



*REPORT for*  
**2020**

*An annual report of the Serbian Azerbaijani Chamber of  
Commerce "SAKOM"*

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# FOREWORD



Since its establishment, SAKOM has been developed as organization that should assist in connecting the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Azerbaijan. As in every organization, there is always a specific timing when it is needed to make appropriate steps into building a new system

and broadening the perspective. Following the end of 2019, SAKOM has been going through a slow but significant transformation. The task is far from being simple, but thanks to the genuine and professional contribution of all SAKOM members, enthusiasm and commitment for achieving our statutory aims are present more than ever.

2020 has been a challenging year, which has become common knowledge to all of us. Like everyone else, SAKOM has adapted to the new way of handling work assignments and responsibilities. We wish to capture our small yet significant steps to a brighter future with this report, especially in the light of the upcoming SAKOM General Assembly.

One of our earnest achievements have been dedicated to expanding our activity in humanitarian field. In 2020 SAKOM launched its Scholarships programme that gives financial support to students committed to education and personal improvement. As it is known, there are many young people that could not afford to go on to university or struggle to afford it. SAKOM, through its contribution, supports hard working, smart students who need financial encouragement. The sum of 12,000 dinars covers a monthly scholarship throughout one year.

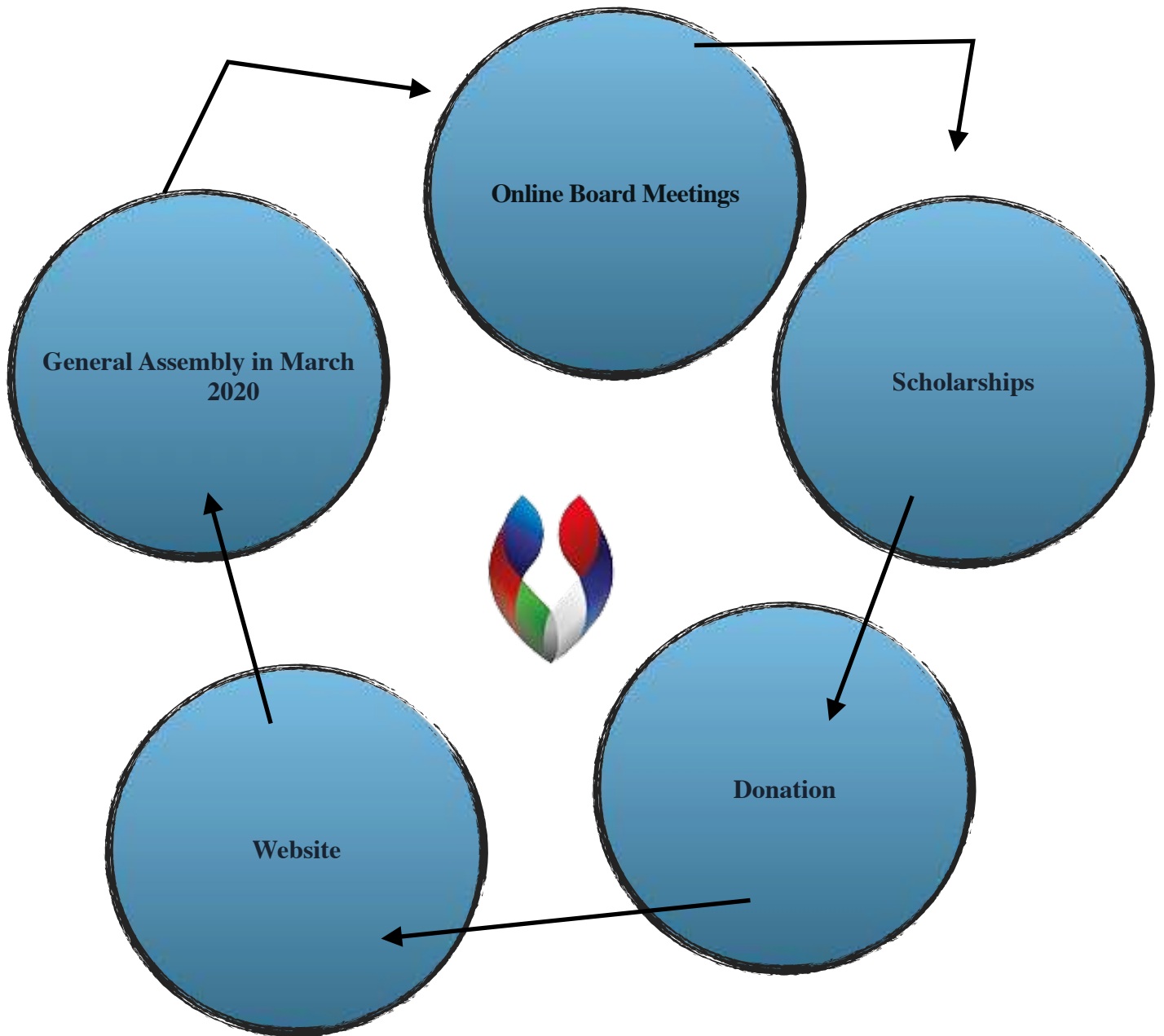
More about this and other SAKOM pursuits during the past year can be found below, and we encourage you to continue reading!

