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Čadež and Rafuna: We Ask Berlin to Step up its Support in Removing Barriers to Business in the Region

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The presidents of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia and the Chamber of Commerce of Kosovo, Marko Čadež and Ljulzim Rafuna, spoke today in Berlin with Manuel Sarrazin, the special envoy of the German government for the Western Balkans, about overcoming the challenges and obstacles faced by businessmen in the region.



"A little more than a week after our meeting with the American ambassador in Pristina, today we met with Sarrazin in Berlin to point out the problems that our business communities face in their daily work. There is a lot of talk about political problems, and we hear less and less about what businessmen have to solve in their field in order to work successfully," said Čadež after the meeting.

Evaluating that in the field of political dialogue very little is happening, Čadež pointed out that he came with Rafuna to ask the German government to start working more actively with decision-makers in the Western Balkans, to revive the Berlin process and help accelerate the inclusion of the region in a single European economic market.

According to Čadež, there are still a lot of open questions and unresolved problems, such as the inexplicable ban on the movement of goods from Serbia to Kosovo. For that move, Pristina has no understanding even in Berlin, but things are not being resolved, Čadež pointed out.

"Both the president of the Kosovo Chamber of Commerce and I are trying to motivate politicians and decision-makers in leading countries in every possible way and point out that it is very important not only for Pristina and Belgrade but for the entire European economy to seek solutions. We have offered the support of business communities to work together to remove obstacles, so that while negotiations are ongoing and a political solution is being sought, companies can operate normally, earn money, employ, and new investments can come. This is what we want," said the president of the CCIS.

He adds that he and Rafuna share the same business philosophy, which is to work on the things we have in common, not what separates us. "And that was our message here in Berlin: Please do more, because you really have enough power, enough strength to do much more than what is currently being done," says the president of the CCIS.

We asked for support, as well as to be partners in the implementation of all agreements that we have to implement in the Western Balkans, because CIFWB6 stems from the Berlin process stated Rafuna after the meeting.



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