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OUTLINE OF THE 100 DAY REPORT OF THE MRD

*Dear Prime Minister and Government cabinet,
Dear Deputy Prime Ministers and Ministers,*

Within the duties and responsibilities of the Ministry of Regional Development during the 100 day work in brief points we will present achievements of the MRD for this period as outlined in the 100 day Report.

1. MRD has prepared and processed in the Government Coordination Secretariat its part of the Government Work Plan for 2021-25 within the set deadlines, and has prepared the internal Work Plan of the Ministry for 2021, and has published the same on the MRD website.
2. During the period May-June 2021, the MRD has conducted five workshops on Regional Development Strategy 2020 - 2030 with municipality mayors, civil society and business community in the five development regions.
3. The document “Capital investments analysis of line Ministries implemented in development regions for 2020” has been finalized, which analysis will also address comparative data for the period of three years 2018-2020.



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4. In June 2021, the MRD has also established the Working Group for drafting the Law on Regional Development and prepared the initial draft;
5. MRD, in cooperation with other institutions, has held a Working Group meeting for the development and definition of regional brand criteria. The meeting was held in April 2021.
6. It is worth mentioning that in the framework of the budget review, MRD has declared savings in the amount of EUR 60,000.00;
7. MRD has prepared the Self-Assessment Questionnaire for Financial Management and Control 2020 and the List of Risks for 2021.
8. MRD, in the framework of Regional Development Program (category of capital investments) for 2021, has allocated funds for seventeen (17) projects to finance capital investments in 16 municipalities, and committed funds from MRD in the amount of EUR 965,000.



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- 9.** MRD has developed and launched the grant scheme of the Balanced Regional Development Program, as well as the Economic Recovery Program - Measure 15 (Business Support 2021), where the application was done electronically through the e-KOSOVA system. The business assessment process has been finalized and the MRD has selected 154 beneficiaries and signed the contracts. From this scheme, it is expected to be generated 349 new jobs.
- 10.** The Ministry of Regional Development, through a Public Call, which is realized every year, for financial support of NGOs projects / programs aimed at advancing balanced socio-economic development of the region, has supported the Non-Governmental Organizations, as well as a considerable number of women led NGOs. A total of thirty-two (32) NGOs were funded.
- 11.** During this period, we have held a number of meetings with international partners, and we have exchanged official letters to establish cooperation for the implementation of activities and programs in the field of regional socio-economic development, as follows:

 - 1.** Meeting with the US Embassy regarding the cooperation opportunities between MRD and USAID Programs in Kosovo.
 - 2.** Meeting with the German Embassy, whereby a cooperation agreement between MRD-GIZ was signed.



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3. Meeting with the CARITAS Organization, whereby a cooperation agreement has been initiated for two joint projects in function of regional socio-economic development of Kosovo. As a result of the meeting, the draft cooperation agreement was finalized.
4. Meeting with the Turkish Embassy, where cooperation possibilities and exchange of experiences in the field of regional development were discussed.
5. Meeting with the UNICEF Office in Kosovo, where it was reconfirmed the continuation of cooperation in other joint projects. Cooperation has been initiated in drafting a joint analytical document for interns, and a Public Call for interns has been launched as a joint initiative between MRD and UNICEF.
6. Meeting with the coordinating office of the TIKA program in Prishtina, where it was agreed on the action plan for the purpose of mutual cooperation.
7. Also, attention was paid to other stakeholders supported by the MRD programs, such as Municipalities and businesses, where several visits were conducted to Municipalities, such as: Shtime, Prizren, Vushtrri, Mitrovica South, etc., Regional Development Agencies (RDAs)), as well as businesses benefiting from the MRD.



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- 8.** During the month of June, a bilateral meeting was held with the Minister of Industry and Technology of Turkey, Mr. Mustafa Varank, who is responsible for Regional Development. In this meeting was discussed the possible cooperation between the two ministries and experts with the aim at exchanging experiences. Cooperation for various projects was also discussed, especially relating IPA projects.

- 12.** In terms of development of the Regional Performance Management System, MRD has finalized the terms of reference for the feasibility study and development of the system for monitoring the balanced regional socio-economic development.

- 13.** We have recently found solutions for saving financial means, whereby we will save about EUR 100,000.00 (one hundred thousand) per year, by moving from the rented building to public property on 01 September 2021.