

# Albania & Montenegro

## Mission of the France-Montenegro and France-Albania Business Councils

Led by

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March 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAM TO BE CONFIRMED

#### DAY 1 – Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10h00 – 14h35	Air transfer Paris CDG – Tirana TIA (layover in Belgrade)
14h35 – 15h15	Transfer from the airport to the French Embassy
15h30 – 16h30	BRIEFING with French companies and Team France in Tirana: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Ms. Catherine SUARD</b>, Ambassador of France in Albania</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. Samuel RICHARD</b>, First Councilor</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. Pierre GRANDJOUAN</b>, Head of regional economic service</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. Arnaud DAUPHIN</b>, Director, AFD's Western Balkans office</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. Julien ROCHE</b>, President of the France-Albania Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li></ul> (Location: French Embassy, TIRANA)
16h30 – 17h00	Break and collective transfer
17h00 – 18h00	COLLECTIVE MEETING with <b>Mr. Gent SEJKO</b> , Governor of the Central Bank of Albania (Working language: English / Location: TBC)
18h00 – 19h30	Transfer to the TIRANA International (delegation's hotel), break then transfer to Durrës
20h00 – 22h00	RECEPTION hosted by <b>Mr. Julien ROCHE</b> , President of the France-Albania Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Working language: French / Location: Residence of Julien Roche, Durrës)
22h00 – 22h30	Transfer to the TIRANA International (delegation's hotel)

#### DAY 2 – Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

8h30 – 9h00	Collective transfer
9h00 – 9h30	Registration & Welcoming coffee (Working language: English / Location: TBC)
9h30 – 9h40	Opening remark by the <b>Mr. Edi RAMA</b> , Prime Minister of Albania
9h40 – 10h00	INTRODUCTION of the delegation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Mr. Christophe PETIT</b>, President of the France-Western Balkans Business Council, MEDEF International, and Deputy CEO, Bouygues Bâtiment International</li><li>▪ <b>Ms. Catherine SUARD</b>, French Ambassador in Albania</li></ul>

<b>10h00 – 11h00</b>	<p>PANEL ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, organized by the Albanian Investment Development Agency (AIDA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Blendi GONXHJA</b>, Minister of Economy, Culture &amp; Innovation.</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Delina IBRAHIMAJ</b>, Minister of State for Entrepreneurship and Business Climate</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Laura SARO</b>, Executive Director of AIDA.</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Elira KOKONA</b>, Executive Director of AIC (Albanian Investment Corporation).</li> <li>▪ Representatives from the <b>State Agency for Strategic Programming and Assistance Coordination (SASPAC)</b> on the <b>NSPP (National Single Pipeline Project)</b>.</li> <li>▪ Representatives from <b>ADF</b> (Albanian Development Fund).</li> </ul>
<b>11h00 – 11h30</b>	Q&A with panelists.
<b>11h30 – 12h45</b>	B2B MEETINGS with Albanian companies, co-organized with the France-Albania Chamber of Commerce and Industry & AIDA.
<b>13h00 – 14h00</b>	NETWORKING LUNCH
<i>14h00 – 14h30</i>	<i>Collective transfer</i>
<b>14h30 – 15h30</b>	<p>COLLECTIVE MEETING with international financial institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ World Bank</li> <li>▪ EBRD</li> <li>▪ AFD</li> <li>▪ EIB</li> </ul> <p><i>(Working language: English / Location: TBC)</i></p>
<i>15h30 – 16h00</i>	<i>Collective transfer</i>
<b>16h00 – 17h00</b>	<p>COLLECTIVE MEETING with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Mirela KUMBARO FURXHI</b>, Minister of Tourism and Environment</li> <li>▪ Representative of the <b>National Tourism Agency (AKT)</b></li> </ul> <p><i>(Working language: English / Location: TBC)</i></p>
<b>17h00 – 18h00</b>	<p>COLLECTIVE MEETING with <b>Mr. Arbjan MAZNIKU</b>, Minister of State of Local Governance. <i>(Working language: English / Location: TBC)</i></p>
<i>18h00 – 20h00</i>	<i>Collective transfer and break, then transfer to Residence of the Ambassador</i>
<b>20h00 – 21h30</b>	<p>RECEPTION hosted by <b>Ms. Catherine SUARD</b>, Ambassador of France to Albania <i>(Location: Residence of the French Ambassador, Rruga Skënderbej, 14 AL - 1000 TIRANA)</i></p>
<i>21h30</i>	<i>Collective transfer to the TIRANA International.</i>

