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POB Albania Challenges & Achievements

POB Objectives

» Increasing capacities

» Regulation of the accountancy professions

» Quality Control

POB Current Status

»Independent Regulatory Authority

» Technical Secretariat in Process

» Assistance by local and international experts

Regulations in place

»POB Statute

» Regulation on Revenue Collection

» Regulation on functioning of Professional Exam Skills Commission

» Regulation on Investigation and Discipline

Pipeline Regulations

- » Regulation on Quality Assurance and respective manual
- » New Regulation for Registration Committee
- » Exam Rules for Certified Accountants and Chartered Auditors candidates
- » Regulation on Organizations Governance
- » Regulations on other POB Commissions

Pipeline Activities

- » Performing QA Inspections within October 2018
- » Initiation of inspection activities related with various failures with public interest
- » Workshop with Auditors related to the implementation of several regulatory requirements in relation to enhancing transparency and quality of decision making for Water and Waste Water Companies
- » Other PIE Classification
- » Approval of transitional regulation for QA inspection to the Professional Organization of Chartered Auditors of non PIE

POB Priorities 1/3

»Public and other group awareness on POB role and its importance to the public interest

» Enhancement of the regulatory framework

» Provide the necessary recommendations

POB Priorities 2/3 (continue)

- » Cooperation with other national and international regulators
- »Supervisory of the Certification Process of Professional Accountants Candidates

»Supervisory of Registration Process to the Chartered Auditors and Certified Accountants

» Supervisory of the CPD process

POB Priorities 3/3 (continue)

»Quality Control

» Investigation and objective decision making over the discipline measures

»Giving priorities to the claims in relation to regulatory violations or other issues in the interest of the public

Achievements 1/2

»Self financing approach based on Law on Audit and Council of Minister Decission.

» Improvement of the regulatory framework

» Scholarships best candidates

» Establishing the new Commission on Professional Skills Exam

Achievements 2/2 (continue)

»Incentives on increasing transparency awareness

» Incentives on self declaration and self corrections and improvements over the unintentional failures

» Priority to the methodologies

Challenges and future developments

- » Improving the quality of the services provided by the professional accountants
- » Improving the professional environment for coming generations of the professional accountants
- » Merging of the Certified Accountants Organizations and creating incentives in improving technical capacities
- » Classification of other PIE-s (taking in consideration the size, nature, and employees number)

Thank you

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