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I. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the result of performance indicators related to business organization registration process in Kosovo for 2020, drafted by the Kosovo Business Registration Agency (hereinafter “KBRA”)

This report of the performance indicators related to the registration process has been drafted during the time of the Covid-19 Pandemic and KBRA even in this time of Pandemic is at a very satisfactory level in terms of registration time and number of businesses.

During this period, a team of KBRA officials in the field of Information Technology have analysed a number of indicators related to the KBRA performance:

- Time required for the registration of business organizations in general and limited liability companies in Kosovo in particular, including by registration center;
- The total number of business organizations registered by legal form and total number of business organizations deregistered by legal form;
- The total number of branches of foreign business organizations registered by country of origin;
- Number of foreign owners, partners or shareholders involved in Kosovo business organizations by type of business organization;
- Percentage of individual businesses by gender; and
- Percentage of partners or shareholders by gender in business organizations in Kosovo.

This report analyses the data extracted from the KBRA Registry of Business Organizations that are required to register with the KBRA under the Law on Business Organizations¹ in Kosovo. According to the Law, KBRA registers five basic forms of business organizations: (1) Individual Businesses, (2) General Partnerships, (3) Limited Partnerships, (4) Limited Liability Companies and (5) Joint Stock Companies. In addition to these basic forms, KBRA also registers (1) Branches of Foreign Business Organizations, (2) Representative Offices of Foreign Business Organizations, (3) Publicly Owned Enterprises under the Law on Publicly Owned Enterprises, (4) Socially Owned Enterprises under the administration of the Privatization Agency of Kosovo; and (5) any other entity that is required to register with the KBRA by law, such as agricultural cooperatives.

Compared to the previous year 2019, in this year 2020, an increase in the time required for the registration of all business organizations at a rate **23%** can be noticed.

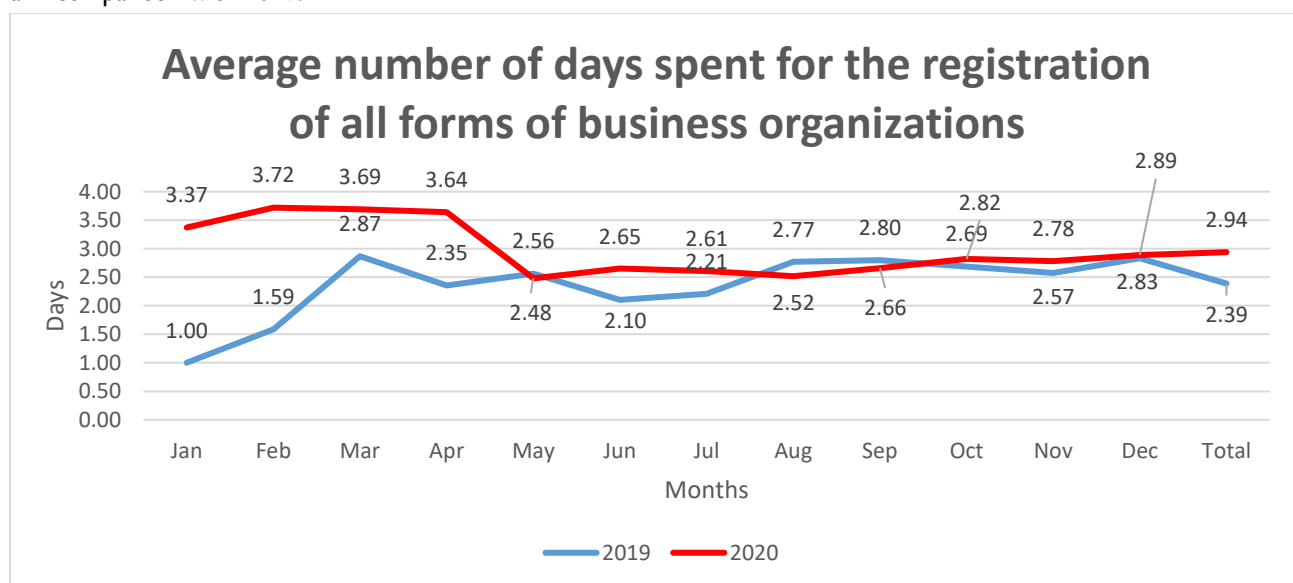
Report limitations: For the purposes of this report, **the time required** is calculated considering only the business days from the date of application to the approval of the application for registration. This report makes no assumptions and provides no figures on business organizations operating in Kosovo, instead it focuses primarily on measuring the efficiency of the KBRA and the municipal registration centers in developing company registration or de-registration procedures. To get a clearer picture of the number, size, and functional status of business organizations and other economic entities involved in economic activities in Kosovo, a more comprehensive effort involving other government institutions and Tax Administration of Kosovo and the Ministry of Public Administration is required.

