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World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF)

An affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI), the World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) is an international organisation aiming to ease access to finance for businesses from start-up to scale-up, with the ultimate goal of generating more jobs and more social justice worldwide. It is committed to collaborating globally to empower world economic development by creating innovative financial instruments for innovators, start-ups, and SMEs. The Forum interacts with leaders in all areas of society, first in business and political spheres, to help assess needs and establish goals, bearing in mind that the public interest is of paramount importance. WBAF engages a wide range of institutions, both public and private, local and international, commercial and academic to help shape the global agenda of early and post-early equity and capital market. The four missions of WBAF are:

Easing access to smart finance for entrepreneurs and angel investors

Promoting gender equality

Increasing financial inclusion

Enhancing digital inclusion

It advances its agenda at the G20 level through its affiliation with the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI), chaired by Queen Maxima of the Netherlands. The WBAF also hosts World Business Angel Investors Week, which is celebrated every third week of October, under a global theme.

The World Business Angels Investment Forum has an important new initiative—*Diplomacy in Action for Entrepreneurs*, a platform where policymakers, investors and entrepreneurs can share their ideas and interact with WBAF's Economic Development Commissions, who prepare reports to be presented to G20 leaders. Around 30 country presidents, prime ministers and other government dignitaries sit on the board of this initiative.

WBAF also has an angel investment fund, partnerships with global institutions, and economic cooperation agreements with governments.

WBAF accomplishes its missions through various parties and channels including (1) WBAF Financial Inclusion Center (2) WBAF Business School (3) WBAF Publication House (4) WBAF Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency (WIPA) (5) 10 Country Offices in 5 continents.

www.wbaforum.org

G20 Global G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI)

The G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) is an inclusive platform for all G20 countries, interested non-G20 countries, and relevant stakeholders to carry forward work on financial inclusion, including implementation of the G20 Financial Inclusion Action Plan endorsed at the G20 Summit in Seoul. Queen Maxima of the Netherlands is the Honorary Patron of the GPFI.

The World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) is an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI).

Global Partners of the World Business Angels Investment Forum

As an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion, the World Business Angels Investment Forum interacts with leaders in all areas of society – first and foremost in business and political spheres – to help assess needs and establish goals, bearing in mind that the public interest is of paramount importance. WBAF engages with a wide range of institutions – public and private, local and international, commercial and academic – to help shape the global agenda. WBAF holds that, with the participation of individuals and institutions from multiple sectors and from all parts of society, real progress can be achieved.

WBAF global partners contribute to this effort. This community comprises well-established influential organisations that advance the development of world economies. Including top global innovators and disruptors that range from niche market leaders to regional champions, global partners collaborate to address key issues, identify emerging trends and further the Forum’s mission of easing access to finance globally.

Global partners at the core of all Forum activities, cooperate to find sustainable solutions to global issues. They are typically top-rated high-profile global institutions that play a leading role in their industry and their particular region.

They are committed to the idea that interaction between multiple stakeholders can be a positive force in creating change. They work in close cooperation with the Forum to help shape regional and global agendas in the global and regional investment markets. Through this cooperation, Global Partners contribute to the global knowledge base and benefit from it as they determine the agenda of Forum meetings and develop the focus of Forum initiatives. WBAF has signed strategic collaborative agreements with global and regional institutions to empower the economic development of the world.

Economic Cooperation Agreements with Governments

WBAF believes that global collaboration offers a great opportunity to governments to discover the real power of startups and businesses to empower their economies through innovation, angel investment and entrepreneurship. With this in mind, the World Business Angels Investment Forum signs comprehensive economic collaboration agreements with governments to create more opportunities in their respective countries for all manner of startups, scaleups, SMEs and high-growth businesses.

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Economic Cooperation Agreements with Governments



Government of Mexico

Today, Mexico has an ongoing, frank, and constructive political dialogue with 32 Latin American and Caribbean countries. Mexico plays a key role in facilitating regional consensus and contributing to the region's development and prosperity. Recent case studies highlight Mexico's use of emerging technologies to achieve social goals such as increasing financial inclusion, combating corruption, improving public health, and reducing crime.

