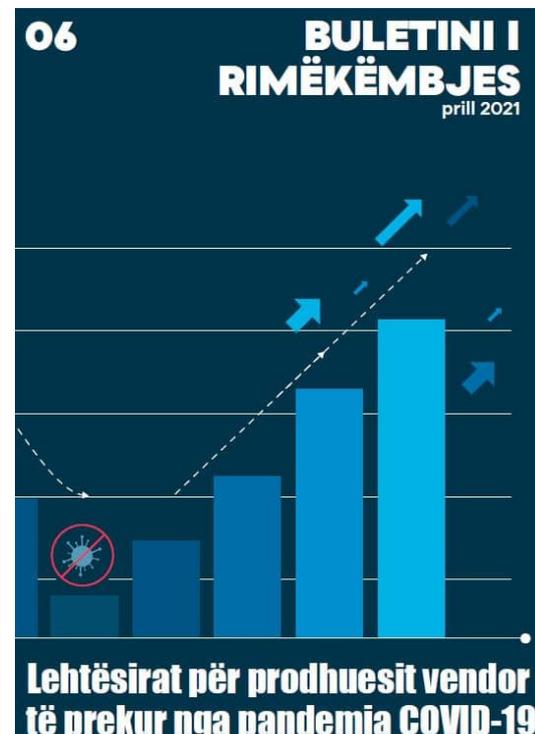
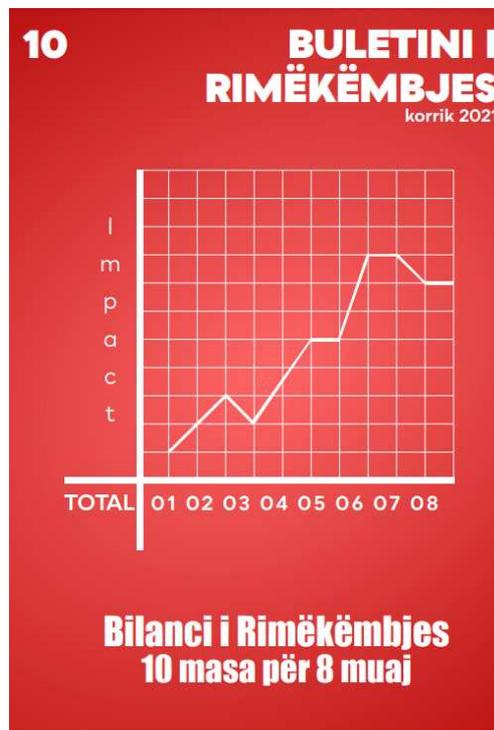


Economic Recovery & Revival

In the first half of 2021, INDEP implemented the project "Economic Recovery Barometer – For Transparency and Accountability", funded by the Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS). This project aimed to increase the level of implementation of the measures provided by the Law on Economic Recovery, increase the accountability of institutions, as well as transparency and public information so as to increase bottom-up pressure on the full implementation of the Law on Recovery. Also, this project has contributed to increasing the impact of the Recovery Package on the revitalization of the economy and the growth of social welfare, through increased information of citizens, increased active citizenship, and inclusion in the process of its implementation.

Then, in the second half of 2021, INDEP implemented the project "Recovery for Sustainability", through which it promoted the Green Agenda, the involvement of the citizens in public discussions, and increasing transparency in incentive packages against the COVID-19 pandemic. INDEP monitored the Economic Revival Package, informed the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo in detail about the measures of the package, and aimed to provide conditions for inclusion in the process of public discussion about the current package and packages that will follow in the future. The project has disclosed detailed data and information, through the simplest terminology, in order for citizens to better understand the benefits of this package.

During these projects, INDEP has launched materials with detailed information regarding the Economic Recovery Package and green policies that should be part of this and the subsequent stimulus packages. INDEP has published six newsletters, twelve infographics, two research papers, a monitoring report, and an animated video. Also, INDEP has organized three podcasts and two one-on-one discussions, where together with experts in the field of economics, civil society leaders, and representatives of institutions of the Republic of Kosovo has addressed current issues and the path that our country is following to overcome the economic and social difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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INDEP considers that sustainable development is one of the basic foundations on which the future of the country should be built. The focus of INDEP's work in this program is research work in the field of energy, promotion of renewable energy, advancement of energy efficiency measures, and increasing awareness on the role of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Sustainable Development Program within INDEP includes promoting economic development while respecting the principles of environmental protection and protecting essential social values. In this context, energy is the main sector of this program. INDEP estimates that 2021 has put Kosovo at an energy crossroads. With the cancellation of the contract for the construction of the power plant 'Kosova e Re', Kosovo has gained the opportunity to lead the sector in eco-friendly projects which guarantee a greener future for the country.

