

In Kadriorg yesterday, President Toomas Hendrik Ilves met with Sali Berisha, the Prime Minister of Albania.

According to the Estonian Head of State, while the relations between the two countries are good, they should definitely be actively developed further, “Albania has great potential as both a tourist destination and an investment environment, and therefore, your country definitely needs broader introduction to demonstrate how far you have come.”

Under discussion at the meeting were the developments in Albania during the last few years and President Ilves recognized the country’s achievements in the field of information technology, by affirming that Estonia is ready to provide comprehensive advice and help to Albania in the development of an e-state.

President Ilves also congratulated Prime Minister Berisha on the occasion of the invitation for NATO membership issued to Albania. “However, it is important not to rest on one’s laurels and to continue carrying out reforms and making them permanent, because, in addition to being domestically beneficial, this is necessary for the fulfillment of obligations resulting from NATO membership,” the Head of State noted.

President Ilves and Prime Minister Berisha also discussed the Kosovo question and stated that the primary goal now is the development of a substantively functioning state in Kosovo. Prime Minister Berisha thanked Estonia for its contribution to the military operations in Kosovo.

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