

# Swiss training centre for emergency services inaugurates new premises

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**Swiss Ambassador and Deputy Minister of Health inaugurate an extension and intallations at the Emergency Services Training Centre – an initiative of the Swiss Foundation for Innovation (SFI)**



Deputy Minister of Health Ardjana Jaku with Swiss Ambassador Christoph Graf (from left) at the training centre for emergency services. © FDFA

An extension of premises and installation of furniture donated by the Swiss Federal Police will enable more training and continued education for medical, police and firefighting services. The inauguration took place with participation of the Swiss Ambassador Christoph Graf, Deputy Minister of Health Ardjana Jaku, and director of the National Centre for Continued Education Entela Shehu.

“This centre will be training Albanian medical professionals, police employees, firefighting services, and also companies and institutions that need to train their staff in emergency services. Swiss quality is guaranteed here: at this centre I feel like in Switzerland. Some of the best Swiss values are clear in the work of this centre and of the foundation: high quality; precision, and innovation”, said Swiss Ambassador Christoph Graf.

Deputy Minister of Health Ardjana Jaku expressed her warm thanks for the work done by the centre. “On behalf also of the Minister I declare that the door of the Ministry is always open for cooperation with the Swiss Foundation for Innovation”, said Ms. Jaku.

The Emergency Services Training Centre was established in 2007 by the Swiss Foundation for Innovation and has been providing training courses on emergency services and technical safety for the last 10 years. It offers a ‘dual’ professional training based on a Swiss model: a combination of theory with ‘hands on’ practice which has proven superior to the predominantly theoretical model taught traditionally in our country.

Professionals working in health, police, military, fire brigades or work safety benefit from the high quality training curricula of the centre. In addition many companies or insitutions that want to improve their capacity to deal with emergencies or

occupational risks, are receiving short-term courses to train employees.

The stated motto of the Emergency Services Training Centre is 'to save lives and prevent secondary damages'. By increasing awareness on issues such as responding to accidents and what to do and not to do during emergency cases, the centre aims to prepare professionals and citizens for such cases.

The Swiss Foundation for Innovation is a non-profit organisation that implements its activities since 1991.

