



## OSCE Mission in Kosovo

**Ambassador Almhofer's Introduction at the Premier of  
Arben Llapashtica's Film "OSCE Mission in Kosovo", March 30, 2011**

Every so often we get asked: "What is it that you do in Kosovo?"

The immediate answer of many in this room would be that the mission strives for promoting the rule of law and good governance, helps building democratic institutions, protects human and community rights, and supports the development of the public safety sector.

But while we all have our own vision of what we do, and how, sometimes it is also good to ask others the similar question and see what they think.

To get an answer to that question, at least when it comes to the OSCE Mission, today we will see a short film produced by a Kosovo filmmaker, Mr. Arben Llapashtica.

He was selected through an open competition for the best young Kosovo filmmaker and was given a chance to capture some of many Mission's activities; present them in a film; and make them more accessible for others to see as well.

With this said, I want to thank the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Mission to the OSCE, and their representative here today, Steve Labensky, who made the contest and the production possible through their kind extra budgetary contribution. Thank you indeed.

Some of the people that appear in the film are also here today. But we have with us a person who could have not possible made it to the movie as he joined the Mission just a week and a half ago; and that is my new deputy Mr. Edward Joseph. I bid him a warm welcome to the Mission and Kosovo as I am sure many of you will do as well.

And last but not least, I would like to thank the filmmaker who produced the film.

So without further ado I present to you the film author, Mr. Arben Llapashtica.