Thank you for helping SAKOM become better and more active member of Serbian business community!

**Ahmet Murat TURKOGLU**

**SAKOM President**

# Report's overview



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The first SAKOM Meeting of the Board of Directors during last year was held on March 6, 2020. This Meeting, which set a stone for SAKOM's new goals and activity in general, was marked by an expansion of the SAKOM's membership.

The Board examined and approved membership applications submitted by prominent companies such as *Ferbild*, *BS Telecom Solutions*, *Elektromontaza*, *Elektroat*, *West-gradnja*, *Unogradnja*, *DIS Niskogradnja*, *Stepcon*, *Naftachem*, *Europolis*, and one individual membership application submitted by a lawyer *Mr. Branko Armenko*.



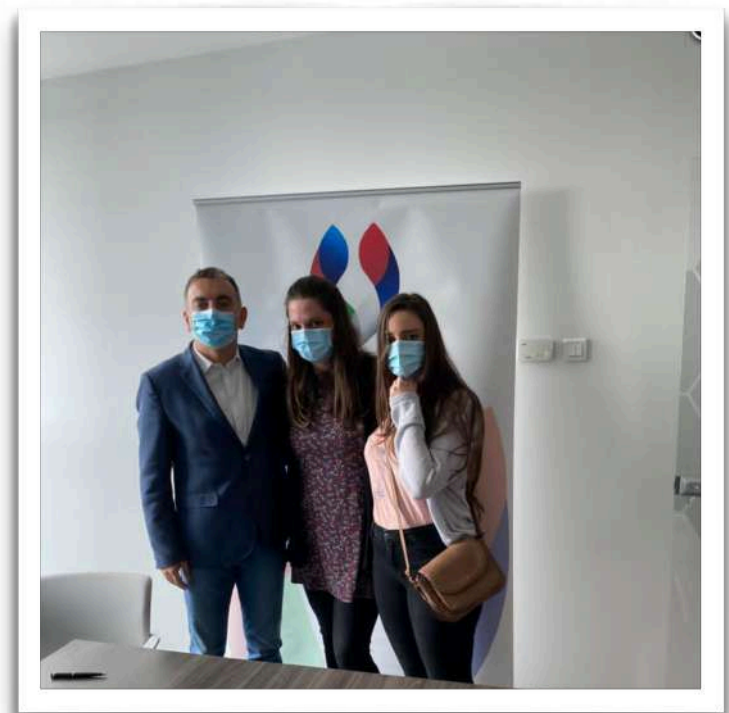
# Online BoD Meetings



The first ever executed Online Meeting of the Board of Directors, befell on October 6, 2020. This is the meeting that marked the SAKOM's launch of its scholarship programme. As per its Agenda, the Board discussed and approved the scholarship in amount of 100 EUR per month to sisters Marta and Nikolija Galjak.

The sisters are full-time self-financing students attending the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Biology (Marta Galjak) and the Faculty of Medicine (Nikolija Galjak). Marta and Nikolija grew up in Kososvo in a multicultural and multi-religious environment, which has had a positive impact on their social development. Unfortunately, their father passed away in 2014 and since then they have been supported only by their mother, who lives in Kosovska Mitrovica. Nevertheless, sisters have shown remarkable academic success and tremendous desire to continue their education.

Furthermore, during this meeting the Board has agreed with an idea of updating the design and content of SAKOM website. The result of this decision is shown in the Website section of the Report.



