The Parliamentary Committee for Economy, Trade, Industry, Electricity, Transport and Telecommunication, is one of the functional committees of the Assembly of Kosova. The Committee consists of 14 members representing different political parties of the Assembly. Committee is engaged on establishing and following the implementation of policies for development of areas covered by the laws under jurisdiction of the Committee.

Primary role and responsibility of this Committee is to build the legal infrastructure through reviewing and amending draft laws, monitor implementation of laws, oversee the work of respective ministries on implementing general policies and obligations of agencies, boards and other budgetary organizations working under jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee is also involved on creation and implementation of strategies for economic development, especially focusing on creation of safe environment for foreign investments.

Executive competencies on the issues falling under Committee jurisdiction are covered by Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Energetic and Mines, Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications. This committee is considered overloaded with draft laws on procedure and other responsibilities considering that it covers the activities of three different ministries.

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

The draft laws submitted in the Assembly of Kosova that cover issues related to economy, trade, industry, energy, transport and telecommunication, are reviewed and amended by this Committee. Since January, Committee reviewed seven draft laws including: Draft Law on approving Convention of Council of Europe with regard to crimes in area of cybernetics, from the aspect of legal basis on constitutional framework, Draft Law on Road Traffic Safety, Draft law on amendments and additions of the Law on Energy Regulatory Office, Draft Law on Business Organizations, Draft law for amending and reviewing the Law on Road Transport.

With the aim of improving the quality of laws Committee organized several consultative meetings with government officials and local and regional experts. Some of the draft laws have passed the second reading while Committee will continue to work on the process of reviewing and amending the remaining laws in procedure.

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With the aim of reviewing draft laws more efficiently and improve the quality of laws, committees organize public hearings. These hearings serve to gather opinions and suggestions of experts and public. Committee members invited to report and answer questions for committee members. In case an agreement will be signed with regard to the political status of Kosova, Ahtisari’s Status Plan. Laws; therefore, government officials are invited to report and help them take the right decisions.

Except this, committees can also organize informative hearings in cases when there are complaints on the implementation of the laws, or request for amendments to the existing laws; therefore, government officials are invited to report and answer questions for committee members. Among the problems they are facing. Committee visited five executive institutions in an effort to address the problems they are facing. Committee visited five executive institutions in an effort to gather information about implementation of laws, gaps in the legal infrastructure, and well as other practical problems they are facing. Among the files visits it is important to note the visit to the International Airport of Prishtina, Energetic Corporation of Kosova, and Post and Telecom of Kosova. Members were informed about the situation in these institutions, asked questions related to the implementation of laws reviewed and amended by committee and express their commitment to address their concerns in the Assembly.

First public hearing was organized related to the privatizations of property by companies which are conducting researches in mines and concessions for public enterprises. During the month of April, Committee organized another hearing with regard to Draft Law on Business Organizations. Third public hearing has been organized related to plans and preparations for building the new power plant Kosova C.

In the last public hearing organized recently, the Committee discussed about the actual situation and development projects in the Ministry of Transport and Post Telecommunication. Participants in the hearings were very constructive and meanwhile brought to the table their concerns and problems. A working group has been established to follow up on this process. Working group came up with a list of institutions that must be visited and names of officials who should be summoned in effort to identify difficulties and challenges on implementation of this law. After consultations with government officials and field visits, the Committee will draft a report showing the current situation, list problem’s and challenges and finally prepare recommendations for the Ministry.