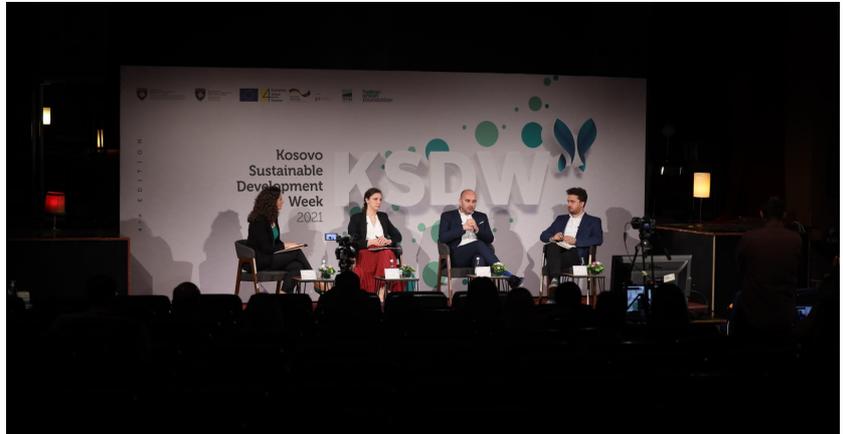
Through this program, INDEP works on green energy advancement through the publication of independent research with concrete figures and recommendations on how to achieve this, advocacy work to the political sphere and decision-makers, and through awareness campaigns targeting citizens, businesses and the private sector. Investments in energy efficiency and energy from renewable sources, on the other hand, bring energy security for citizens, preserving our health and environment, but also advance Kosovo's position on the road to international integration.

Among the most successful activities of this program for 2021, we list the Sustainable Development Week, the publication of 7 Research Papers in the field of energy and 4 Research Papers related to SDGs, awareness-raising work to advance the agenda for sustainable development with the wider community through campaigns, work meetings with policymakers and politicians, as well as activities for the promotion of sustainable development that INDEP has held during 2021.



Kosovo Sustainable Development Week (KSDW)

Since 2018, Kosovo Sustainable Development Week (KSDW) remains the largest event for sustainable development in the region, which gathers in its activities a large number of citizens. This event over the years is organized by the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, European Union Office in Kosovo, GIZ, Institute for Development Policy (INDEP) and Balkan Green Foundation (BGF), while INDEP has been the coordinator the fourth edition of the KSDW. The event gathered more than 80 speakers from the 6 Western Balkan countries, who discussed with each other and the audience about the 5 main components of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans and possible steps to advance this agenda in the region. The 5 components of this agreement are (1) Decarbonization, (2) Circular Economy, (3) Depollution of air, water and soil, (4) Sustainable food systems and rural areas, and (5) Biodiversity. Similar to previous editions, KSDW 2021 aimed to further advance the framework of sustainable development in Kosovo, as well as to encourage it in the efforts of the regional community..



KSDW 2021 was held from May 31 to June 11, 2021. During these 2 weeks, 3 intensive conference days were held with a total of 5 discussion panels and 20 parallel events. The events were divided into (1) main events and (2) parallel events.

• During 3 days, KSDW organized discussion panels on topics:

(Day 1 of the Conference) Decarbonization: Climate, energy and mobility

(Day 2 of the Conference) Circular Economy: Sustainable production and consumption & Depollution of air, water and soil

(Day 3 of the Conference) Sustainable Food Systems and Rural Areas & Biodiversity Protection: Ecosystem Protection and Restoration



KSDW 2021 started on May 31st at the Green School in Prishtina. The launch event was deliberately held on the premises of the Green School. The event brought together in a single place high-level representatives of the state and the Government, such as the President, Prime Minister, Minister of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, Minister of Economy, in addition to representatives from diplomatic missions and the donor community, respectively EUSR, German Embassy, and GIZ Kosovo.

World Environment Day (June 5)

This year INDEP marked the World Environment Day within the framework of KSDW, together with the EUSR, BGF and the Municipality of Prishtina by organizing events within KSDW throughout the day.

The first activity took place in the city center of Prishtina, specifically in Zahir Pajaziti Square, where many games took place to raise awareness of children to protect the environment. These games included painting workshops with elements of the environment, the creation of a children's imaginary park, and the preparation of terrariums during the supervision of the KSDW team. In addition to organizing fun games for children, KSDW also promoted local businesses with corporate responsibilities, namely reusable bags from Arlinda Murtezi, Mia Bags Handcrafted, Kompostopia & Botanica LLC. An important part of this day were the speeches that influential individuals in the field of sustainable development delivered in front of the audience. In addition to these activities, at noon, the bicycle tour started from the same location in Zahir Pajaziti Square.