Mexico has joined some of the world's most technically advanced and ambitious nations in launching a national artificial intelligence strategy, making it one of the first ten countries in the world – and the first in Latin America – to publicly announce a national AI strategy. In doing so, Mexico has joined an elite club that includes the U.K., Canada, China, the UAE, Singapore, South Korea, France, and Japan.

The World Business Angels Investment Forum and the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Mexico signed a Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion and Economic Cooperation Agreement to empower the Mexican, Latin American, and Caribbean economies through entrepreneurship and innovation.

Signed: 17 February 2020, Istanbul
H.E. Martha Delgado Peralta, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
Signing Ceremony: <https://youtu.be/Y2NSYMAQabA>



Government of Kosovo

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The World Business Angels Investment Forum and the Government of Kosovo signed a comprehensive economic collaboration agreement to create more opportunities in Kosovo for startups, scaleups, SMEs, and high-growth businesses.

Signed: 18 February 2019, Istanbul
H.E. Besim Beqaj, Minister of Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Kosovo
Signing Ceremony: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYBkt7UIUos&t=255s>





Government of Ghana

Africa is one of the most promising destinations for foreign direct investment. The continent offers the world's highest return on FDI and has abundant natural resources. Although figures have plunged in some instances, it swiftly surges back, evidencing the region's economic resilience.

Since the year 2000, Africa's GDP has grown by 5.1% per year on average, nearly three times the growth rate in the OECD area during the same period. In spite of recent country-specific challenges and headwinds from the global economy, growth is set to remain strong. Africa's recent economic dynamism has been underpinned by sound macroeconomic policies and strong partnerships with major emerging markets. The continent has become more resilient to shocks and has benefited from a strong demand for commodities, increased investment flows, and closer links to global value chains.

The World Business Angels Investment Forum believes that Africa needs to transform its economic structures and unleash the potential of its startups and entrepreneurs through innovation and entrepreneurship so that its population can enjoy stronger, more inclusive growth.

With all this in mind, the World Business Angel Investment Forum developed a Master Plan for African Economies to unleash the real potential of the continent's entrepreneurs, to tailor innovative financial instruments for Africa, and to lay out a roadmap for governments to convert their economies to 'smart' economies.

The World Business Angels Investment Forum and the Government of Ghana signed an economic cooperation agreement to implement the WBAF Master Plan.

Date: 18 February 2019, Istanbul

H.E. Dr Ibrahim Mohammed Awal, Minister for Business Development of the Republic of Ghana

Signing Ceremony: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Xz5afX-Y8k&t=182s>

Government of Mali

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The World Business Angels Investment Forum and the Government of Mali signed a comprehensive economic collaboration agreement to create more opportunities in Mali and Western Africa for startups, scaleups, SMEs, and high-growth businesses.

Date: 17 February 2020, Istanbul

H.E. Safia Boly, Minister of Private Investment, Small and Medium Enterprises and National Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Mali

Signing Ceremony: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26JRkTL55bY>



Financial Inclusion Agreements with Governmental Entities



Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO)

The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is a specialized organization that operates under the aegis of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and is concerned with fields of education, science, culture, and communication in Islamic countries in order to support and strengthen relations among its 54 member states. Based in Morocco, ICESCO was founded by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in May 1979. ICESCO consists of 54 member states, along with 3 observer states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

The agreement aims to (1) deepen ties between Muslim investors and entrepreneurs and global investors, (2) open the way for the Islamic World Startup Exchange Market, (3) open WBAF country offices in 54 member states of the ICESCO, (4) connect entrepreneurs of member states with global investors through the WBAF Financial Inclusion Center, and (5) Deliver WBAF Business School Courses to 54 member states.

www.icesco.org

National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA)

The National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) of Thailand was established in 1991 under the Science and Technology Development Act of 1991. The agency is affiliated with the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation and reports to the NSTDA Governing Board, chaired by the Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation.

