

# CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION

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Nenad Petrovikj

Has successfully participated in the


Internship Programme of German Business for the Countries of the Western Balkan

Mr. Petrovikj completed an internship at Fraunhofer-Institut für Energiewirtschaft und Energiesystemtechnik, IEE, in Kassel from the 1st of July to the 31st of December in 2023.

The Internship Programme of German Business was established after the assassination of Zoran Djindjic in 2003 in a joint initiative by the German Eastern Business Association (OA) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It aims at providing first work experiences in leading German companies, hands-on practical training, and further education for participants of seven countries – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia. It aims at training young professionals for their local labour markets as only skilled future employees shape the democratic, societal and economic transformation of their respective home country in a positive way. Thus, the Internship Programme of German Business has become a best-practice example of a regional Public Private Partnership Programme that is covering education, economic development, and regional reconciliation. Participants shape the development of their home countries, strengthen the local economies, and support brain gain for the region.

Additionally, Mr. Petrovikj is now part of the regional alumni network of the Internship Programme of German Business with more than 1.000 members from all the participating countries. This cross-border business network supports professional and personal growth through conferences, seminars, and workshops. By doing so, positive peace and reconciliation has been fostering in the entire region.

Mr. Petrovikj participated in the introductory week and the midterm meeting of the Internship Programme of German Business. These meetings give our participants the opportunity to strengthen intercultural skills, provide an understanding of working and living in Germany as well as making connections with participants from all over the region.

  
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