

## "The Third Summit of Diaspora"

**Panel: Innovation and Excellence**

**Date 23.11.2023, Time 16.30-18.30**

**Location: Palace of Congresses, Main Hall**

**Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Linda Pustina**, Head of the National Team for the Strategy of Smart Specialization (S3), Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister

Panelists:

**Ms. Belinda Balluku**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure and Energy

**Mr. Alfred Peza**, General Director of Albanian Radio Television

**Ms. Elizabeta Katiaj**, Deputy Head of the Diaspora Business Chamber

**Ms. Enkelejda Imeraj**, Tech Innovation Expert, USA

**Dr. Altin Palloshi**, Interventional Cardiologist, Deputy Chief of ICCS/Heart Valve Center - San Raffaele, Milan, Italy

**Prof. Arben Merkoci**, Head of ICN2 Nanobioelectronics and Biosensors Group, Spain

**Mr. Aris Golemi**, CEO of Exel Talents Agency, USA

**Mr. Rio Sheri**, Expert in Cyber Attack Simulation, IBM, United Kingdom

### **Panel Topics: Innovation and Excellence**

The impact of government policies on diaspora engagement and the absorption of talent and excellence.

The importance of media in creating bridges with the Diaspora and the latest initiatives undertaken by Albanian Radio Television: the launch of the new TV channel "RTSH Diaspora" and the program starting soon on RTSH1 "Smart Albania" conceived and implemented by RTSH and the National S3 Team.

Recent innovations and developments in supporting the diaspora and attracting talent and excellence. Measures envisaged within the Smart Specialization Strategy-S3.

Support that excellent professionals in the diaspora provide in supporting government reforms and knowledge transfer, conveying best practices from abroad, making available their accumulated knowledge and experience over the years, and lobbying for Albania. Social impact, as well as that on Albania's innovative and smart economic development.

The role of organizations and business chambers in supporting diaspora inclusion in the country's economic development. Incentives and support that need to be provided to attract excellence from the diaspora.

Promotion of Albania and Albanians: the role of diaspora excellence as models of innovation and excellence worldwide.

Brain circulation as a concept for engaging the diaspora in Albania's economic, social, and cultural development, creating links with experts working and living in Albania, and as a necessary step for the return of the diaspora to Albania.

Creation of inclusive virtual communication platforms as an innovative tool to create bridges between professionals in the diaspora and in Albania, central and local government, business, and civil society."