The NSTDA is entrusted with the important task of accelerating science, technology, and innovation development in Thailand in order to respond to the needs of industry and enhance the country's competitiveness in the global economy, and as a result, make a contribution to national economic and social development. Its mission is to perform and support research and development, design and engineering, technology transfer, science and technology, human resource development, and infrastructure development. This mission is implemented by working with partners from academia, the government, and the private- and non-government sectors, both domestically and internationally.

www.nstda.or.th



Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)

Chaired by H.E. John Dramani Mahama, the President of Ghana, the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) is an inter-governmental organization, having a membership of 25 developing countries and one non-state member from three continents, Latin America, Africa and Asia. COMSATS programmes and projects relate to the socio-economic needs of its member countries. In this context, the organization focuses on:



- Capacity-building through education and training, seminars, symposia, workshops, fellowships and expert-exchange programs;
- Research and development through joint projects in scientific fields, like Information and communication technologies, agriculture, environment, biotechnology, medicinal products, materials sciences, etc.
- Knowledge dissemination through COMSATS publications, web-sites/web-portals;
- Higher education in Science and Technology with the support of COMSATS' Centres of Excellence and their affiliated institutions in the member countries.

The organization has close working relations with various development and donor agencies, such as UNESCO, ISESCO, TWAS/TWNSO, COMSTECH, ICGEB.

www.comsats.org

The Fund For Development of Youth Projects SAOC (Sharakah)



Sharakah is a Closed Joint Stock Company incorporated by a Royal Decree No. (76/98) in 1998 to show the on-going commitment and support of the Sultanate of Oman towards entrepreneurship development. Sharakah aims to contribute towards SME development in Oman by spreading awareness about the importance of entrepreneurship and SMEs, providing financial support and consultation services. The generous donation by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said along with those from the business community and private individuals have created the share capital that enables us to operate and render our services.

www.sharakah.com

Financial Institutions

International Finance Corporation (IFC)

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is an international financial institution that offers investment, advisory, and asset-management services to encourage private-sector development in less developed countries. The IFC is a member of the World Bank Group and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. in the United States.

It was established in 1956 as a private-sector arm of the World Bank Group to advance economic development by investing in for-profit and commercial projects for poverty reduction and promoting development. The IFC's stated aim is to create opportunities for people to escape poverty and achieve better living standards by mobilizing financial resources for private enterprise, promoting accessible and competitive markets, supporting businesses and other private-sector entities, and creating jobs and delivering necessary services to those who are poverty-stricken or otherwise vulnerable.

www.ifc.org



London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG)

The London Stock Exchange Group plc (LSEG) is a United Kingdom-based stock exchange and financial information company headquartered in the City of London, England. It owns the London Stock Exchange (on which it is also listed), Refinitiv, LSEG Technology, FTSE Russell, and holds majority stakes in LCH and Tradeweb. Backed by more than three centuries of experience, innovative technologies, and a team of 23,000 people in 70 countries, LSEG is driving financial stability, empowering economies, and enabling businesses to grow sustainably.

www.lseg.com



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www.thomsonreuters.com



Global Trade Associations



International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises (INSME)

The International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises (INSME) is a legally recognized not-for-profit association working under the auspices of the OECD – the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The Association gathers innovation and technology transfer stakeholders including governmental bodies, international organizations, NGOs, business support organizations, and chambers of commerce, on an international scale. As of March 2021, INSME can count on the support of 64 members from 34 different countries.



The Network is a facilitator for the creation of public-private partnerships, a gateway to innovation, a repository of good practices for the support of SMEs and entrepreneurs, and a catalyst for information on opportunities, the latest trends and insights on innovation, SMEs, technology transfer, and entrepreneurship.

www.insme.org

World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)

The World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) gathers and connects worldwide investment promotion agencies (IPAs) to cooperate and share experiences and expertise with each other. In 1995, WAIPA was founded by UNCTAD and 50 other IPAs. Since then, WAIPA has continued assisting and supporting its members by organizing a wide range of activities and events.



www.waipa.org

World Free & Special Economic Zones Federation (FEMOZA)

