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BPK has hosted a presentation, organised by EBRD on its Experience in Micro & Small Business Finance

The Banking and Payments Authority of Kosovo (BPK) today hosted a presentation organised by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) on its experience in micro financing. BPK has welcomed this presentation, and considers this a good opportunity for the participants of Micro Finance Institutions, Commercial Banks, Chamber of Commerce, Alliance of Kosovo Business and other actors of economic development of small business to connect with each other for a common purpose.

As highlighted by the Managing Director Mr. Michel Svetchine in its opening remarks, the purpose of this presentation was two folds; in one hand for the EBRD to know better the actors of micro financing and their needs; and on the other hand for the Micro Finance Institutions to have the opportunity to contact directly the Group of Small Business of EBRD.

Mr. Kenji Nakazawa - Acting Head of Pristina Resident Office for EBRD highlighted the importance of such presentation and disclosed EBRDs' involvement in Kosovo. Mr. Nakazawa indicated that today's presentation is very useful for the actors of the small business financing since EBRD is rather known for its activities in this type of financing in other countries, so why not in Kosovo as well.

The presentation was delivered by Ms. Maria Teresa Zappia from the Group for Small Business and it was attended by representatives from Micro Finance Institutions, Chamber of Commerce, Kosovo Business Alliance, BPK Banking Supervision Department, etc.

The presentation was held in English with simultaneous translation into Albanian.

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