

BIOGRAPHIES OF PARTICIPANTS

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Albert Gajo is Albania's Deputy Minister of European Integration and an expert economist. Previously, he was Executive Director of the Research and Development Centre, a non-profit organisation which focuses on economic analysis to help public institutions and the business community in drafting good policies for the encouragement of private sector development. From 1998 to 2002, he was a research fellow and lecturer at Maastricht University, at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, where he specialised in the management of resources in transition economies and public finances. From 1992 to 1997, he was economic advisor to the then Albanian Prime Minister.

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