¹ Law No. 06/L -016 on Business Organizations <https://gzk.rks-gov.net/ActDetail.aspx?ActID=16426>

II. DURATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

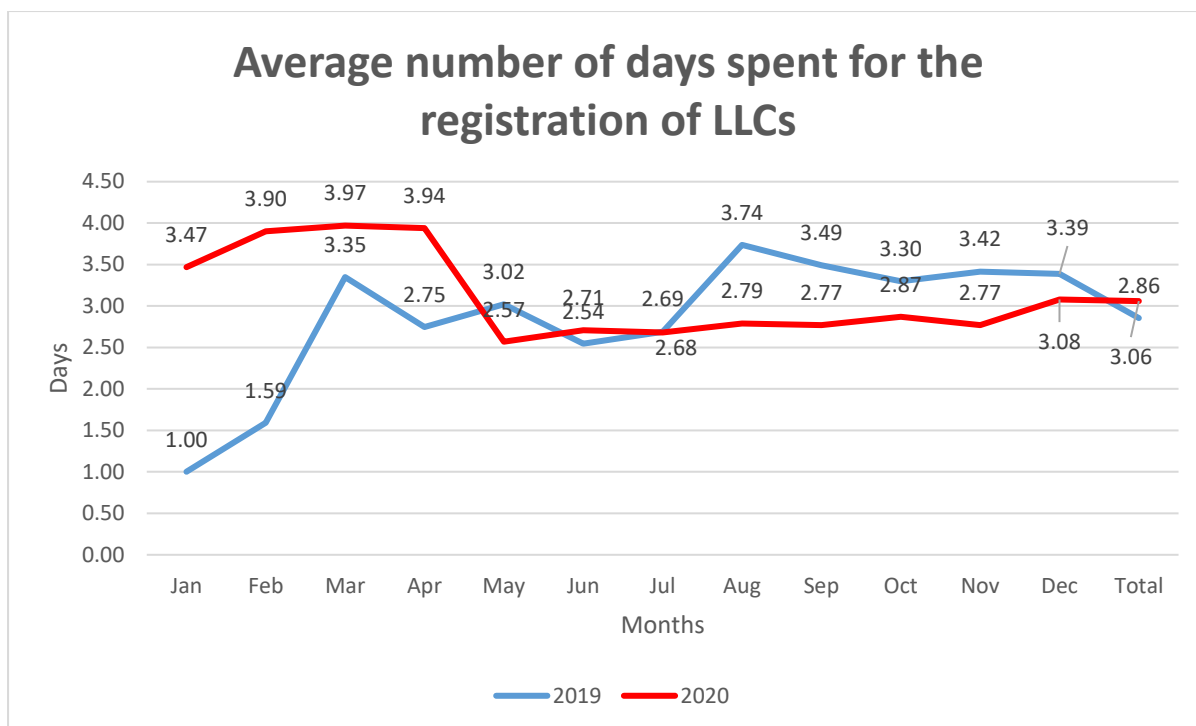
Business organizations, as stipulated in the Law on Business Organizations, are required to register at the KBRA headquarters in Pristina or in one of the 29 municipal business registration centers throughout Kosovo. This section of the report presents the time duration spent for the registration of business organizations by calculating the average number of business days using the difference from the date of application to the date of approval. The time spent for the registration of all business organizations in 2020 was **2.91 days**, indicating an increase by **23%** compared to 2.39 days during the previous year (2019).

