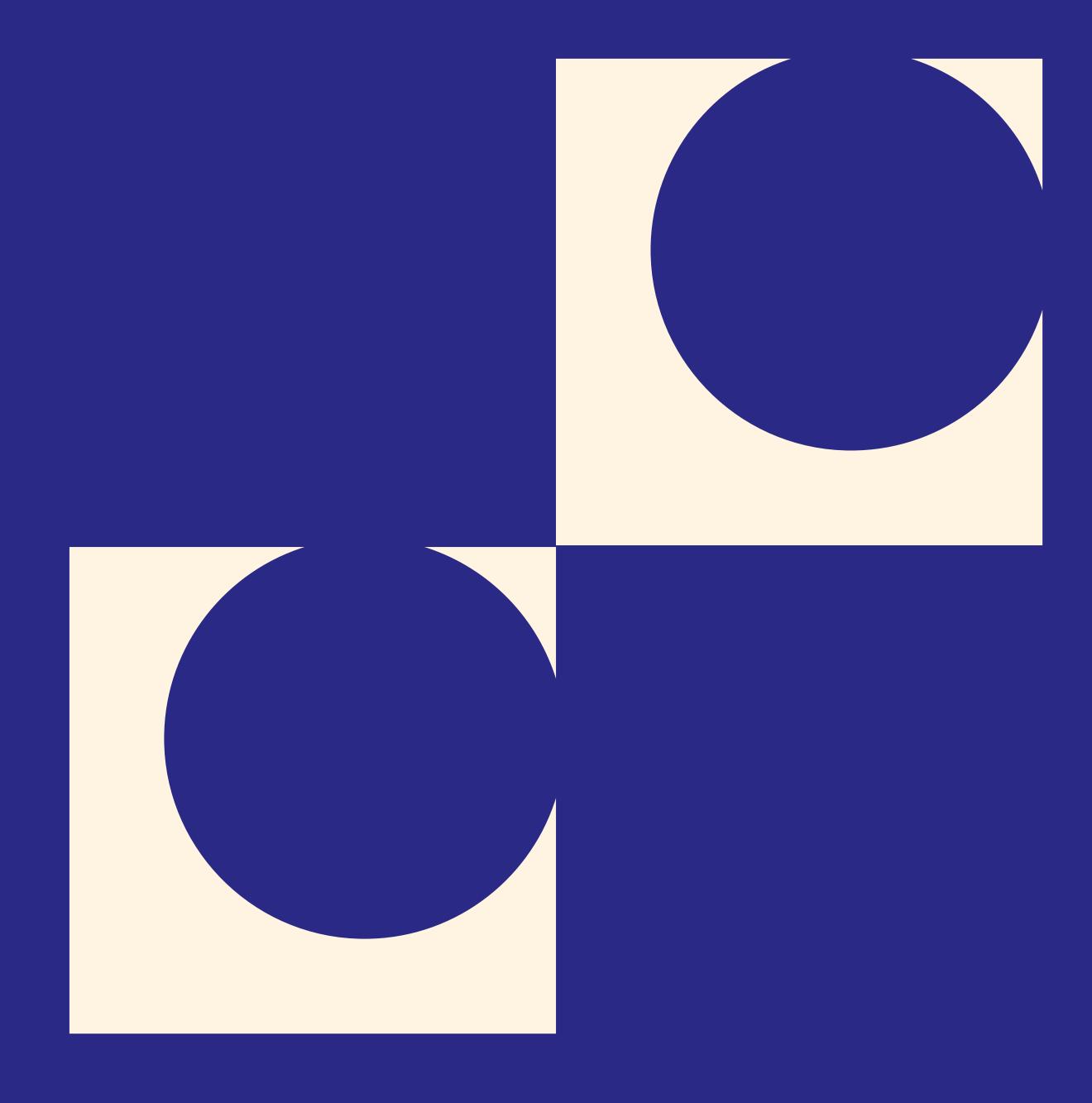
Meet the new Board Members







Armend Bekaj Chair of the Board

Armend, who has been an active and dedicated member of KCSF's Board, now steps into the role of Chair of Board, bringing with him over two decades of international experience in democracy, peace, and security. He currently serves as a researcher at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University in Sweden.

Armend previously held senior positions at the Dag Hammarsk-jöld Foundation as Senior Manager for Peace and Security and at International IDEA as Senior Programme Officer for Democracy Assessment, both based in Sweden.

Throughout his career, he has collaborated with leading global institutions, including OSCE, USAID, UNDP, the United Nations, and IDLO, advancing initiatives that foster democratic governance and sustainable peace.

With his expertise, vision, and deep commitment to Kosovo's democratic development, Armend's leadership will be invaluable in guiding KCSF's mission to strengthen civil society and promote democracy in Kosovo and beyond.



Adnan Ćerimagić Board member

Adnan is the Senior Analyst for the Western Balkans at the European Stability Initiative (ESI), where he leads research and policy analysis on the EU's approach to the region. With a background in law and EU international relations, he brings extensive experience in European integration, diplomacy, and human rights.

His career includes work with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the European Parliament, and several human rights research institutions, giving him a unique blend of policy insight and regional expertise.

We are happy to have Adnan join our Board and look forward to his strategic perspective on EU integration, and their impact on civil society and policymaking in the Western Balkans.

His commitment to democratic values, human rights, and regional cooperation will be a great asset to KCSF's mission to advance democracy and strengthen civil society in Kosovo and beyond.



Bridget Millman Board member

Bridget brings over 15 years of experience advancing democracy, human rights, and civil society around the world. In her current role with the National Endowment for Democracy, she oversees a global portfolio of programs that empower civic actors, promote democratic participation, and defend fundamental freedoms.

Previously, Bridget worked for the German Marshall Fund of the United States, focused on the Western Balkans. Throughout her career, she has worked closely with a wide range of partners, contributing to efforts that promote human rights and strengthen accountable governance.

Bridget holds an academic background in political science and international development.

Bridget's expertise, leadership, and deep commitment to inclusive and sustainable civil society development guide KCSF's mission to strengthen democracy in Kosovo.



Brikenda Rexhepi Board member

Brikenda has been a key voice in Kosovo's media landscape since 1998 and currently serves as Editor-in-Chief at KOHA.

Her career includes extensive experience in reporting, news management, and media development, as well as engagement with international media such as Radio France Internationale and the OSCE's Media Department during Kosovo's post-war media transition.

Beyond journalism, Brikenda has contributed to academic and research work in linguistics and has lectured at the University of Prishtina.

We are honored to have Brikenda's leadership, integrity, and deep commitment to independent media and public accountability on KCSF's Board.

Her insight into public communication and unwavering dedication to truth and transparency will be invaluable in advancing KCSF's



Ertan Munoglu Board member

Ertan is Helvetas' Representative in Kosovo, where he manages the Decentralization and Municipal Support Project and serves as Regional Advisor for Good Governance, bringing more than two decades of experience in democratization, local governance, and institutional reform.

His diverse background includes collaboration with UNDP, GIZ, the EU Office in Kosovo, the Association of Kosovo Municipalities, Action Against Hunger, and the European Agency for Reconstruction.

Alongside his professional work, Ertan has also been active in academic research and teaching, including lecturing on European Integration and public administration reform.

Ertan's extensive governance expertise, deep understanding of institutional development, and strong commitment to fostering transparent, accountable, and citizencentered institutions that advance democracy and social trust in Kosovo.