The World Free & Special Economic Zones Federation (FEMOZA), since its creation in Geneva, Switzerland in 1999, has become the main institution in the world that aims to promote these trade zones worldwide, contributing to the development of these areas with the highest standards of quality, technology, connectivity, and sustainability. FEMOZA has collaborations with the highest global institutions in international trade such as UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organisation), UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), and the ILO (International Labour Organization).



www.femoza.org



World Association of Women Entrepreneurs (FCEM)

The World Association of Women Entrepreneurs (FCEM) is the pioneer association uniting women business owners from around the world. Founded in France in 1945 at the end of World War II by Yvonne Foinant, and months before the United Nations was established, the Association quickly spread to other European countries and the 5 continents. FCCEM brings together in solidarity and friendship like-minded women who share a common interest: that of entrepreneurship. Today, the FCCEM network includes over 120 different countries and 5 million members from the five continents.

www.fcem.org

International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP)

The International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP) is a worldwide network of science parks and areas of innovation. IASP connects professionals managing science, technology, and research parks (STPs) and other areas of innovation and provides services that drive growth and effectiveness for its members. IASP members enhance the competitiveness of companies and entrepreneurs in their cities and regions and contribute to global economic development through innovation, entrepreneurship, and the transfer of knowledge and technology. IASP is an NGO with Special Consultative Status at the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is a founding member of the World Alliance for Innovation (WAINOVA).

www.iasp.ws

African Business Angels Network (ABAN)

The African Business Angels Network (ABAN) is a pan-African network organization for angel investors. Established in 2015 by a group of 6 pioneering angel networks in Africa, ABAN represents an emerging sector, playing a vital role in the African early-stage ecosystems' future. It also provides valuable human and financial capital to African startups through a growing number of angel investor groups, syndicates, and networks across the continent.

www.abanangels.org



MENA Business Angel Network (MBAN)

The MENA Business Angel Network (MBAN) initiative started in the UAE in June 2014 as a response to the growing interest in start-ups from business angels and early-stage investors in the MENA region and to their desire to find the best modality to manage their investments to guarantee the best return. Angel and early-stage investors are well established in Europe and globally, with billions of Euros invested annually through the various angel network groups. The MENA region needs to pay attention to setting up the right structure and rules for angel and early-stage investing in order to have a vibrant, healthy, and promising entrepreneurship ecosystem.

www.m-ban.org

Latin America and Caribbean Trade Association for Business Angels (LACBAN)

The Latin America and Caribbean Trade Association for Business Angels (LACBAN) is an international umbrella organisation aiming to ease access to finance for businesses from startup to scale-up, with the ultimate goal of generating more jobs and more social justice in Latin American and Caribbean economies. LACBAN is committed to collaborating globally to empower world economic development by creating innovative financial instruments for innovators, startups, and SMEs. The four missions of LACBAN are: (1) easing access to smart finance for entrepreneurs and angel investors, (2) promoting gender equality, (3) increasing financial inclusion, and (4) enhancing digital inclusion. It advances its agenda at the G20 level through its collaboration with the World Business Angels Investment Forum – an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) chaired by Queen Maxima of the Netherlands.

www.lacban.org

XCALA Platform

XCALA is the largest platform to catalyze early-stage investment in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). As a non-profit organization, XCALA works with over 50 angel groups located in 12+ countries in the region, reaching 3,000+ angel investors. Together with them, XCALA takes the business ventures founded by dynamic entrepreneurs in the region to the next level of development. The platform provides training, tools, and knowledge to entrepreneurs and investors as well as mentoring and connections to smart capital services.

www.xcala.org





Junior Chamber International (JCI)

The Junior Chamber International (JCI) is a non-profit international non-governmental organization of young people between 18 and 40 years old. It has around 200.000 members in about 124 countries, most of which have regional or national organizations.

