

BCCK Mining Committee



Unlocking Mining Potential

The BCCK Mining Committee is a specialized body within the British Chamber of Commerce in Kosovo (BCCK) dedicated to supporting businesses and stakeholders in the mining industry. It fosters collaboration, advocacy, and knowledge-sharing among mining companies, suppliers, policymakers, and industry experts, covering both exploration and exploitation.

Kosovo's geological landscape, shaped by diverse rock formations, tectonic activity, and sedimentary processes, has contributed to significant mineral resources, including energy minerals, metallic ores, and non-metallic minerals.

Historically, the region—known in ancient times as **Dardania**—was home to the Illyrian **Dardani tribe**, renowned for their skills in warfare and metalwork. Dardanians expanded their territory partly due to their expertise in metal exploration, smelting, and crafting advanced weapons and armor. The **Metalla Dardanica**, a key mining domain of the Roman Empire, was established in this region, reflecting its strategic importance. Historical records, such as the *Codex Theodosianus* (386 AD), mention the **procuratores metallorum intra Dardaniam**, highlighting the significance of mining administration in Late Antiquity.

The mining sector experienced a decline in the 1990s due to underinvestment in equipment, infrastructure, and exploration. However, Kosovo remains rich in natural resources, including lignite (5th largest proven reserves globally), nickel, lead, zinc, silver, aluminum, iron, magnesium, kaolin, copper, rare metals, and more.

Despite past challenges, Kosovo's mining sector presents a strong investment opportunity, with vast untapped resources and a need for modernization and sustainable practices. The BCCK Mining Committee aims to unlock this potential, encouraging exploration and export initiatives to drive economic growth.

Key Functions of the BCCK Mining Committee

- **Advocacy & Policy Engagement** - Engages with government institutions, regulatory bodies (e.g., Ministry of Economy, ICMM), and international organizations to promote favorable policies and best industry practices.
- **Networking & Industry Collaboration** - Fosters partnerships among mining companies, equipment manufacturers, service providers, and investors to drive sector growth, improve profitability, and enhance environmental sustainability through innovative solutions.
- **Sustainability & ESG Compliance** - Promotes responsible mining practices, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility initiatives in collaboration with the **BCCK Green Future Committee**.
- **Market Intelligence & Knowledge Sharing** - Provides industry updates, insights into emerging trends, regulatory developments, and technological advancements.
- **Investment Promotion** - Attracts investment by showcasing Kosovo's mining potential, linking projects with investors, and organizing industry events such as trade missions, seminars, roundtables, and training sessions.