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SPEAKER’S BIOS
Mr. Gent Sejko is the Governor of the Bank of Albania and Chairman of its Supervisory Council, as of February 2015. He was voted in as Governor by the Parliament of the Republic of Albania on 5 February 2015, upon the Decree of the President of the Republic of Albania.

Mr. Sejko graduated from the Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana, in 1991, in industrial economics. He earned a Master's degree in International Accounting and Financial Management (MAcc) from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1997, with his thesis on the "Role of banks and privatisation of banks in economies in transition".

Mr. Sejko started his banking career in 1992 as Head of Credit Division of the National Commercial Bank. Then he worked as an Inspector at the Supervision Department of the Bank of Albania, until 1998, while pursuing his post-university studies.

During 1998-2000, Mr. Sejko worked for Deloitte & Touche as senior auditor and consultant, responsible for the management of audit procedures. In the years 2001-2002, he worked for the American Bank of Albania as Head of Internal Audit and Compliance Division, and engaged in extending the branches network of the bank. During 2002-2004, Mr. Sejko returned to the Bank of Albania's Supervision Department as Head of Division for on-site examinations.

In the period 2004-2010, he held a number of managing positions at Raiffeisen Bank such as Head of Division for the Internal Audit, Compliance and Relations with the Government, Director General of Raiffeisen Leasing, and Head of Corporate Banking. He also served as a Member of the Credit Committee, Member of the Assets & Liabilities Management Committee, Member of the Supervisory Council of Raiffeisen Leasing, and Member of the Supervisory Council of Pension Funds.

From July 2010 to February 2015, Mr. Sejko was the Deputy General Manager and Head of Retail Department and Branches Network for "Société Générale Albania". In addition, he served as Member of the Assets & Liabilities Committee, Member of the Supervisory Council of SG Leasing and Member of the Credit Committee of the Bank.

Mr. Sejko is fluent in English and Italian.
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His research focuses on economic policy and performance at the regional, national and supranational levels, with emphasis on labour markets, education and economic growth. Geographically his research specializes on Southeast Europe and the European Union.

He has published numerous articles in economics and regional science journals, including Regional Studies, the Journal of Regional Science, the British Journal of Industrial Relations and Oxford Economics Papers; has strong media and consultancy experience; and has received various distinctions including the Moss Madden Medal in Regional Science (2008). He has a PhD in Economic Geography and MSc and BSc degrees in Economics. He is Co-editor of Spatial Economic Analysis (Taylor & Francis).
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