### DAY 3 – Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<i>Morning</i>	<i>Free time - Breakfast</i>
<i>8h00 – 12h00</i>	<i>Collective transfer by bus from Tirana (ALB) to Podgorica (MTG)</i>
<i>12h00 – 13h00</i>	<i>Check-in at the delegation's hotel, then transfer to French embassy</i>
<b>13h00 – 14h30</b>	<p>BRIEFING with French companies and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Anne-Marie MASKAY</b>, Ambassador of France to Montenegro</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Bertrand BAUCHER</b>, First Councilor</li> </ul> <p><i>(Working language: French / Location: TBC)</i></p>

14h30 - 15h00 Break and collective transfer

**15h00 - 16h30** COLLECTIVE MEETING with international financial institutions:  

- World Bank
- EBRD
- AFD

*(Working language: English / Location: TBC)*

17h30 - 18h30 Transfer to the delegation's hotel - Free time

## DAY 4 - Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Morning Free time - Breakfast

8h30 - 9h00 Collective transfer

**9h00 - 10h00** COLLECTIVE MEETING with **Ms. Snežana DUROVIC**, Director of the Montenegrin Investment Agency (MIA).  
*(Working language: English / Location: TBC)*

10h00 - 10h15 Collective transfer by foot

**10h30 - 11h30** COLLECTIVE MEETING with:  

- **Ms. Simonida KORDIC**, Minister of Tourism
- Representative from the National Tourism Organization of Montenegro

*(Working language: English / Location: TBC)*

11h30 - 11h45 Collective transfer by foot (pedestrian road)

**11h45 - 13h30** NETWORKING LUNCH with **French and Montenegrin economic stakeholders**, organized with:  

- The Chamber of Economy of Montenegro,
- The Cercle d'entreprises France-Monténégro (CEFM),
- The Montenegrin Foreign Investors' Council (MFIC).

*(Working language: English / Location: TBC)*

13h30 - 14h00 Collective transfer

**14h00 - 15h00** COLLECTIVE MEETING with **Mr. Nik GJELOSHAJ**, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Policy and Minister for Economic Development.  
*(Working language: English / Location: TBC)*

15h00 - 15h30 Collective transfer

**15h30 - 16h30** COLLECTIVE MEETING with **Ms. Maja VUKICEVIC**, Minister of Transport.  
*(Working language: English / Location: TBC)*

16h30 - 17h00 Collective transfer

**17h00 - 18h00** COLLECTIVE MEETING with the **Ministry of Energy** of Montenegro.

18h00 Transfer back to the hotel - Free time for the evening

## DAY 5 – Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

<i>Morning</i>	<i>Free time - Breakfast</i>
<i>8h30 – 9h00</i>	<i>Collective transfer</i>
<b>9h00 – 10h00</b>	COLLECTIVE MEETING with <b>Mr. Saša MUJOVIC</b> , Mayor of Podgorica. <i>(Working language: English / Location: TBC)</i>
<i>10h00 – 10h30</i>	<i>Collective transfer</i>
<b>10h30 – 11h30</b>	COLLECTIVE MEETING with <b>Mr. Milun ZOGOVIC</b> , Deputy Prime Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development. <i>(Working language: English / Location: TBC)</i>
<i>11h30 – 12h00</i>	<i>Collective transfer</i>
<b>12h00 – 13h00</b>	COLLECTIVE MEETING with <b>Mr. Milojko SPAJIC</b> , Prime Minister of Montenegro. <i>(Working language: English / Location: TBC)</i>
<i>13h00 – 13h30</i>	<i>Collective transfer to the airport</i>
<i>15h05 – 19h45</i>	<i>Air transfer Podgorica TGD – Paris CDG (layover in Belgrade)</i>

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