



Kosovo Conflict: Sweden

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1 The Swedish Stance on the Kosovo Conflict

Sweden, like most Western powers, recognizes Kosovo. In 2009, the country built an embassy in Kosovo in order to properly represent its interests. [1]

Sweden is a generous donor when it comes to getting Kosovo back on its feet. These donations mostly go into one of three directions: Economic Development, Democratic Governance or Environmental Reform. Sweden has partnered up with many organizations (such as Empower, Innovation Center, etc.) to create more jobs and develop the Economy, while Swedish Government officials are in close contact with the Government of Kosovo trying to increase efficiency and transparency in the fairly new nation. [3]

It is important to note that 243 Swedish staff are a part of Kosovo Force, a NATO led peace keeping initiative in Kosovo. They garrison the country and provide the much needed security! [2]

In conclusion, Sweden is a supporter of Kosovo's independence and has supported it from the beginning. The initiatives mentioned in this guide are just a small part of the Kosovo-Swedish relations. The reader can easily find the rest with a google search, which will lead to results spanning from directly investing in Kosovar owned businesses to joint government on different environmental issues.



Fig. 1: Geographical Locations of Kosovo and Sweden

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