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## KOSOVO'S NEW LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS RELATED TO ECONOMY, FINANCE AND BUSINESS

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### INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

#### **Law No. 08/L-251 on the Ratification of the Loan Agreement between the Republic of Kosovo and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the "Pristina Solar Heating Plan" Project (hereinafter the "Loan Agreement"), 8 December 2023**

Under the Loan Agreement, the European Bank (the "Bank") will lend Kosovo the amount of EUR 23,200.000 for the implementation of a project carried out by Termokos JSC, a public enterprise owned 100% by the Municipality of Prishtina, which aims at meeting the growing demand for heating services in Prishtina and supporting Kosovo's transition process to low-carbon and climate resilient economy (the "Project").

The purpose of the Project is to assist Kosovo in the construction of a solar thermal plant with a 30 MW capacity to provide additional heat energy capacity and extension of the district heating network of Prishtina, together with an extension of the network of up to 50 MW. The Loan will finance the Initial Network Extension, including district heating network and connection pipes from transmission pipe and to the network, and construction of substations for the network extension areas.

#### **Law No. 08/L-251 on the Ratification of the Financing Agreement between the Republic of Kosovo, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers, and the European Investment Bank for the Project "Rehabilitation of Railway Line 10 B" (hereinafter the "Financing Agreement"), 8 December 2023**

The Financing Agreement covers the project of the Infrastructure of Kosovo Railway JSC, the publicly owned company falling under the control of the Ministry of Economy, on the rehabilitation of 149 Km of single-track railway in the territory of Kosovo (the "Project"). The European Investment Bank (the "Bank") will offer a credit of EUR 80 million, and the rest will be covered by a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EUR 40 million), grants from the Western Balkans Investment Framework, the European Union, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, potential further credit from the Bank, and own and other sources (EUR 130 million).

## DRAFT LAWS

### **Draft Law on the Ratification of the Finance Agreement between the Republic of Kosovo represented by the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers, Kosovo Energy Corporation (KEK) and KFW, Frankfurt Am Main, for the Photovoltaic Solar Energy Program I (Solar4Kosovo1), (hereinafter the "Draft Law"), 14 December 2023**

The Draft Law ratifies the Agreement between Kosovo Energy Corporation (KEK) and KFW on the project Solar4Kosovo which is expected to be one of the biggest solar thermal power plants in Europe and aims to add around 700 MW to the heating system of Prishtina. The cost of the project is expected to be EUR 64 million and will include, among others, the construction of solar collectors of about 69,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The Draft Law will next be reviewed by the Assembly's Functional Committee. [1]

### **Draft Law on the Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Kosovo, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers and the Government of the Swiss Confederation, represented by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs for the "Climate Sustainability in the Water Sector in Kosovo" project (hereinafter the "Draft Law"), 14 December 2023**

The Draft Law ratifies the project on the Climate Sustainability in the Water Sector in Kosovo (the "Project") worth EUR 9 million, which aims to strengthen the capacities of regional companies in offering water services, the energy efficiency, and the use of renewable energy. The Draft Law will next be reviewed by the Assembly's Functional Committee. [2]

## DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT

### **Decisions of date 13 December 2023**

**Decision No. 05/178** on approving the Draft Law on the Ratification of the Finance Agreement between the Republic of Kosovo represented by the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers, Kosovo Energy Corporation (KEK) and KFW, Frankfurt Am Main, for the Photovoltaic Solar Energy Program I (Solar4Kosovo1).

**Decision No. 23/178** on approving the allocation of EUR 6,103,590.00 for the implementation of Measure 2.2 – Economic Recovery Package, on supporting businesses for access to finances.

**Decision No. 24/178** on approving the allocation of EUR 4,000,000 for economic recovery from the natural disasters in Kosovo in September 2022 and January 2023. The money will be allocated to support businesses affected by the disasters.

**Decision No. 25/178** on approving the distribution and transfer of EUR 5,000,000.00 for the implementation of Measure 5.7 – Economic Recovery Package to facilitate the overcoming of the energy crisis. Kosovo's Energy Efficiency Fund will use this amount to implement projects foreseen for 2023 and 2024.



1 Assembly of Kosovo

2 Assembly of Kosovo

## OTHERS

### **Solar Heating: Ministry of Finance, Labor, and Transfer signs an agreement worth EUR 80 million, 11 December 2023**

This project aims to construct the solar heating impiant in Prishtina to expand the capacities of thermal energy production up to 50 MW. It will enable affordable heating for citizens and will also contribute to the quality of air.

### **The Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade presented the Draft Law on the Register of Beneficial Owners before the Parliamentary Committee for Industry, Entrepreneurship, and Trade (hereinafter the "Draft Law"). 13 December 2023**

The Draft Law aims to create, operate, and administer the register of beneficial owners, determine the obligations of natural persons and obliged entities who register beneficial ownership information in the register and establish transparency of beneficial ownership. It aims to identify individuals performing illegal activities in Kosovo and fight economic crimes.

### **The Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers, The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the Municipality of Prishtina signed an agreement worth EUR 6 million for energy efficiency in public buildings (the "Agreement"), 21 December 2023**

Within the framework of the Agreement, 47 public buildings in Prishtina will have efficient heating through new heating systems, thermal isolation, and replacement of doors and windows.



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