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Dr. Berti Pashko, president of the Institute of Authorized Chartered Auditors of Albania (IEKA)

Professional Background and Role

Please briefly introduce yourself: your professional background and current position?

My name is Berti Pashko, and I have the privilege of serving as President of the Institute of Authorized Chartered Auditors of Albania (IEKA). My professional journey spans more than a decade of active engagement in the governance and development of our profession, including three mandates as a member of IEKA's Governing Council (2009–2012, 2012–2015, 2019–2021). Throughout these years, I have worked passionately to strengthen the statutory audit profession in Albania — advancing quality, ethics, and education. I have also proudly represented IEKA in numerous international congresses, conferences, and seminars organised by IFAC, FCM, EFAA, and CNDEC. These experiences have given me a deep conviction: that our profession, when united, can be a true driver of trust, transparency, and sustainable progress.

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How would you describe your organisation's role within the accountancy profession and the Mediterranean community?

IEKA is the guardian of audit quality and professional integrity in Albania. We ensure that our members are well-prepared to meet the highest international standards, while also serving the public interest through transparency and accountability. Within the Mediterranean community, IEKA is an active contributor and a committed partner. We see ourselves not only as representatives of Albania but also as part of a regional family that shares common challenges and opportunities. By engaging in dialogue, exchanging knowledge, and building solidarity, we strengthen the profession not only at national level but across the Mediterranean and beyond.

Profession, Future and Sustainability

In your view, what are the main challenges and opportunities currently facing the accountancy profession?

The profession is at a turning point. Digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and sustainability reporting are transforming what society expects from accountants and auditors. These shifts bring undeniable challenges: the need for new skills, new standards, and new ways of thinking. But they also bring enormous opportunities.



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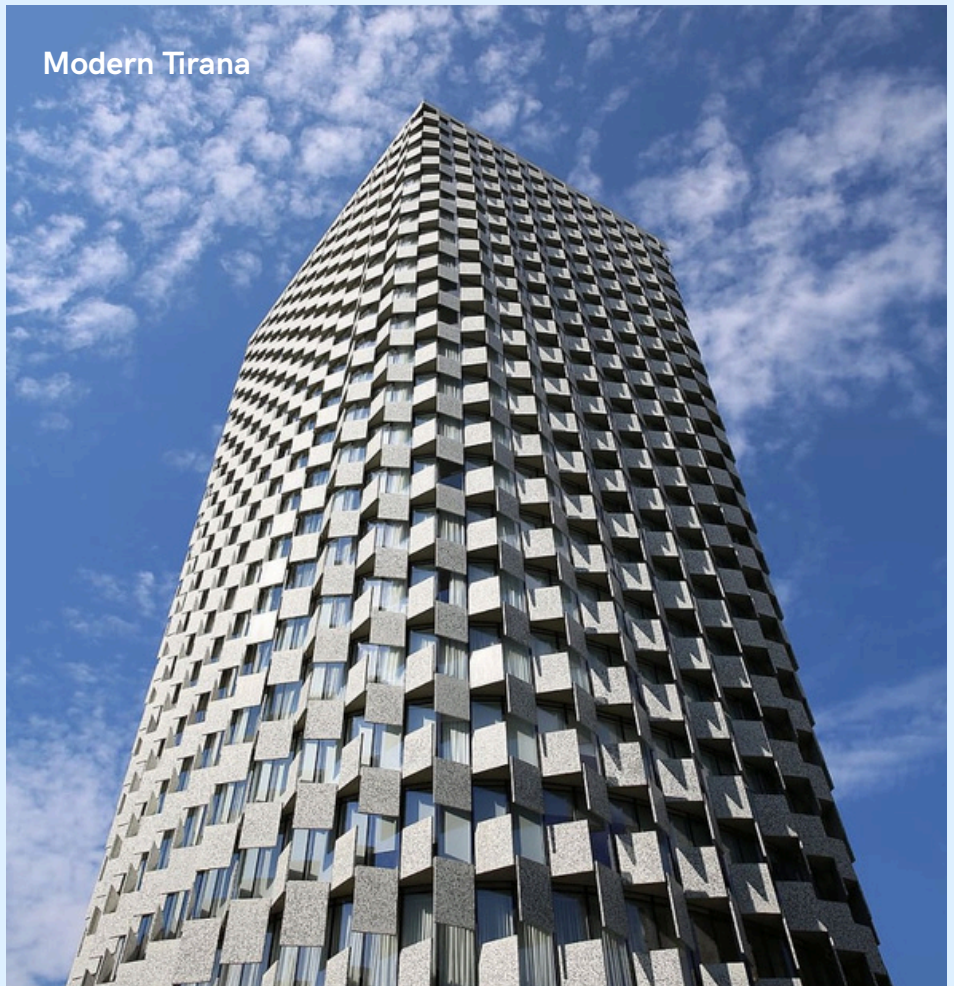
Accountants are no longer seen only as guardians of compliance — we are increasingly trusted as strategic advisors, innovators, and leaders in building sustainable economies. Embracing this transformation is not optional; it is the greatest opportunity of our generation.