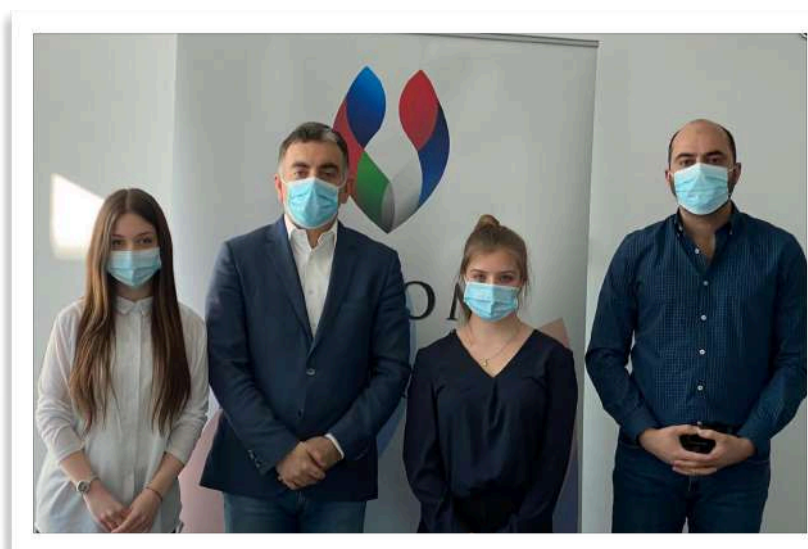
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The second Online Meeting of the Board of Directors was convened on December 8, 2020. The Board has come up with another scholarship decision, namely granting scholarships to Milena Lazarević and Jovana Ristić, who are attending the elective course 'Azerbaijani Language' at the Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade, in the monthly amount of 100 EUR starting from December 1, 2020, until November 30, 2021.

The Faculty of Philology's commission nominated the candidates, and their scholarship applications were supported, among other required documentation, by a letter of recommendation of the candidates' lecturer, confirming their academic success and material need for additional support in the form of scholarship.

It is important to note that the Board did not only approve two more scholarships, aiming to promote the Republic of Serbia and Republic of Azerbaijan's cultural exchange but also encouraged the provision of crucially needed help to the health workers of the Hospital-Clinical Center KBC ZEMUN. More about this in the Donation section of the Report.



# Scholarships

Marta Galjak	
• Monthly amount	100 €
October 1, 2020 - September 1, 2021.	

Nikolija Galjak	
• Monthly amount	100 €
October 1, 2020 - September 1, 2021.	

Milena Lazarević	
• Monthly amount	100 €
December 1, 2020 - November 30, 2021.	

Jovana Ristić	
• Monthly amount	100 €
December 1, 2020 - November 30, 2021.	

## A ONE-TIME DONATION OF SHOES AND UNIFORMS TO THE HOSPITAL-CLINICAL CENTER KBC ZEMUN

The contract's value for donation was 527.799, 85 dinars, which approximately equals 4.500 euros. As previously decided, SAKOM obtained 114 pairs of shoes and 138 coats for uniforms to allow a non-interrupted working process in these difficult times.

Fully aware that the battle is not over yet, SAKOM is still pleased with having the ability to help, hoping that there will be fewer and fewer hardships like these.