To conclude the celebration of World Environment Day, INDEP in partnership with the Municipality of Prishtina and Marakli t'Biciklave organized 'Bike-in Cinema'. On the evening of June 5, more than 50 people gathered to watch the movie "Bikes vs. Cars", which addressed the benefits of cycling and the damage that vehicles bring to the environment.



“Political Forum of Agenda 2030 and SDGs”

INDEP has organized for the first time in Kosovo the "Political Forum of Agenda 2030 and SDGs" during November 24 and 25 with 3 Discussion Panels and 2 Working Groups with guests from central and local institutions, civil society, private sector and academy. This Forum aimed to encourage and promote dialogue between these actors to identify the systematic challenges facing the 2030 Agenda, establish cross-sectoral dialogues, thus involving all relevant actors in advancing the 2030 Agenda, and highlight of the importance of equal involvement of every individual in these processes. The Political Forum started with the Opening Event, which was held on November 24 with top-level speakers, represented by Mr. Getoar Mjeku, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade, Mrs. Fatmire Kollçaku Mullhaxha, Chairwoman of the Council for Sustainable Development in the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, Mrs. Maria Suokko, UN Interim Coordinator for Development, Mr. David Oberhuber, Director of GIZ Kosovo and Northern Macedonia Joachim Roth, EU Officer in the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South East Europe (NALAS), Mr. Sazan Ibrahim, Executive Director of KAA, and Mr. Burim Ejupi, Executive Director of INDEP, who welcomed the initiative and expressed the support of their institutions for advancing the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in the country.

The first day continued with 2 discussion panels and 2 Working Groups. The first panel discussion was held on the topic "Social mapping for a Comprehensive Approach - a guiding framework for data-driven policy-making at the municipal level." The second panel discussed the topic "A general perspective on the challenges of data collection at the national level in Kosovo: How does the lack of quality data affect the proper implementation of Agenda 2030". Whereas, the first working group had representatives of the local level of government, while the second working group was composed of the central level of government with the private sector. Members from the civil society sector were distributed to both working groups. Discussions addressed the advancement of the 2030 Agenda.



Day 2, November 25th, started with a lecture session by Mrs. Ana Jovanovska, Former Coordinator of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) Development Process in the Republic of North Macedonia. Mrs. Jovanovska in a one-hour session, summarized the challenges of the VNR Process and the opportunities that this report offers us. Day 2 concluded with a Discussion Panel on "Partnerships and cross-cutting cooperation for sustainable development: The role of the private sector in terms of "green growth". At the end of the Forum, Joint Statements were issued, which were drafted in order to coordinate and advance social mapping and the 2030 Agenda between relevant institutions. This forum will serve for the compilation of a report with recommendations and data from the discussion panels and working groups, which will be submitted to the Council for Sustainable Development and relevant institutions in order to start the process of Compilation of Voluntary National Review by Kosovo.

INDEP contributes to the report of United Nations (UN) Food Systems Summit 2021

In the framework of the sustainable development program, INDEP has been advocating for the transformation of Kosovo's food system into a sustainable system, with balanced production and consumption and lower pollution from food waste. As part of this, INDEP in July 2021 held for the first time in Kosovo the independent dialogue on the food system in Kosovo, the findings of which dialogue are already part of the UN report published during 2021.



INDEP submits Kosovo's first report on the Food Systems Summit

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM



DIALOGUE DATE	Tuesday, 13 July 2021 10:00 GMT +02:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Transforming Kosovo's food system: Opportunities to boost sustainable food production and consumption to build back better from COVID-19
CONVENED BY	Institute for Development Policy (INDEP)
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/31394/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Non-UN Member State

The outcomes from a Food Systems Summit Dialogue will be of use in developing the pathway to sustainable food systems within the locality in which they take place. They will be a valuable contribution to the national pathways and also of interest to the different workstreams preparing for the Summit: the Action Tracks, Scientific Groups and Champions as well as for other Dialogues.

As a result of this dialogue, INDEP on July 13th submitted the first report of Kosovo on the international platform of the Food Systems Summit. This dialogue report enables for the first time the voice of Kosovo and the recommendations of local producers and consumers to be sent and be part of the United Nations Food Systems Summit, which was held in the fall of 2021.