The first local Junior Chamber chapter was founded in 1915, but the international umbrella organization, Junior Chamber International, was founded in Mexico in 1944. It has consultative status with the Council of Europe, with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and with UNESCO. It encourages young people to become active citizens and to participate in efforts towards social and economic development, and international cooperation, good will, and understanding.

www.jci.cc

Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Mediterranean (ASCAME)

The Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Mediterranean (ASCAME) gathers more than 300 Chambers of Commerce and Industry and other similar entities from 23 Mediterranean countries and more than 250 cities from both shores of the region. The ASCAME member network represents more than 100 million companies and businesses from all over the Mediterranean. The Association defends the interests of millions of companies of the Mediterranean region, and today it is considered the region's most important institution representing the private sector.

www.ascame.org

MENA FinTech Association (MFTA)

The MENA FinTech Association (MFTA), established in 2018, is an independent, UAE-based, inclusive, not-for-profit association that fosters an open dialogue for the MENA Fintech community, shaping the future of financial services in the region. The MENA Fintech Association was founded by major players in the space, including the Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center, the UAE Exchange, Ripple, Token.io, and Temenos.

The MFTA has a growing community of Fintech startups and SMEs, financial institutions, technology companies, academics, investors, and accelerators as well as regulators and policymakers. Bringing together all the 'movers and shakers' under one roof, the MFTA is the voice and nexus of the FinTech industry in MENA.

www.mena-fintech.org



Social Institutions

Nelson Mandela Foundation

The Nelson Mandela Foundation was established in 1999 when its founder, Mr Nelson Mandela, stepped down as the President of South Africa. The Nelson Mandela Foundation focuses its work on contributing to the making of just societies by mobilising the legacy of Nelson Mandela, providing public access to information on his life and times, and convening dialogue on critical social issues. The key objective is to find sustainable solutions to the problems confronting humanity. It aims to become a respected change agent in South Africa and beyond, with a global audience and an embedded practice of deep dialogue informed by robust research, analysis, and evaluation.

www.nelsonmandela.org

Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation

The Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Mohamed VI, King of Morocco and His Royal Highness Felipe VI, King of Spain, is an institution that was created in 1998 through the initiative of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Junta de Andalucía.

The Three Cultures Foundation is a forum under the patronage of the Kingdom of Morocco and the King of Spain. It collaborates with other institutions such as the Peres Center for Peace and the Palestinian National Authority. Their mission is to foster peace, dialogue and tolerance among the different nations and cultures of the world. It promotes intercultural dialogue, combats stereotypes and prejudices, and transmits values of respect and mutual understanding.

www.tresculturas.org



Academic Institutions



Higher Education Commission of the Government of Pakistan (HEC)

The Higher Education Commission (colloquially known as HEC) is a statutory body formed by the Government of Pakistan which was established in 2002. Its main functions are funding, overseeing, regulating and accrediting the higher education institutions in the country. The commission is responsible for formulating higher education policy and quality assurance to meet the international standards as well as providing accrediting academic degrees, development of new institutions and uplift of existing institutions in Pakistan.

The commission also facilitates the development of higher educational system in the country with the main purpose of upgrading the universities and degree awarding institutes in the country to be focal point of the high learning of education, research and development. Over several years, it has played an important and leading role towards building a knowledge-based economy in Pakistan by giving out hundreds of doctoral scholarships for education abroad every year.

www.hec.gov.pk



Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC)

Azerbaijan State University of Economics, which was founded in 1930, is one of the largest higher education institutions in the Southern Caucasus. There are 10 faculties operating at UNEC with more than 18.000 students studying on 22 specialities. More than one thousand teachers, as well as 77 professors and 326 assistant professors among whom figure actual members of the National Academy of Sciences, New-York academy of Sciences, laureates of State Awards, honoured teachers and scientists work at the University. More than 850 students from 12 countries of the world study bachelor and master degrees at UNEC.

www.unec.edu.az



Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

The Saints Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje is the oldest and largest public university in North Macedonia. It is named after the Byzantine Christian theologians and missionaries Cyril and Methodius. In the 2018–19 academic year, a total of 25,220 students were enrolled at the university, and the 2,390 teaching and research staff are supported by over 300 members in the university's institutions.