Chart 1: Average number of business days spent for the registration of all forms of business organizations for 2020 and comparison with 2019:



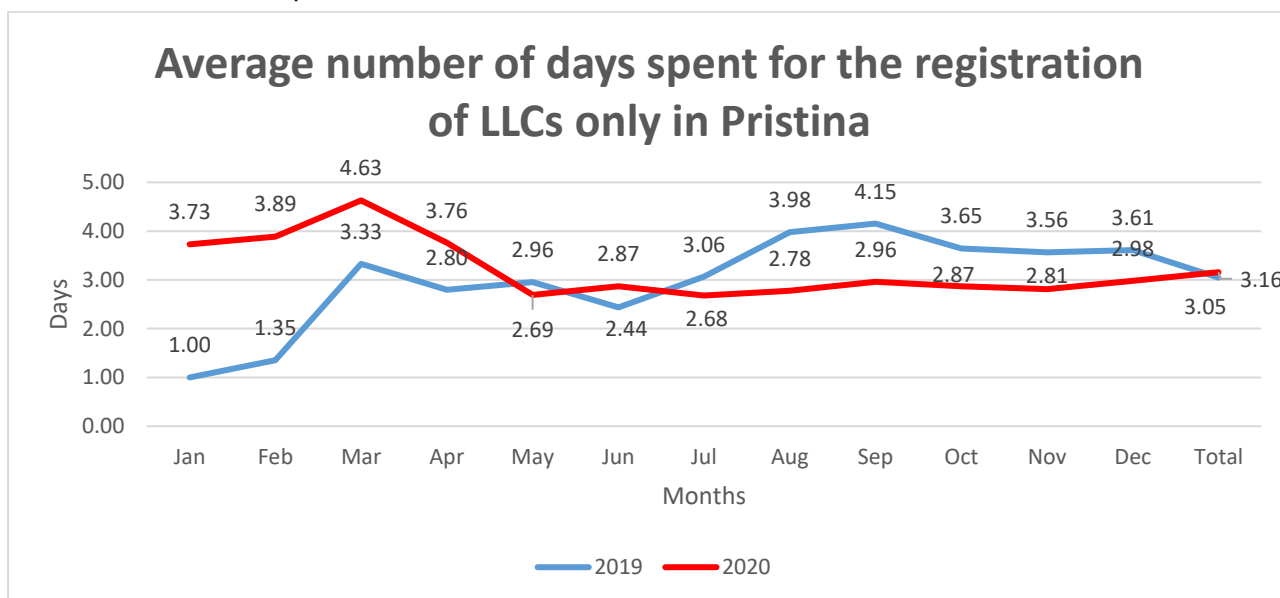
III. DURATION TO REGISTER AN LLC

This part of the report presents the duration of registration only for the Limited Liability Company (LLC) type. The time required for the registration of an LLC at all registration centers, including the main center in Pristina (**Chart 2**) in 2020 was **3.06 days**, indicating an increase of **7%** compared to 2.90 days in the previous year (2019). **Chart 2:** Average number of business days spent for the registration of LLCs for 2020 and comparison with 2019:



Moreover, **Chart 3** indicates the time spent for the registration of LLCs only at the KBRA registration center in Pristina. The time required for the registration of an LLC in Pristina (**Chart 3**) in 2020 was **3.05 days**, indicating an increase by **8%** compared to 2.83 days in the previous year (2019).

