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MUNICIPALITY OF PRISHTINA JOINS OFFICIAL AMERICA250 COMMEMORATION PROJECT IN KOSOVO

Prishtina to Host Flagship Event Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America

Washington, DC — The “America Inspires Freedom—The Kosovo Story,” Project is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipality of Prishtina, formalizing a strategic partnership to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America in Kosovo.

The partnership marks another major milestone for Kosovo's participation in the global America250 commemoration. Earlier this year, the Albanian American Foundation signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding with America250, the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, making Kosovo the first and only country outside the United States officially included in the international programming commemorating America's 250th anniversary.

As Kosovo's capital city, Prishtina will serve as the lead municipal partner of the initiative and host one of its principal events on July 2, 2026, bringing together officials, mayors, diplomats, military representatives, educators, students, civil society leaders, and distinguished guests from the United States.



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The project, entitled "America Inspires Freedom: The Kosovo Story," seeks to celebrate the enduring friendship between Kosovo and the United States while highlighting America's historic contribution to Kosovo's freedom, peace, democracy, and statehood.

"Prishtina is honored to serve as a principal partner in the America250 Project in Kosovo and to help commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America," said Mayor Përparim Rama. "Few cities in the world have experienced as directly the transformative impact of American friendship and support as Prishtina. This initiative provides a unique opportunity to celebrate the enduring bond between our two peoples while reaffirming our shared commitment to freedom, democracy, and international partnership. We are proud that Prishtina will stand at the forefront of this historic commemoration and welcome distinguished guests from the United States and beyond to our capital city."

Under the partnership agreement, the Municipality of Prishtina and the Project Team will cooperate in organizing a major public event featuring prominent American guests, educational programming, and public recognition of the special relationship between Kosovo and the United States.

Faton Bislimi, Founder and Project Director of the America250 Project in Kosovo, welcomed the partnership as a historic opportunity for both Prishtina and Kosovo.

"America's 250th anniversary is not only a celebration of the American story—it is also an opportunity for Kosovars to express our profound gratitude for a friendship that helped shape our nation's journey to freedom. We are honored to partner with the Municipality of Prishtina in what will be one of the most significant international commemorations of America250 outside the United States. As the capital of Kosovo, Prishtina's leadership and participation will help ensure that this historic anniversary is celebrated with the dignity, gratitude, and vision it deserves, and for that we are grateful to Mayor Rama and the Municipality of Prishtina."

The America Inspires Freedom—The Kosovo Story Project in Kosovo is being implemented by the Albanian American Foundation as an official programming partner of America250 and in coordination with partners in Kosovo and the United States. Additional events will be held in several municipalities across Kosovo that share unique historical connections to the Kosovo–United States relationship.

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