The Institute for Development Policy (INDEP), in cooperation with the Kosovo United Nations Team and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, organized for the first time in Kosovo the independent dialogue within the Food Systems Summit 2021. The dialogue was attended by many actors in the field, who have contributed through concrete comments, suggestions and recommendations on how to transform the food system in the country into a sustainable and affordable system for all.

Work for the advancement of SDGs

As part of the sustainable development program, INDEP has regularly held meetings with stakeholders and policy makers to advance the sustainable development agenda.

At the local level, INDEP has met with mayors and officials of municipalities such as Istog, Kamenica, Drenas, Ranilug, Shtime, etc. With these municipalities, INDEP has managed to sign agreements together with various local economic entities for the establishment of parking lots coordinated with the municipal mobility plan for the needs of the cyclist community. The main objective of this was to improve the conditions for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and reporting in the Western Balkans through the exchange of experiences, networking and regional learning.



INDEP has held meetings, organized workshops and roundtables with more than 700 participants in total in these activities. These activities were carried out in order to support the coordinating bodies of the SDGs in Kosovo and to create the conditions for the Voluntary National Review of the SDGs, providing analytical reports that summarize the results from the thematic groups that include other organizations from the civil society sector, as well as businesses from the private sector.

INDEP also supports the work of the Council for Sustainable Development within the Assembly of Kosovo and is a partner of this Council.

INDEP since 2019, in cooperation with the Association of Kosovo Municipalities (AKM) has started the implementation of regional projects with a focus on capacity building of municipalities in the application of the social map "LNOB Approach" and the process of Localization of SDGs. This regional cooperation is established in order to make the regional exchange of good practices and the development of capacities of relevant public and other actors in the field of social and human rights and the involvement of voluntary groups, aiming through these to meet the Objectives of Sustainable Development and Advancement of the 2030 Agenda, and aiming to improve the conditions for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and reporting in the Western Balkans through regional exchange, networking and learning (with a focus on North Macedonia and Kosovo). Both projects share activities that seek to contribute to the capacity development of the SDG coordinating bodies at the central level as well as to the support of the municipalities in the development of the capacities for the localization of the SDGs. The projects are supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and also cooperate with the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS) as their joint political partner.

INDEP has also implemented an awareness campaign on the importance of integrating SDGs and measuring instruments at the municipal level in early 2021. Some of the materials are listed below. This INDEP campaign was carried out as part of a project funded by GIZ through the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

PROCESI I HARTIMIT DHE ZBATIMIT TË POLITIKAVE TË QËNDRUESHME

Si t'i bëjmë investimet kapitale dhe ofrimet e shërbimeve në përputhje me OZHQ-të?

HAPI 01

Formoni grupin punues dhe konsultohuni me zyrtar të trajnuar për OZHQ-të për të shqyrtuar nivelin e kontributit potencial për arritjen e OZHQ-ve

HAPI 02

Identifikoni dhe zgjedhni projektet pasi të keni shqyrtuar kontributin e tyre drejt përmbushjes së OZHQ-ve dhe të keni kompletuar listën e treguesve të tyre

HAPI 03

Analizoni situatën dhe dizajnoni konceptin në detaje duke vlerësuar vlerat bazë të OZHQ-ve dhe kontributin potencial të projektit

HAPI 04

Hapni procedurën e tenderimit dhe implementoni projektin duke u siguruar që kriterete e qëndrueshmërisë të arrihen

HAPI 05

Përpiloni vlerësimin e ndikimit dhe raportoni mbi investimin e bërë ose ofrimin e shërbimit

HAPAT

Si të vlerësohet se politikat kanë arritur qëllimet e caktuara dhe kanë sjell ndryshimin?

HAPI 01

Formoni grupin punues (përfshini edhe zyrtarin e OZHQ-ve) dhe rishikoni dokumentet strategjike bashkë me investimet kapitale dhe ofrimin e shërbimeve

HAPI 02

Mbledhni dhe analizoni të dhënat kuantitative në mënyrë që të llogariten indikatorët e OZHQ-ve në raport me targetet përkatëse

HAPI 03

Mbledhni dhe analizoni të dhënat kualitative në mënyrë që të llogariten indikatorët e OZHQ-ve dhe sigurohuni që keni arritur t'i përfshini edhe grupet e rezikuara

HAPI 04

Kontrolloni, raportoni dhe adresoni OZHQ-të në dialogun publik



" INDEP is a champion of SDGs in Kosovo" -

Ulrika Richardson, UN Development Coordinator during the Independent Dialogue on Food Systems, 13 July 2021



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Through the regional cooperation program, INDEP networks activities at the regional level. As 2021 has been partially closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, INDEP staff has limited its physical participation in regional organizations, but has nevertheless participated in many conferences, roundtables and virtual trainings. Listed below are some of INDEP regional participations during 2021.