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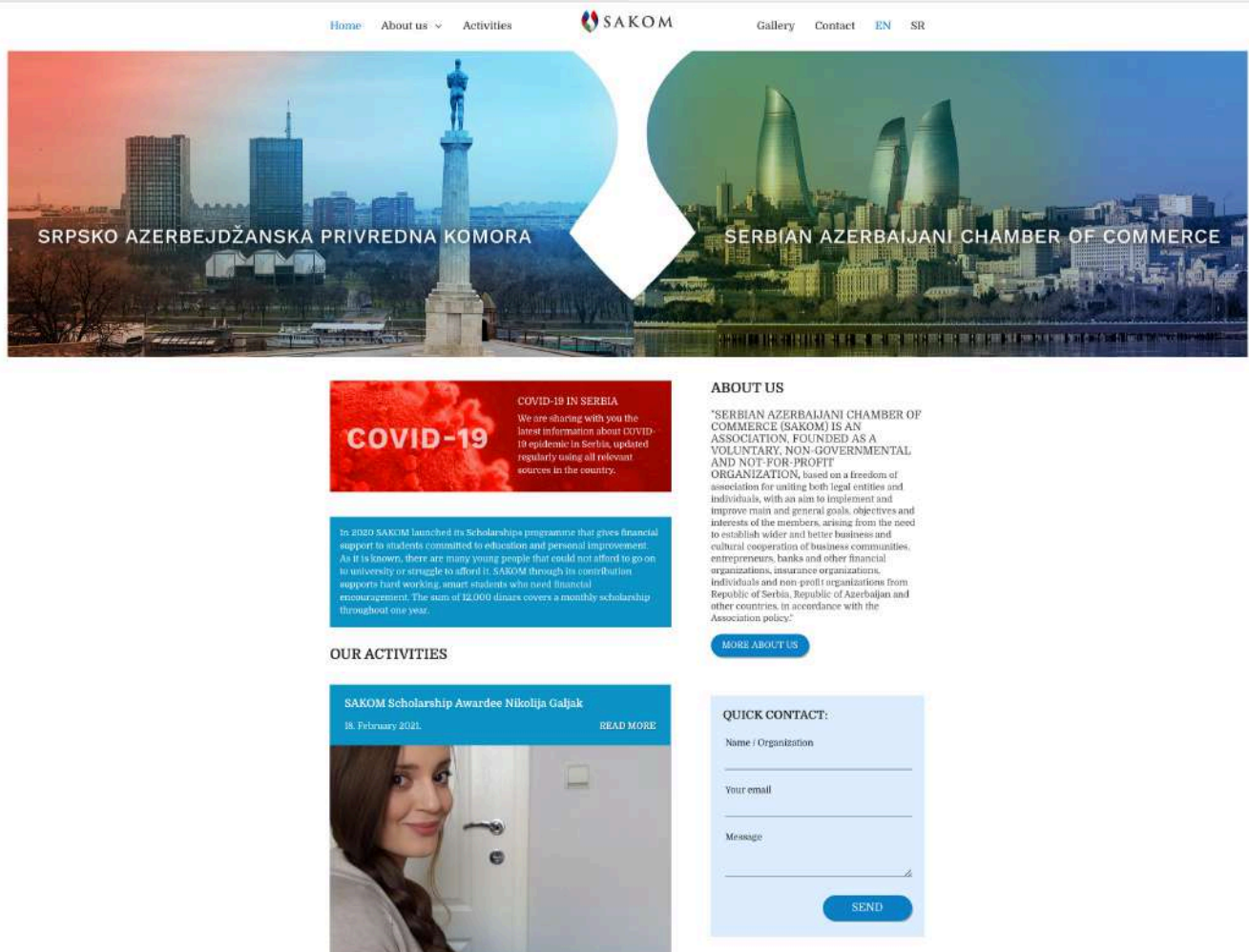
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## WEBSITE

The Members of the Board positively greeted the initiative to renew the SAKOM website, considering that it did not reflect the current chamber's activity. Upon the Board's decision, the Service Agreement was signed with the Eastern European company BUTASBUREAU DOO that carried out the website's transformation under the guidance of SAKOM's management during the past four months (November 2020 - March 2021).

Please visit [www.sakom.org.rs](http://www.sakom.org.rs) for a full experience.



The screenshot shows the SAKOM website homepage with the following elements:

- Navigation:** Home, About us, Activities, SAKOM logo, Gallery, Contact, EN, SR.
- Hero Section:** Two large images with text overlays: "SRPSKO AZERBEJDŽANSKA PRIVREDNA KOMORA" and "SERBIAN AZERBAIJANI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE".
- COVID-19 Section:** A red banner with "COVID-19" and text: "COVID-19 IN SERBIA. We are sharing with you the latest information about COVID-19 epidemic in Serbia, updated regularly using all relevant sources in the country."
- Scholarship Program:** A blue banner: "In 2020 SAKOM launched its Scholarships programme that gives financial support to students committed to education and personal improvement. As it is known, there are many young people that could not afford to go on to university or struggle to afford it. SAKOM through its contribution supports hard working, smart students who need financial encouragement. The sum of 12.000 dinars covers a monthly scholarship throughout one year."
- OUR ACTIVITIES:** A blue banner: "SAKOM Scholarship Awardee Nikolija Galjak, 18. February 2021. READ MORE" with a photo of Nikolija Galjak.
- ABOUT US:** Text: "SERBIAN AZERBAIJANI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (SAKOM) IS AN ASSOCIATION, FOUNDED AS A VOLUNTARY, NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, based on a freedom of association for uniting both legal entities and individuals, with an aim to implement and improve main and general goals, objectives and interests of the members, arising from the need to establish wider and better business and cultural cooperation of business communities, entrepreneurs, banks and other financial organizations, insurance organizations, individuals and non-profit organizations from Republic of Serbia, Republic of Azerbaijan and other countries, in accordance with the Association policy." A "MORE ABOUT US" button is present.
- QUICK CONTACT:** A form with fields for "Name / Organization", "Your email", and "Message", and a "SEND" button.

### CHAMBER MEMBERS





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