

How Wrong Diplomacy Costs a Young Nation Its Chances

A policy paper by Fisnik (Nick) Maxhuni examines how Kosovo can rebuild diplomatic trust through institutional discipline and professional communication



DC, Washington Oct 21, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - A new study from **The Nexus Council** takes a close look at the state of Kosovo's diplomacy and how the country can repair its credibility with key Western partners. The paper, *"How Wrong Diplomacy Costs a Young Nation Its Chances,"* argues that the country's foreign relations have suffered less from ideology and more from inconsistency, short-term politics, and weak institutional coordination.

The report makes the case that credibility in foreign affairs starts at home. When public institutions act predictably and respect the limits of law, the country speaks with one clear voice abroad. When messages conflict or change depending on political moods, allies begin to doubt not the cause, but the capacity to carry it forward.

The research identifies three areas that need to be addressed. The first is **institutional integrity**, rebuilding respect for the Constitutional Court and depoliticizing key agencies. The second is **strategic communication**, setting up a professional structure inside the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to manage public messaging and coordination across ministries. The third is **re-engagement with allies**, reopening the U.S.-Kosovo Strategic Dialogue and improving transparency in EU-funded programs.

These steps are meant to bring more order and continuity into the way Kosovo presents itself. The paper also calls for practical measures such as publishing regular reports on foreign aid, organizing a regional forum for dialogue in Prishtina, and giving public servants proper training in diplomatic communication.

The broader message of the paper is that diplomacy is not just about speaking to the world, it's about showing reliability through how the state functions. Small nations, the paper notes, cannot afford improvisation. Their influence depends on being predictable, serious, and ready to follow through.

The analysis also points to the role of Kosovo's large diaspora as a potential asset. Many Kosovars already work in Western governments, universities, and institutions. Involving them in advisory and training roles could help modernize the country's diplomatic culture and connect it more closely to transatlantic policy networks.

The conclusions are straightforward: Kosovo's foreign service must become more disciplined, less partisan, and more professional if it wants to regain the confidence of Washington and Brussels. Real credibility grows quietly, through consistent work, not speeches.

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