INDEP co-organizes the regional seminar "Active youth for a prosperous society"

INDEP, together with the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza", the Mediterranean University of Albania and the Center for Strategic Research and Documentation in North Macedonia have co-organized a regional seminar entitled "Active youth for prosperous society" from 5 to 8 July 2021 in Sofia, Bulgaria. With the participation of about 40 young people selected from Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia, the seminar served as an exchange of knowledge, experiences and building regional cooperation between young people.

Led by Dardan Abazi, Research Leader and Program Manager at INDEP, the team from Kosovo took an active part in discussions on environmental policies, the Green Agenda, pandemic recovery, leadership, advocacy, etc., and the role that youth plays in advancement of a sustainable development. INDEP participation in this activity was realized within the INDEP program for sustainable development.



INDEP part of the international energy networks SE3T.net and INETTT

Under the Sustainable Development Program, INDEP promotes economic development that advances social and political causes while preserving the environment. But, the work of INDEP develops beyond the borders of our country, linking Sustainable Development with Regional Cooperation. As program bridges, we are also part of international energy networks.

INDEP is part of the South East European Energy Transition Network (SE3T.net). This network is in the light of the cost revolution in low carbon energy technologies such as wind energy, solar panels and the possibility of decarbonizing energy systems. This network aims to make our energy systems based on safe, clean and low-cost energy sources. SE3T.net is a regional network of independent energy transition institutes, with a focus on Southeast Europe. The mission of the network is to contribute to the expansion of economic potential and instruments for the transition to a sustainable energy future. The network builds the evidence base and provides feedback on the best practices as we move on to the next stage.

The aim of SE3T.net partners is to promote and support regional cooperation in South East Europe in this field, as well as to encourage dialogue with key actors from the public sector, industry, academia and civil society. Therefore, this regional cooperation has brought synergy and created common learning opportunities to facilitate energy transition. In 2021, the INETTT network was established, of which INDEP is a part of. The work of this network will be wider and has members from all continents. From Kosovo, INDEP is the only member of the network.



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thinking future energy systems

INDEP part of the "Coalition 27" for climate, energy and environment

Institute for Development Policy (INDEP), Group for Political and Legal Studies (GLPS), CNVP Foundation, Sustainability Leadership Kosovo (SLK), Active Citizens and WWF Adria have established on October 8, 2021 for the first time in Kosovo the group "Coalition 27", to work together on climate, energy and environment. This coalition will work to meet the standards required by the European Union, through the Stabilization and Association Agreement. The focus of the merger of these organizations is to advocate for environmental issues and contribute to fair reporting on the current situation. Kosovo, like other Western Balkan countries aiming to become members of the EU, is obliged to meet the standards required by the European Commission. Through the Stabilization and Association Agreement, it will engage in the implementation of all reforms that will progressively align Kosovo with the EU in all policy areas, until it meets all EU standards. The Coalition is named 27 under Chapter 27 which focuses on the environment and climate change, as one of the chapters / standards to be met and covers EU environmental policies which aim to promote sustainable development and environmental protection for present and future generations. Implementing these standards requires the dedicated commitment of central and local institutions, civil society organizations, and other actors.



The regional coalitions for Chapter 27 held a joint meeting in Belgrade

The newly formed 27 Coalition in Kosovo has started its activities, meeting closely with similar regional coalitions in Belgrade. The meeting was organized by WWF Adria and provided an opportunity for recognition and cooperation in terms of aligning Chapter 27 with the EU acquis. The meeting also aims to get acquainted with the participating parties in the achievements of the Western Balkan countries in this regard. Representatives of the 27th Coalition of Kosovo, Liron Gjocaj from INDEP, Flutra Zymi from #citizenactive and Egzon Tahirukaj from CNVP Foundation, spoke about the obvious problems in Kosovo with the environment, water, air quality, waste management and applicable legislation. Furthermore, in this meeting was discussed the potential cooperation of these coalitions as a regional network concretizing the mission, and the objectives that this regional networking can offer to the coalitions.



INDEP part of the "Progressive Leadership Program 2021"

INDEP has participated in the program organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Belgrade "Progressive Leadership Program 2021", dedicated to representatives of youth organizations of progressive political parties and civil society activists from eight countries in the region: Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Slovenia and Croatia. The program was initially held in Belgrade and then continued with Tirana on October 22-25. Donikë Beqiri, Research Assistant at INDEP participated in this program where the EU approach to the Western Balkans was discussed, democratic developments in the Western Balkans at the time of the pandemic, as well as in general the external and internal dynamics of the EU.



