

KOSOVO DOCTORS CHAMBER - CHALLENGES



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The Kosovo Doctors Chamber, established 10 years ago, faced many challenges and problems until reaching the self-governance stage.

The path to the establishment of the Doctors Chamber and independence, or as it is known in the modern concept as self-governance of doctors to develop their activity, was not easy at all, but this goal was achieved after many challenges and difficulties and with the indisputable help and political will of the governments of the Republic of Kosovo

As a result of the unsatisfactory situation in healthcare and to implement reforms sanctioned by law, in 2018 began the transfer of powers on professional ethical oversight, licensing and relicensing and continuing professional education of health professionals, from the Ministry of Health to the Kosovo Doctors Chamber.

During these years with many challenges and difficulties in the implementation of the laws in force, the Kosovo Doctors Chamber, through its members, upheld and engaged in ensuring high standards of the code of ethics and medical deontology, promoting and protecting the activity of health professionals in public, private as well as public-private health institutions, ensuring and facilitating continuous professional education with the aim of enhancing performance and providing better quality healthcare services.

An extraordinary contribution to the establishment and institutional development of the Kosovo Doctors Chamber has been given by the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg through the Kosovo Health Project, the sister chambers of Germany, Croatia and recently the CPME - Standing Committee of European Doctors.

The first step of the operationalization of the Chamber was membership registration, a process which started only 4 years after the birth of the Chamber, in February 2018, and now the number of members of the KDC has reached a total of 5,299 doctors.

During these years, the Chamber has organized and financed 59 activities with over 23,000 participants.

In addition to these tasks, the KDC, through public campaigns, roundtables, debates, interviews and public reactions, has given special importance to the public fight against the stigmatization of health workers and doctors in particular. Such stigmatization, verbal and physical attacks and mudslinging, have unfortunately become a recurring phenomenon.

Likewise, the KDC, through its potential, has offered assistance and cooperation to all govern-

ment bodies in terms of shaping and implementing health reforms, but not only. Unfortunately, we have not always encountered the will to cooperate as partners!

The dedication of our doctor has already been proven, for years and decades now, through their sacrifices at rallies, the punishments and political persecution, war, and finally the pandemic, which also took 21 of our colleagues.

Therefore, the Kosovo Doctors Chamber is and will always be at the service of doctors and the shield of those honorable doctors who are an example of dedication and sacrifice, as an inseparable part of society and its needs and ailments.

"Ubi cumque amatur ars medica, ibi amor humanitatis" (Wherever the art of Medicine is loved, there is also a love of Humanity), Hippocrates would have said.

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