www.ukim.edu.mk





Istanbul Chamber of Commerce University

Istanbul Ticaret University is a foundation university which was founded in 2001 by the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Education and Social Services Foundation. Istanbul Ticaret University, which provides education and training in two different campuses in Istanbul has the intense support of Istanbul Chamber of Commerce. It is a city university which is located in the most central points of Istanbul with six faculties, 24 departments, four institutes and 65 postgraduate programs. The aim of the university is to educate qualified human capital will contribute to the life of commerce and industry and Turkey's economy; monitoring technological developments using this source and transfer the information it produces to the changing world and its community. The university is among the most preferred foundation universities in the country.

www.ticaret.edu.tr

Chambers of Commerce

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is the largest and most representative business organization in the world. Its over 45 million members in over 100 countries have interests spanning every sector of private enterprise. The ICC supports the work of the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, and many other intergovernmental bodies, both international and regional, such as the G20 on behalf of international business. The ICC was the first organization granted general consultative status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council and UN Observer Status.

www.iccwbo.org



Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI)

Since its inception in 1939, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) has played a prominent role in shaping the national economy of Bahrain and creating a vigorous private sector. It has kept abreast of the fast-paced economic and social developments and consolidated its efforts to stimulate the growth and expansion of the private sector and to empower the private sector's role in the economic development of the country, alongside the public sector.

The confidence bestowed upon the chamber by the wise leadership reinforced its influence on economic decisions and streamlined its endeavor to create an attractive ecosystem that helps businesses flourish. In addition, the growing base of its members has contributed to its standing as the sole representative of the private sector and an advocate for its interests.

www.bahrainchamber.bh



Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (ICO)

The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, established in 1882, is the world's second-largest deep-rooted chamber with 690,000 members. It operates with the vision of increasing the share of its members in international trade, guiding them through global economic developments and contributing to the mission of positioning Turkey as an economic hub that connects Europe, Asia, the Middle East, the Mediterranean region and beyond. It was the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce that initiated the expansion of the Formula 1 Grand Prix into Turkey . The Chamber serves the Turkish economy not only through its members but also through a university, a technopark and a commercialization center.

www.ito.org.tr





Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI)

The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI), the voice of SMEs, serves as the first point of business contact for penetration into new markets and as a vibrant platform that puts forward facts-based opinions, suggestions and recommendations for a brighter tomorrow in the spheres of trade, commerce, and the overall economy. DCCI, the largest and most active chamber of the country, was established in 1958 and incorporated under the Companies Act, V11 of 1913, as a limited company on March 10, 1959. It serves as a model for non-profit, service-oriented organizations. It has rendered more than six decades of very useful services for the development of business and industry in Bangladesh.

www.dhakachamber.com

Cities

City of Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik, historically known as Ragusa, is a city on the Adriatic Sea in the region of Dalmatia, in the southeastern semi-exclave of Croatia. It is one of the most prominent tourist destinations in the Mediterranean, a seaport, and the centre of Dubrovnik-Neretva County. Its total population is 122,568 (2011 census). In 1979, the city of Dubrovnik was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in recognition of its outstanding medieval architecture and fortified old town.

www.dubrovnik.hr



Krapina Zagorje County

Krapina-Zagorje County is a county in northern Croatia, bordering Slovenia. It encompasses most of the historic region called Hrvatsko Zagorje. The area contains the excavation site of a 100,000-year-old Neanderthal man in caves near the central town of Krapina. The existence of Krapina itself was verified in the year 1193, and it has been a common site for castles and other country houses of Croatian, Austrian, and Hungarian rulers.

Other towns in the county are Zabok, Pregrada, Zlatar, Oroslavje, Donja Stubica, Klanjec. The town of Stubica features a thermal spring, the Stubičke spa. Also in the area are the medieval castles Veliki Tabor, Miljana, Bežanec, Hellenbach, Milengrad. The Krapina-Zagorje County borders on Varaždin County in the northwest, Zagreb County in the southwest and southeast, and the city of Zagreb in the south. The county contains many vineyards. For 15% of the year, fog significantly lowers visibility in the area.

www.kzz.hr



Business Entities

European Brand Institute (EBI)

The European Brand Institute (EBI) is an affiliated partner of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Europe's leading institute for the evaluation of intangible assets, brand (e)valuation and certification.

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