

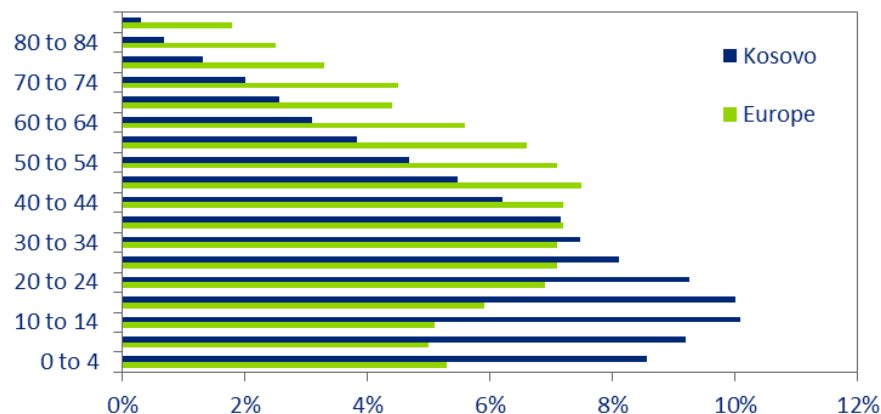
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WHY ICT?

Age Pyramid



Insights

- Kosovo has the youngest population in Europe; 34% of the entire population is under 18 years old
- Strong usage of ICT services and applications among youth
- The availability of English & German language capabilities in many Kosovo companies represents an important competitive advantage
- The Kosovo IT industry can draw on a very strong and well organized diaspora abroad, particularly in Germany, Switzerland, the UK and the USA
- There is a pool of highly-qualified IT freelancers in Kosovo, whose skills can be used by national IT enterprises.

We want an economy that:

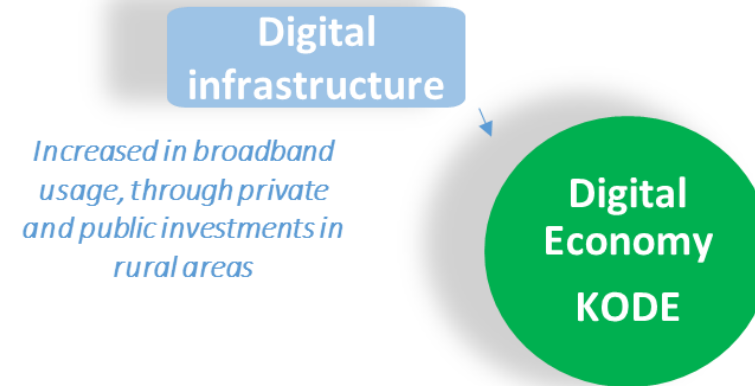
- Create **jobs**; Increase **exports**; and is **inclusive**.
- We believe that the **digital economy** is part of the solution;

- To reshape and digitize its economies, Kosovo needs:
 1. Inclusive **Infrastructure**;
 2. **Skilled Workforce**;
 3. Innovative **Businesses**.



DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- **More inclusive digital infrastructure**: Good foundations for high-speed Broadband Internet (penetration ~ 60% HouseHolds-HH); Number of smart devices is high (laptops 63%, smartphones 55% per capita); Developed regulatory framework; Still 1/3 of HH without ANY connection, rural infrastructure is patchy;
- **Extending Broadband infrastructure** with high-speed across the country, for coherent regional development and comprehensive approach in the opportunities provided by ICT
- **Support regional MSMEs**, including Internet Service Providers in rural areas (rural ISPs), as well as rural communities.



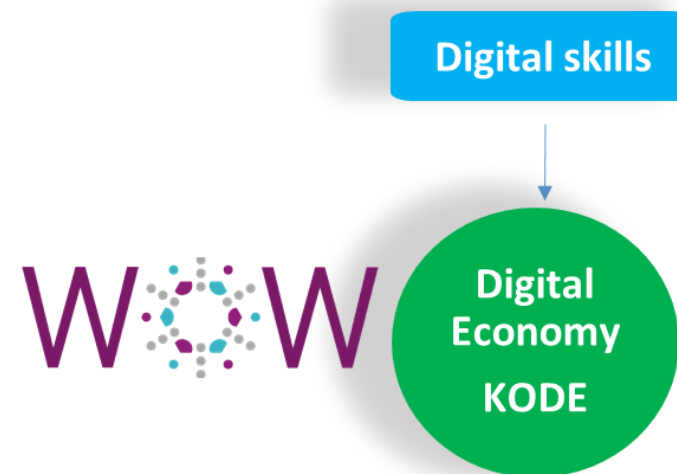
Monetary value of 37 million EUR, foreseen to be financed by donors