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1. *Parliamentary Elections 2021: Political Party Programs and the Green Agenda (February, 2021);*

This paper finds that the programs of political parties for the February 14 elections are among the weakest programs of any election held in Kosovo in terms of the field of sustainable development and the green agenda.

None of the programs of the political parties even contains the green agenda and the main conditions that this agenda contains. Political parties have failed to envisage concrete measures to realize the Green Agenda and to ensure a genuine energy transition and a Kosovo away from carbon. Even the majority of parties do not offer concrete measures even for air pollution which is among the main concerns of citizens.



Rimëkëmbja është e Gjelbër: Përfitimi nga Eficienca e Energjisë për Sektorin Privat

Analizë Politikash

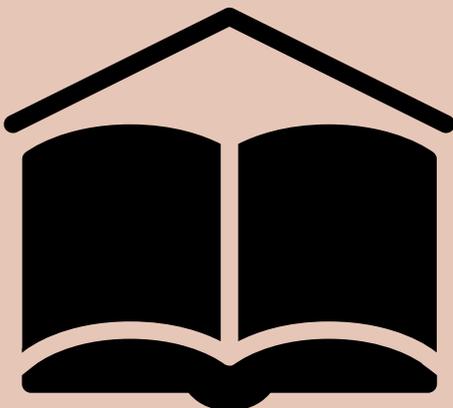
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2. *Recovery is Green: Benefiting from Energy Efficiency for the Private Sector (March, 2021);*

This paper proposes a scheme for approval by the Government of Kosovo, International Financial Institutions and KEEF in an effort to grow the economy in the

short and medium term, giving a major impact on the environment and society with implications for generations. The paper provides an overview of government support to the sector so far and outlines possible points of intervention in the EE, as well as recommendations for the operation of such a scheme as part of any economic recovery program to be undertaken during 2021.



3. Economic recovery and building inter-institutional cooperation (March, 2021);

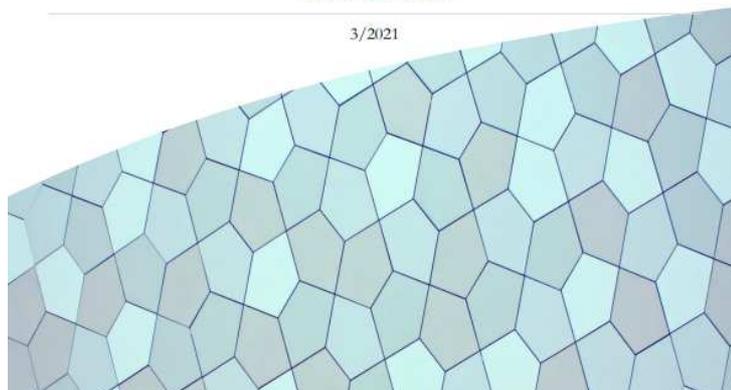
The paper finds that there has been a lack of proper inter-institutional communication for the implementation of the package, especially in the field of statistics collection. Kosovo institutions, especially the institutions called for statistical data such as the Kosovo Agency of Statistics and the Central Bank of Kosovo are not collecting data on a regular basis on the implementation of the Recovery Package. Furthermore, there is no clear framework of indicators that would be specific only to the recovery package and that would increase information on a periodic basis on progress in implementing the Law.



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4. Visualization of SDG data and reporting to Kosovo municipalities (March, 2021);

This document found that municipalities do not have localized SDGs and consequently do not have them fixed or reflected in their policies. SDGs should be an integral part of key municipal documents ranging from mission statements, strategies and action plans. As noted, the process of including SDGs in local documents should be carefully planned and executed to take into account municipal priorities, preferences and expectations of citizens adapted to the respective SDGs. Municipal policies and grants are not related to the implementation and fulfillment of SDGs. This can be easily achieved and implemented with minor adjustments to the municipal policy-making process.



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5. Sustainable cities rethinking urbanization in Kosovo (March, 2021);

The paper makes a general recommendation that sustainable concepts should be integrated at the city, municipal and neighborhood level, depending on the local context and achievement potential. However, concepts should not be disseminated or implemented separately, as they do not have a significant impact for a sustainable development strategy separately.

This paper identifies the terms SDG 11 and urban sustainability, the main problems facing Kosovo cities, and finally recommends measures and policies to be implemented to transform Kosovo cities into sustainable areas.