How is your organisation preparing its members for technological developments such as digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and ESG?

At IEKA, we have made innovation a priority. We are integrating training on digital transformation, data analytics, and ESG reporting into our continuous professional development programs. We are also strengthening partnerships with international bodies to ensure our members are aligned with global best practices.

Our vision is clear: Albanian auditors and accountants must not only adapt to these new realities but also lead with confidence and competence.

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What is the accountant's role in fostering economic and social sustainability today and in the future?

Accountants are the architects of trust. By ensuring the reliability of both financial and non-financial information, we enable businesses, governments, and investors to make decisions that balance profitability with responsibility. In the future, our role will be even more critical: guiding organisations in measuring, reporting, and improving their impact on society and the environment. In this sense, accountants are not just financial experts — we are key actors in shaping sustainable and resilient economies.

Relationship with FCM

What does being part of FCM mean to you and your organisation?

Being part of FCM is a privilege and a responsibility. It means belonging to a strong, diverse, and inspiring network of professionals who share the same mission: to advance accountancy in the Mediterranean region. For IEKA, FCM provides a platform to exchange ideas, to amplify our voice, and to contribute to the global dialogue. It is also a symbol of unity — proof that by working together, we are stronger.

What benefits would you like to highlight from your participation in the FCM network?

The greatest benefit is collaboration. Through FCM, we share expertise, learn from each other's experiences, and tackle common challenges with a collective mindset. The network also raises our visibility and strengthens our credibility, both regionally and internationally.

Is there a specific topic you would like to see FCM focus on more strongly in the coming years?

I believe FCM should continue to champion sustainability reporting and assurance, while also accelerating its work on digital transformation. These two themes are reshaping our profession, and FCM is uniquely placed to provide leadership, guidance, and advocacy for the Mediterranean community.



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Personal Dimension

Beyond your professional responsibilities, what hobbies or personal interests do you enjoy?

I have a strong passion for sports and photography. Sports remind me of the values of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance — values that are equally vital in our profession. Photography, on the other hand, allows me to slow down, observe, and appreciate the beauty of life from different perspectives. Both pursuits inspire me and bring balance to my professional responsibilities.

If you could choose one Mediterranean destination for a short getaway, which one would it be — and why?

The Mediterranean is blessed with an extraordinary richness of destinations — from vibrant cities to historic sites and breathtaking coastlines. Each country offers something unique and inspiring. For me, what matters most is the opportunity to experience the diversity of cultures, traditions, and landscapes that make our region so special. Any destination in the Mediterranean is, in itself, a celebration of history, beauty, and community.

Final Message



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What message would you like to share with your colleagues and the wider FCM community?

Our profession is built on values that never lose their relevance: integrity, independence, and service to the public interest. Today, these values are more needed than ever.

To my colleagues across the Mediterranean: let us embrace change with courage, let us lead with vision, and let us work together to make our profession not only respected but truly indispensable in shaping sustainable societies.