DIGITAL SKILLS

- **More and better [digital skills](#): Favorable demographics, multilingual population and demand for skilled employees co-exist with unemployment; But low labor force participation 41%;**
- Develop an industry-oriented and demand-focused skills development program working on two levels: Local demand; Global demand;
- Scale Pilot Project “Women in Online Work” as a model for a comprehensive and inclusive training scheme at the national level.

Young people trained in digital economy skills, then employed



Monetary value: 3,5 million EUR linearly over the years 2017 – 2021

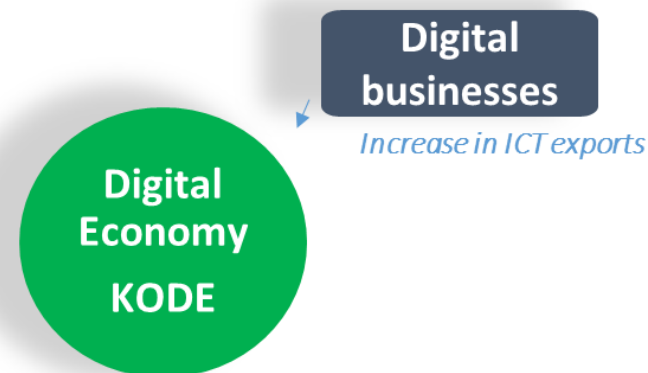


DIGITAL BUSINESSES

- **More and growing digital businesses:** Organized and dynamic IT sector with export potential; Small size of the IT sector (~2% with the GDP); Few (5%) companies are selling for more than 1M€ in revenues; Few (14%) companies employ more than 20 employees.

Support the **development** of promoting policies for export IT services through:

- Opening of new markets and business opportunities for Kosovo's IT industry;
- Raising the level of entrepreneurship;
- Quality of work in IT companies;
- Development of the internal market; and
- Promotion of Kosovo as a location for investments in IT.



Monetary value: 2 million EUR linearly over the years 2017 – 2021



IMPROVING DISTRICT HEATING

- Project purpose
 - The purpose of the project is to assess the heating consumption and to construct heating systems based on generation and/or cogeneration concept for district heating systems in Municipalities with relevant heating potential.
 - Through this project Kosovo will indirectly improve energy supply and diversify energy sources for heating sector, while improving the wellbeing, quality of life and health of citizens and diversify its energy sources. In special cases, the existing district heating project will also assess opportunities to expand the network of heating systems and upgrade existing heating capacities.



IMPROVING DISTRICT HEATING

Results of the project

The following are the expected results of the project on the implementation of District Heating system in municipalities with heating potential:

- Result 1: Improving energy security of supply
- Result 2: Diversification of energy sources
- Result 3: Reducing consumption and cost of electricity for heating
- Result 4: Reducing CO2 emissions

Beneficiaries

Ministry of Economic Development, 8 Municipalities, Regional Centers

Total investment estimated

- Preparatory activities (studies, planning documentation, technical documentation, land acquisition, etc.)
- Construction works
- Supervision

Total investment estimated: 150,000,000 EUR



INFRASTRUCTRE SUPPLYING HOT WATER

Purpose of the project

The purpose of this project is to facilitate our existing infrastructure that is exclusively used for supplying district heating during winter period, and provide uninterrupted 24 hour supply of energy efficient hot domestic water for Prishtina.

Results of the project

- Implementation of this project would significantly reduce the consumption of electricity;
- Ensures stable supply of electricity in the country by reducing its consumption that frequently causes the breakdown of Kosovo's Thermal Power Plants for production blocks;
- Reduces the emissions CO2 and other harmful gases by Kosovo's Thermal Power Plants that are generated for heating up domestic water through electrical boilers;
- Increases the energy efficiency rating of the country;
- Implements the installation of water consumption meters, according to the Article 9 of EU Directive 2012/27/EC;
- Improve the economic and healthy wellbeing of the residents of Prishtina by providing consistent and affordable supply of hot domestic water.

