



BOSSANO ATTENDS CRANS MONTANA FORUM IN AZERBAIJAN

Minister for Labour Joe Bossano is currently visiting the Asian republic of Azerbaijan to participate in the 23rd edition of the Crans Montana Forum in the capital Baku, informed sources have confirmed.

The forum specialises in international cooperation issues.

Mr Bossano was greeted on arrival by Fizuli Alekperov, Azerbaijan's Social Protection Minister.

It is understood the main purpose of the meeting was to provide information on socio-economic reforms carried out in Azerbaijan and discussion of future cooperation.

Mr Alekperov said more than a million new jobs were created over the past eight years in the country, when unemployment reportedly fell to 5.6% and the poverty rate from 49 to 7.6%.

Azerbaijan press sources said: "Gibraltar's Minister was acquainted with the areas of Azerbaijan Ministry of Labor during the meeting. He (Mr Bossano) was also acquainted with the areas of Azerbaijan Ministry of Labour and appreciated the activities undertaken in recent years in the oil and non-oil sectors of Azerbaijan, including in labor, social protection and employment."