

# ALBANIEN

## Minister for Social Welfare and Youth

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### Erion VELIAJ

Born on 17. December 1979 in Tirana

#### Education:

He finished his studies in Political Science at the Grand Valley State University in Michigan, USA.

Later he completed his MA studies at the University of Sussex in the UK, focusing on European Integration.

#### Work:

He entered politics following a long engagement with the civil society, international organizations and media.

2003

He founded "MJAFT!" movement, an organization which united the activist and protesting spirit of Albanian youth, and which won the United Nations' 2004 prize for civil society.

He led "MJAFT!" until November 2007

Later he joined the Initiative for European Stability, a key body in promoting EU enlargement.

2011

He joined the Steering Committee of the Socialist Party of Albania as Secretary for Youth and Emigration.

2013

In the parliamentary elections of 2013 he was elected MP for the region of Gjirokastra.

He has a very good command of English and Italian and good knowledge of German and French.