Chart 3: Average number of business days spent for the registration of LLCs at the KBRA registration center in Pristina for 2020, and comparison with 2019:



IV. DURATION FOR BUSINESS ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION BY REGISTRATION CENTER

- V. **Table I** shows the average number of days spent for the registration of all forms of business organizations among 29 municipal registration centers as well as the KBRA main office in Pristina. The breakdown by registration centers in the table below assumes that if a business organization has a registration address e.g. in the city of Gjilan/Gnjilane, then the same is also registered in the registration center in Gjilan/Gnjilane,

though it is possible the business organization was registered at KBRA's main office in Pristina. This is because KBRA currently has a unique business organization registration system which includes data on business organization registered throughout the territory of Kosovo, not by registration center.

VI. **Table I:** Average number of business days spent for the registration of business organizations by Business Organization Registration Centers for 2020:

Registration Centre	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average	No. of business organizations
Dečan/Dečani	3.33	3.38	4.00	3.20	3.60	2.50	1.90	2.71	2.25	3.14	2.25	3.00	2.89	112
Dragash/Dragaš	2.00	3.00	10.00	3.71	2.11	1.67	2.25	1.80	3.20	1.75	3.14	4.00	2.93	60
Ferizaj/Uroševac	2.90	3.87	3.23	5.27	2.71	2.10	2.47	2.76	2.42	2.96	2.70	3.63	2.93	778
Fushë Kosovë/ Kosovo Polje	3.19	5.28	3.77	5.44	2.19	2.80	3.09	2.79	3.43	2.61	3.53	4.00	3.42	398
Gjakova/Đakovica	3.89	3.70	3.17	2.33	1.84	2.07	2.32	1.93	2.35	2.81	2.90	2.04	2.57	413
Gjilan/Gnjilane	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	577
Glogoc/Glogovac	3.58	3.53	4.25	3.00	1.67	1.92	1.82	1.82	2.00	2.63	2.92	2.88	2.60	185
Gračanicë/ Gračanica	3.50	3.00	3.00	4.00	1.00	2.67	3.00	3.43	2.75	4.00	2.73	2.83	3.15	82
Hani i Elezit/ Elez Han	2.50	5.67	2.00	5.00	1.33	1.67	5.33	3.00	2.00	2.29	1.75	1.75	2.53	49
Istog/Istok	2.00	2.93	1.80	7.75	1.38	2.67	2.36	2.36	2.40	2.55	2.75	3.67	2.57	118
Kaçanik/Kaçanik	3.45	3.17	2.00	2.80	2.25	2.55	2.55	2.55	4.21	3.18	2.15	2.71	2.82	118
Kamenica	2.70	3.56	4.20	2.25	1.33	2.30	2.18	1.59	1.83	3.00	1.86	1.50	2.35	126
Klinë/a	3.09	3.67	2.75	1.00	2.75	2.85	2.00	3.35	2.64	3.00	1.93	3.00	2.82	128
Lipjan/Lipljan	2.45	3.50	2.40	3.00	2.00	2.88	2.10	2.24	2.23	3.48	2.19	4.00	2.67	247
Malisheva/ Mališevo	3.64	4.38	2.85	4.22	2.04	4.67	2.82	2.35	3.29	2.33	2.83	2.22	3.12	186
Mitrovicë/a	3.67	2.70	4.33	3.18	2.83	2.91	3.42	3.02	2.84	2.73	2.64	2.04	2.90	347
North Mitrovica	3.83	2.00	2.60	1.00	1.00	3.69	2.33	2.60	2.50	2.60	2.33	6.17	3.01	76
Novobërdë/ Novo Brdo		2.00	4.50				9.67	2.75			2.00	3.00	3.89	18
Obiliq/Obilić	2.62	2.88	5.67	2.00	2.00	2.55	2.50	2.00	2.91	2.36	2.43	2.50	2.58	117
Peja/Peć	3.05	4.04	2.68	2.09	2.89	2.23	2.38	2.20	2.61	2.58	2.54	2.77	2.71	535
Podujevë/o	3.85	3.50	2.77	3.84	2.33	2.61	2.25	1.91	2.18	2.62	3.11	2.19	2.72	345
Pristina	3.75	3.85	4.42	3.95	2.76	2.85	2.73	2.68	2.85	2.86	2.89	2.85	3.13	2962
Prizren	3.46	3.23	3.03	3.35	2.54	2.60	2.21	2.03	2.21	2.99	3.09	3.22	2.81	745
Rahovec/	3.83	4.53	6.80	3.50	2.38	1.89	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.77	2.23	2.00	2.97	119
Orahovac	1.00	3.50				1.33	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.80	2.75	2.52	21
Shtërpçë/Štrpce	2.29	3.33	2.40	3.29	1.67	1.88	1.33	1.75	2.42	5.50	2.50	2.00	2.46	87
Shtime/Štimlje	2.10	2.25	4.00	2.17	2.50	2.00	2.10	4.33	2.11	2.33	2.57	1.85	2.50	137
Skenderaj/Srbica	2.87	3.08	1.88	4.71	2.21	2.20	2.10	3.37	2.70	2.37	2.81	2.86	2.66	197
Suhareka/	3.45	3.67	2.83	5.30	2.50	2.56	3.00	2.38	2.09	2.65	2.17	2.22	2.86	171
Average	3.23	3.82	2.46	2.06	2.39	3.54	3.48	3.31	3.10	2.72	2.93	3.05	3.03	351
	3.41	3.70	3.69	3.62	2.50	2.61	2.59	2.41	2.66	2.81	2.76	2.83	2.91	9805