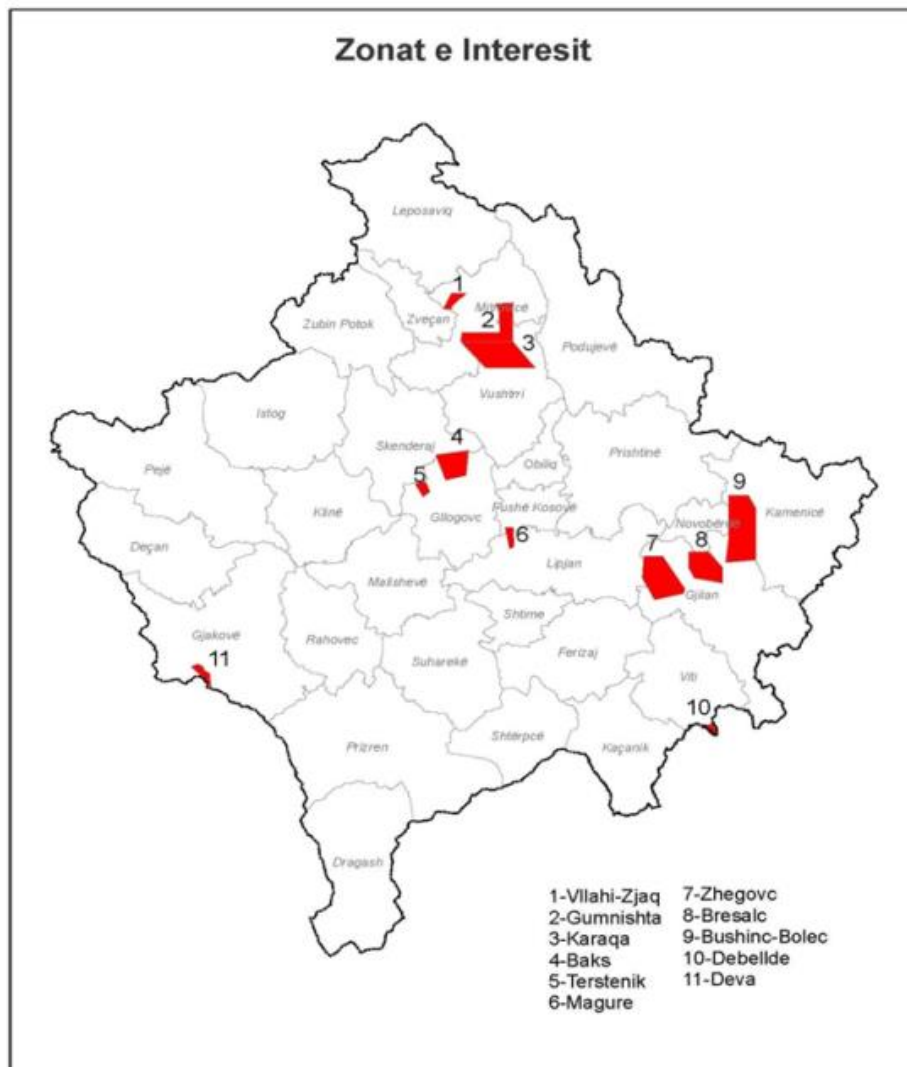
Direct beneficiary: Termokos, Prishtina Municipality

Planning: 2017-2018

Total investment estimated: 10,500,000 EUR



MINING SECTOR



- The Law on Trepça approved by the Government in Oct 2016
- 11 zones of special interest declared by the Government of the Republic Kosovo
 1. Vllahi – Zjaqë (Pb, Zn)
 2. Gumnishtë (Pb, Zn)
 3. Karaqë (Pb, Zn)
 4. Baks (Ni, Co)
 5. Tërstenik (Fe, Ni)
 6. Magure (Mg, Ni)
 7. Zhegovc (Pb, Zn) final stage
 8. Bresalcë (Pb, Zn)
 9. Bushincë-Bolec (Pb, Zn)
 10. Debellde (Rare-Earth Element)
 11. Deva (Cr, Pt) final stage