

THE KDC WAS THE MISSING LINK IN THE ORGANIZATION IN KOSOVO'S HEALTHCARE



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The Kosovo Doctors Chamber was the missing link in the institutional, structural and professional organization of Kosovo's healthcare. This is what former Minister of Health Imet Rrahmani says. He emphasizes that today, the KDC must continue to develop healthy relations with its members, to increase reliability and credibility, and that we have an obligation to keep politics out of its organization and spirit.

How would you evaluate KDC's development so far and, in your opinion, what are its achievements?

For many years, the KDC was the missing link in the institutional, structural and professional organization of Kosovo's healthcare. Therefore, its very existence, current organization and functioning in the circumstances we find ourselves in, can be considered as an achievement. The KDC has also successfully organized elections and operationalized its bodies, not only once, has established a licensing and re-licensing system that must be praised, without forgetting the commitment in addressing doctors' issues, within their competences.

What was the cooperation between the MoH and KDC during your mandate as Minister?

The development stage of the KDC and the circumstances in that period were full of challenges, not sufficiently understood, sometimes with exhaustive debates, always in order to find the best solutions within the law and the competences of both the KDC and MoH. I remember that there has never been a lack of commitment on the part of the staff in the Ministry, including the political part, in creating the conditions for the KDC to become functional as soon as possible with full powers according to the Law on Chambers of Health Professionals.

What are, in your opinion, the challenges the KDC faces today?

The KDC has gone through a phase of operating with a lack of experience. A phenomenon that is burdening the entire society, the departure of doctors to other countries, must be addressed with a very specific and concrete project and activity, not only by the KDC, but also by all the decision-making institutions in the country. The KDC, along with others, should be a catalyst of programs and enterprises, of cooperation with justice bodies, civil society and the media, in order to break the very negative perception of doctors, also contributing to the return of mutual trust in doctor-patient-state institution relations.

What would you have suggested for the further development of the Chamber, and what should its future be like?

The KDC must continue to develop strong relationships with its members first and foremost, to increase credibility and gain support, to become a credible institution within the medical community and for government and professional partners. And lastly, we have an obligation to keep politics out of the organization and spirit of the KDC.

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