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Opening protocol session (XXXI rst European Days in Tirana)

In the framework of Europe Days, Tirana hosted the meeting of the European network of territorial, regional and local state representatives, creating a platform for dialogue and cooperation aimed at strengthening partnerships and exchanging best practices in service of citizens.

The meeting reaffirmed the importance of interinstitutional cooperation, sustainable territorial development, cohesion, and closer alignment with European values, placing particular emphasis on coordination, security, innovation, solidarity, the role of universities, civil society, and regional and local development.

Tirana, as a bridge between the region and Europe, continues to promote cooperation, mutual understanding, and a shared vision for a safer future and sustainable development.

Opening remarks were delivered by representative of Albanian government Mr. Ervin Demo, Minister of State for Local Government (Albania), Mr. Xhemal Qefalia, Deputy Minister of the Interior (Albania), representative of Albanian Parliament Ms. Klodiana Spahiu, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Albania and Mr. Ignazio Portelli, President of EASTR and Prefect of Enna (Italy). The Opening Session was also welcomed by Mr. Gabriel Cremades, Ambassador of Spain to Albania.

Closing speech

Distinguished Representatives,
Dear Colleagues and Partners,

After two days of intensive discussions, exchange of ideas, and constructive cooperation, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your valuable contribution and commitment.

These meetings remind us that the challenges we face today — whether political, economic, security-related, or social — cannot be addressed in isolation. They require dialogue, trust, and continuous coordination among our regions and countries.

Over these two days, we have shared experiences, discussed practical solutions, and strengthened the spirit of European cooperation. Above all, we have reaffirmed that the values that unite us are stronger than any differences that may exist among us.

Let us leave this meeting not only with conclusions and recommendations, but also with a renewed determination to continue working together in the interest of our citizens and for a safer, more sustainable, and more united Europe.

Thank you for your participation, your professionalism, and the positive spirit you brought to this forum. I wish you a safe journey home and every success in your future endeavors.