

**Thursday, 14.09.2017**

*Venue: Cinema Millenium, Tirana*

## Stories of the Communist Past – A Collaborative Swiss-Albanian Film Project

- 18:00 – 18:15**    **Welcome and Introduction**  
Christoph Graf, Swiss Ambassador in Albania  
Kujtim Çashku, Rector of the Academy of Film and Multimedia Marubi  
Eric Bergkraut, Swiss filmmaker and producer
- 18:15 – 19:30**    **Screening of Film “Dealing with the Past”**  
Produced by the Academy of Film and Multimedia Marubi, realized by the students, supervised by Eric Bergkraut and Kujtim Çashku and supported by Switzerland
- 19:30 – 20:30**    **Roundtable**  
Gentiana Sula, Chairperson of Albanian Authority on Access to Information on the Former State Security Service  
Uran Kostreci, Former Political Prisoner, Tirana  
Robert Wilton, Deputy Head, OSCE Presence in Albania  
Orest Zeneli, Student at Academy of Film and Multimedia Marubi  
Debora Kern, Head of Governance and Health Sector, Embassy of Switzerland  
Moderation by Luljeta Lleshanaku, Institute for the Studies of Communist Crimes and Consequences in Albania
- 20:30 – 21:30**    **Cocktail**

*Updates of the Programme will be available on [www.eda.admin.ch/tirana](http://www.eda.admin.ch/tirana) and invitations will follow.*



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# 25 YEARS OF SWISS PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

PROGRAMME

12 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2017



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**Embassy of Switzerland in Albania**

**Tuesday, 12.09.2017**

*Venue: Center of Openness and Dialogue (COD), Prime Minister's Office, Tirana*

## **25 Years of Swiss Presence and Cooperation in Albania**

- 17:30 – 17:40**    **Welcome**  
Christoph Graf, Swiss Ambassador in Albania
- 17:40 – 18:00**    **25 Years – Memories of Former Ambassadors**  
Christian Schmed, Deputy Head of Mission in Albania 1992-1997  
Francis Cousin, Swiss Ambassador in Albania 2000-2002
- 18:00 – 19:30**    **25 Years - Achievements and Challenges**  
*Panel Discussion and Video Statements*  
Eglantina Gjermeni, Minister of Urban Development  
Voltana Ademi, Mayor of Shkodra  
Brian Williams, UN Resident Coordinator in Albania  
Martin Woker, Former NZZ Correspondent for Southeast Europe, Zurich  
Ardian Hackaj, Director of Shtetiweb, Cooperation and Development Institute, Tirana  
Debora Kern, Head of Governance and Health Sector, Embassy of Switzerland  
Moderation by Mirela Milori, Journalist

*Intermission with Swiss Alphorn Tunes*

## **Reception**

- 20:00 – 20:15**    **25 Years of Friendship Albania-Switzerland**  
*Remarks from*  
Nicolas Brühl, Assistant State Secretary of the Federal Department for Foreign Affairs, Bern  
Ditmir Bushati, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 20:15 – 22:00**    **Cocktail**

**Wednesday, 13.09.2017**

*Venue: Hotel Plaza, Tirana*

## **Switzerland and Albania – Strengthening Economic Relations**

- 18:00 – 18:05**    **Welcome**  
Christoph Graf, Swiss Ambassador in Albania
- 18:05 – 18:20**    **Innovation as Engine of Productivity – the Swiss Experience**  
*Key note*  
Raymund Furrer, Ambassador, Head of Economic Cooperation and Development, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Bern
- 18:20 – 19:30**    **Unlocking Business Potential in Albania**  
*Panel Discussion*  
Milena Harito, Minister of State for Innovation and Public Administration  
Gianni Nigro, Executive Vice-President Operations, SICPA SA, Lausanne  
Daniel Meier, CEO and Co-Founder Aerotain AG, Zurich  
Linda Shomo, Founder and CEO Easypay, Tirana  
Rezart Prifti, University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy  
Philipp Keller, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Switzerland  
Moderation by Matilda Duri, Journalist
- 19:30 – 19:45**    **Launch of the Swiss Albanian Chamber of Commerce**  
*Remarks from*  
Xavier Davard, General Manager of SICPA Security Solutions Albania and Founding Member of the Swiss-Albanian Chamber of Commerce  
Milva Ekonomi, Minister of Economy  
Raymund Furrer, Ambassador, Head of Economic Cooperation and Development, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Bern
- 19:45 – 21:30**    **Cocktail**

