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## **ALBANIA, RUSSIA SEEKING TO ESTABLISH NEW ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

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Albania and Russia are willing to promote and expand economic cooperation mainly in fields such as tourism, culture, education and trade, representatives of both countries said, local media reported Wednesday.

Albanian Vice Economy Minister Adela Karapici told the Russian delegation chaired by the First Deputy Minister of Justice of the Russian Federation Sergey Gerasimov that Albania was interested in establishing a sustainable mechanism of mutual cooperation.

Karapici emphasized the possibility of increasing the trade volume between the two countries.

For his part, the Russian official confirmed the interest of Russian companies in investment in Albania, mainly in projects of energy, transport and tourism.

He also announced that Russia was interested in launching charter flights of Russian tourists to Albania, calling for greater media promotion of Albanian tourism in Russia.

The two sides positively assessed relations between the two countries and expressed the need for promoting economic cooperation.

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