* The red color represents a large average of days for the registration of a business organization.

* The green color represents a small average of days for the registration of a business organization

VII. REGISTRATION AND DEREGISTRATION BY LEGAL FORM OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

Table 2 below presents the number of registered business organizations and the number of business organizations deregistered by the legal form of the business organizations defined by law per month, for 2020. The legal form with the largest number of registrations during this year was the one of limited liability companies, followed by individual businesses. The legal form with the largest number of shutdowns for this period was the one of individual businesses, followed by limited liability companies.

Table 2: Number of business organizations registered and deregistered by legal form, for 2020:

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS	Month	(1) Individual Business	(2) General Partnership	(3) Limited Partnership	(4) Limited Liability Company	(5) Joint Stock Company	(1) Branch of a Foreign Business Organization	(2) Foreign Business Organization Affiliate Office	(3) Public Enterprises	(4) Socially Owned Enterprises	(5) Agricultural Cooperatives	Total
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
REGISTERED	January	360			537		4				1	902
	February	313			523		5					841
	March	212			354	1	1					568
	April	209	1		190		4	1				405
	May	303			362						1	666
	June	349	1		606		7				1	964
	July	354	1		487	1	5					848
	August	380			458	2	4					844
	September	348			546	1	4					899
	October	523	1		637	1	4					1166
	November	374	1	1	590	3	3					972
	December	246	2		478	2	1	1				730
	Total	3,971	7	1	5,768	11	42	2			3	9,805
DEREGISTERED	January	127	2		12							120
	February	160	1		21							113
	March	92	2		8		1					211
	April	11										148
	May	27										175
	June	97			9		2					120

July	89	1		7						153
August	115			10		2				111
September	114			6						124
October	139	1		9						150
November	128			13						162
December	126	2		17		4			1	179
Total	1225	9		112		9			1	1,766

VIII. REGISTRATION OF BRANCHES OF FOREIGN BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Pursuant to the Law on Business Organizations, branches of foreign business organizations are also registered in the KBRA and municipal registration centers. **Table 3** below shows the total number of branches of foreign business organizations registered in Kosovo in accordance with the Law on Business Organizations for 2020.