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6. LOCAL2030: Localization of SDGs in the municipalities of Kosovo (March, 2021);

"Local2030: Localization of SDGs in Kosovo municipalities" is a package that aims to support local administration in the process of integrating SDGs in policy development and implementation, providing concrete guidance on the institutional mechanisms that should be created to ensure political commitment and technical readiness for the localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, tools and guidelines for each step of policy development and implementation, and the importance of SDGs to local policies. The main target group through this guide is the municipal administration. However, this guide can be useful for other stakeholders to improve their understanding mainly of their potential role in local policy development and implementation processes, how these processes can be organized and how to orient their efforts towards sustainable development.

7. Recovery is Green - Challenges and Opportunities for Renewable Energy (April, 2021);

A revised / expanded renewable green recovery package which can address other challenges for Kosovo such as air pollution, climate change and meeting mandatory RES targets by curbing greenhouse gas emissions, thus reducing susceptibility to life-threatening diseases. This green recovery plan needs to be in line with long-term national and global goals on energy sustainability and sustainable development. The earlier promotion and investment in RES (solar and wind) increases, the more investment can and should be made to encourage local RES companies and technology manufacturers.



8. Spring of recovery - level of implementation, challenges and opportunities (May, 2021);

The measures included in the economic recovery packages, and especially the measures included in the Recovery Package, have not all been implemented. These measures, in many cases, are not included in the agenda of Kosovo stakeholders, let alone start their implementation. Even for some of these measures, they are not even included in the approved budget for 2021.



9. Demographic Dimension of the Agenda 2030 - Perspectives and Challenges of Kosovo (July, 2021);

The basic question to which this socio-demographic analysis is oriented is: how do the situation and demographic developments affect sustainable development, what are the implications of some of the most important population structures in sustainable development? Will efforts be made to answer the question of whether there can be sustainable development and achievement of the 2030 Agenda Objectives with demographic instability? All these have been analyzed in the case of Kosovo.



10. Overview of the implementation of the Law on Economic Recovery and lessons learned (July, 2021);

The paper concludes that any new recovery package should be preceded by extensive social and cross-sectoral discussions. The selection of sectors for intervention should be made based on a set of criteria that take into account the level of affect from the Covid-19 pandemic, the level of green changes that represent these changes, etc. Unlike this Law and the packages derived from this Law, any other package must contain measurable objectives, progress monitoring mechanisms and reporting of results in order to measure the impact on the economy.



11. The role of renewable energy in achieving the targets for 2030 (October, 2021);

Renewable energy is crucial to guarantee sustainable development and substantial transformation of energy on Earth from energy dependent on fossil fuels to green, affordable and circular. Renewable energy, so far, is the only alternative form against energy from polluting sources, which is not only sustainable but also avoids environmental and health damage. Renewable energy has been transformed from an ideal and vision for the future, into an urgent demand towards policy makers tables.



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13. Kosovo Food System: Its Sustainability and Missing Policies (November, 2021);

The food system faces many obstacles, such as lack of monitoring of food production, over-processed food items that do not promote any healthy and nutritious diet, poor food waste management to name a few. This causes problems in 3 dimensions, social, economic and environmental. Sustainable food production and consumption, in addition to the development of rural areas and farmers, are also provided for in regional agreements and declarations for the Western Balkans, including Kosovo.

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12. Kosovo-Albania Energy Union - Challenges and opportunities for the future (November, 2021);

The Kosovo-Albania energy union is a policy that not only brings socio-economic benefits, but also brings the two countries closer to the path of European integration. Taking the example of the previous practices of the EU member states, it is proven that such common markets have much greater benefits compared to their own markets. The benefits brought by energy operation through the common market enable the further energy and economic development of the participating countries. The merger of energy markets offers very good potential for securing energy supply, but also for reducing the need for energy production. Moreover, as the efficiency of the demand-supply response increases, so does the need for production capacity, as the amount of spare capacity that needs to be produced decreases.

