

## PRESS RELEASE

### “MEDIATION IN KOSOVO AND ITS PROSPECTS FOR ADVANCEMENT”



Pristina, October 24, 2013 - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, Prof. Dr. Kuci today had a meeting with the President of the Foundation for Sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives (FSRI), Victor Schachter, with whom he discussed the possibility of cooperation in a joint project through which to promote and institutionalize mediation in Kosovo.

Law Minister Kuci informed Mr. Schachter of the achievements of mediation in Kosovo, while stressing future challenges of its institutionalization. Further, Dr. Kuci described his vision of mediation as a real preference and benefit to Kosovo citizens so that conflicts between the parties can be resolved easier, cheaper and faster.

During the meeting, Minister Kuci said that mediation as an institution is improving daily by building the capabilities of our mediators and the opening of new centers, bringing us ever closer to Kosovo citizens. Among other things, Kuci stressed that mediation is considered one of the few battles that can become victorious for both sides with the help of a mediator to achieve an enforceable agreement.

Mr. Schachter expressed satisfaction with the achievements of mediation in Kosovo to date and made several recommendations for the advancement of the institution. Schachter has more than 30 years experience in the field of mediation and said he was interested in volunteering to help the Ministry of Justice, for which he thanked Dr. Kuci for his support. Both sides agreed to work together on a new project, taking into account Mr. Schachter's recommendations and the analysis of the Ministry of Justice for the advancement of mediation. At the end of the meeting, Minister Kuci expressed high regard for Schachter based upon the many projects he has carried on a voluntary basis in many countries, and his willingness to assist in strengthening mediation in Kosovo.