Table 3: Branches of foreign business organizations registered in Kosovo by country of origin, for 2020:

Country of origin	Number of branches of foreign business organizations
America	1
English	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Bulgaria	1
Canada	1
Croatia	2
Germany	3
Italy	1
Northern Macedonia	1
Qekia	1
Romania	1
Serbia	1
Albania	16
Slovenia	1
Sweden	1
Turkey	2
Switzerland	5
Total	42

IX. NUMBER OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVING AT LEAST ONE FOREIGN OWNER, PARTNER OR SHAREHOLDER

To assess the involvement of foreign persons as owners, partners or shareholders of business organizations in Kosovo, **Table 4** contains data that indicate the number of companies in which at least one foreign owner, partner or shareholder is involved, however they do not indicate the capital invested by foreign persons. During 2020, a total number of 9,805 business organizations were registered, of which 538 have at least one foreign physical or legal entity as owner, partner or shareholder, with the majority being LLCs followed by individual businesses. This table excludes branches of foreign business organizations, as they are listed above on **Table 3**.

Table 4: The number of all business organizations (excluding branches) in which at least one foreign owner, partner or shareholder is involved, for 2020:

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS	Month	(1) Individual Business	(2) General Partnership	(3) Limited Partnership	(4) Limited Liability Company	(5) Joint Stock Company	(6) Branch of a Foreign Business Organization	(7) Foreign Business Organization Affiliate Office	(8) Public Enterprises	(9) Socially Owned Enterprises	(10) Agricultural Cooperatives	Total
REGISTERED	January	2			46							48
	February	8			45							53
	March	7			34	1						42
	April				12			1				13
	May	4			9							13
	June	2			35							37
	July	4			45							49
	August	4			39	1						44
	September	6			41							47
	October	3			72							75
	November	10			49	1						60
	December	1			53	2		1				57
	Total	51	0	0	480	5		2	0	0	0	538

X. REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS BY GENDER

Data on **Charts 4 and 5** represents gender participation in business organizations registered during 2020. Due to the nature of the different legal forms of business organizations, the data below is presented separately for individual businesses, which have a single owner and are usually small businesses, and other legal forms of business organizations whose owners are partners or shareholders in larger or more diverse business organizations.

Chart 4: Percentage of individual businesses by gender, for 2020:

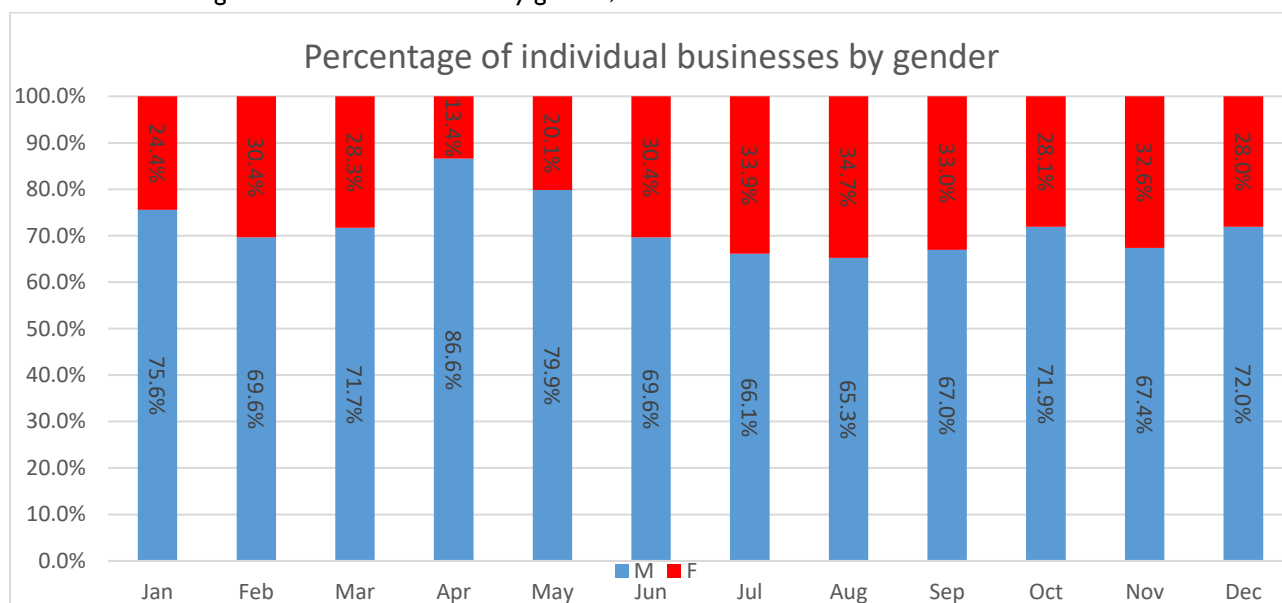
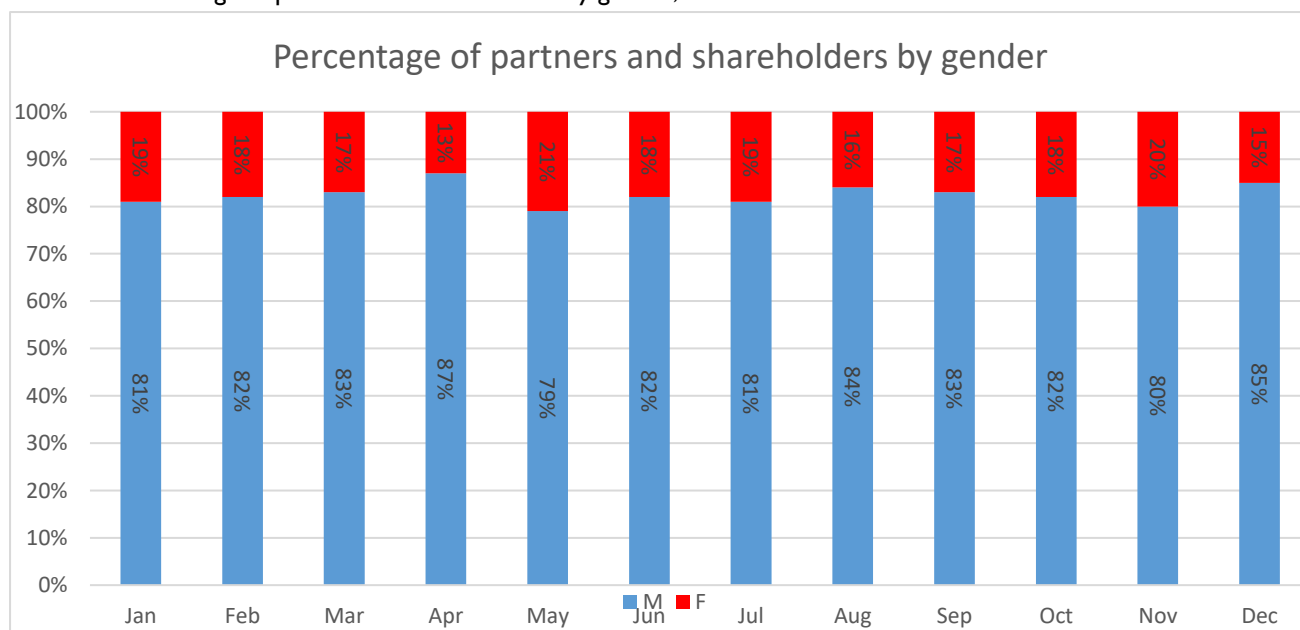
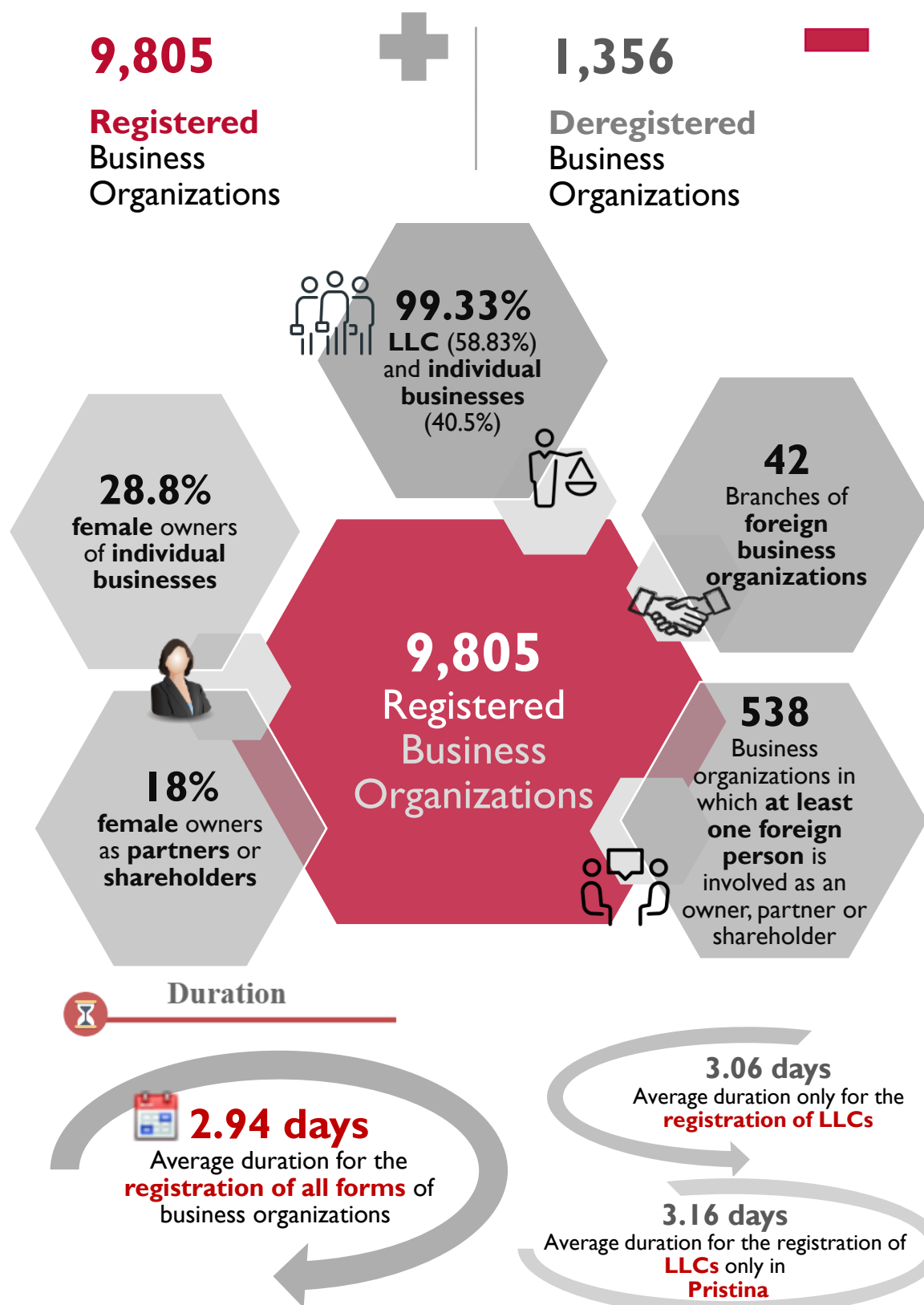


Chart 5: Percentage of partners and shareholders by gender, for 2020:



XI. KBRA SUMMARY FOR 2020



XII. KBRA SUMMARY FROM 2000 - 2020