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14. Recovery through Loans - Expectations and Achievements of the Second Measure of the Recovery Package (November, 2021);

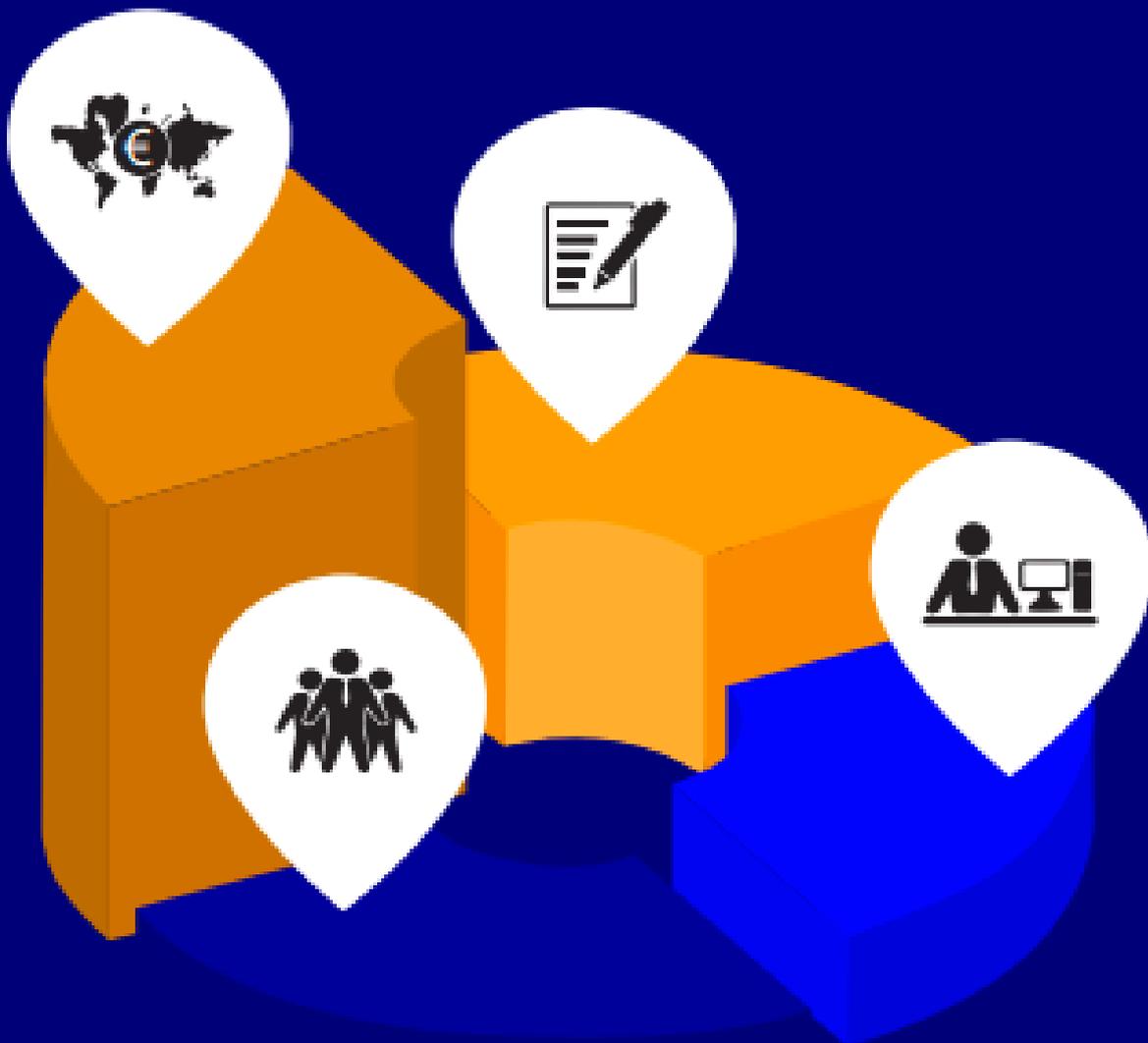
Although the pandemic caused a drastic decline in gross domestic product and economic activity, recovery packages alongside opening up the economy have shown their effects. Through past and present packages, economic sectors are being assisted in order to facilitate their recovery from the damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Although this is happening at a slow pace, the signs are positive that through assistance, the difficulties of businesses will be overcome and the overall performance of the economy will return to positive figures.

15. Monitoring report on the implementation of the government's economic recovery package (December, 2021);

This report reflects the achievements of the Economic Recovery Package so far. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused damage in almost every sphere of life. The difficulties of the citizens against such a difficulty, without the help of the highest state actors, would escalate, seriously endangering the social and economic well-being. The consequences of the pandemic were attempted to be mitigated through packages which contained support measures for the categories most affected by this challenge. In the Republic of Kosovo, during the pandemic period, several aid packages were approved. These packages were preceded by the Fiscal Emergency Package in March 2020, then the Economic Recovery Package in December 2020, and the Economic Recovery Package that came in July of this year. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Republic of Kosovo, until 2021, a total of 820.65 million Euros have been allocated. The last package is the largest in volume and the most voluminous, therefore its monitoring is of greater importance.

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