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Foreword



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We are pleased to introduce our first report on Donor Financed Projects Managed by Local Government Units. This report delves into the capacities of Albanian municipalities in accessing and implementing foreign-financed projects, offering insights into how funds are allocated and distributed within the municipal focal areas of responsibility.

From the report, we find that 51 out of 61 municipalities reported on a total of 223 projects implemented during 2021- 2022. These municipalities successfully secured financing worth 34.6 million Euros, representing 84.8% of the total funding. This demonstrates a robust and promising foundation, indicating potential to further expand both in terms of project numbers and financial capacity. Notably, projects funded by the EU make up the majority, accounting for 52.8% of the total funding. This reaffirms the European Union's role as our primary partner in Albania's journey towards becoming part of the European family.

It's also worth highlighting that municipalities such as Berat, Gjirokaštër, Shkodër, Përmet, and Kukës reported the highest number of donor-funded projects. This suggests that the ability to absorb donor funds isn't dictated by the size of a municipality but by its commitment and the apt allocation of resources to secure such funding. We aim to spotlight and celebrate these successes stories, hoping to inspire and motivate other municipalities.

The goal of EU integration, once viewed as a distant dream, has now become an achievable objective for Albania. Looking ahead, we have a critical six-year period in which we must work diligently and collaboratively. Approximately, 70% of European legislation necessitates local-level implementation. Given this, the role of Albanian municipalities is pivotal in the European Integration process. Therefore, it's essential for them to gear up without delay for this significant role.

The milestones in this report reflect our unwavering commitment to excellence on this challenging journey. As our path to European integration is carved through collaboration and shared aspiration, we are grateful to our current partners and those who will join us going forward. Our aim is to ensure that the municipalities of Albania stand alongside European cities in providing infrastructural investments and services of the highest quality, adhering to European standards.

Abbreviation

ADA	<i>Austrian Development Agency</i>
ASLG	<i>Agency for Support of Local Government</i>
EU	<i>European Union</i>
CBC	<i>Cross Border Cooperation</i>
CSO	<i>Civil society organization</i>
GIZ	<i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit</i>
IPA	<i>Instrument of Pre-Accession</i>
IADSA	<i>Italian Debt for Development Swap Agreement</i>
JICA	<i>Japanese International Cooperation Agency</i>
LGUs	<i>Local Government Units</i>
MED	<i>Interreg Euro-MED Programme</i>
ReLOaD	<i>Regional Local Democracy Programme</i>
ROMACTED	<i>Promoting good governance and Roma empowerment at local level”</i>
RDPA	<i>Regional Development Program for Albania</i>
SASPAC	<i>State Agency for Strategic Programming and Aid Coordination</i>
SIDA	<i>Swedish International Development Agency</i>
SECO	<i>State Secretariat for Economic Affairs</i>
UK	<i>United Kingdom</i>
UNDP	<i>United Nations Development Program</i>
VAT	<i>Value Added Tax</i>

1. Executive Summary



The LGUs in Albania exercise their activity based on the Organic Law no. 139/2015 "On Local Self-Government". The law defines the functions of the local government based on their field of own competences: (i) infrastructure and public services, (ii) social services (iii) culture, sport, recreational services; (iv) environmental protection; (v) agriculture, rural development, public forests and pastures, nature, and biodiversity; (vi) local economic development; vii) public safety. The LGUs in order to perform their functions have the right to generate revenues through local taxes and fees, as well as from international donors¹.

The central government through different donors' funding programmes is supporting local government development. There are different donors funded projects implemented by central government to support local economic and social development. Since 2007 and over the years, the local government units are also increasing their access to EU and other donors financing, increasing the number of projects managed by them, implemented as individual entity or in partnership with other partners.

The positive developments undertaken in 2018 which aimed at creating the new dedicated function (i.e. structure) for coordination of European integration process and donors financial support, was a good signal to show the commitment of the local government to build their administrative capacities and enable them to increase access to, and implement donors' financing. Local economic development and improving social conditions of the local communities have been always among the priorities of donors' financial support to Albania.

¹ Ref Law No. 68/ 2017 "On Local Self-Government Finance": Article 20 "Revenues from donations" and Article 30 "International transfers and aid".

This is the first report produced in Albania that presents the capacities of the Municipalities of Albania to access and implement donors' funded projects. The report is prepared under the coordination of the Agency for Support of Local Government, and with the support of the EU funded technical assistance project "Municipalities for Europe". The report presents the aggregate data on all projects under the implementation during the time period 2021-2022, reported by the 61 municipalities.

The report provides to the public information on the foreign financed projects ***for which municipalities have applied to different donors and that are implemented by the Municipalities of Albania.***

The report, produced on annual bases, will be an important source of information that will serve to different purposes, but most important:

- I. to improve coordination between central and local governments in terms of financial support to local government;

- II. to better align donor 'support with municipal interventions and with local, regional and national development plans.

- III. To steer and to advance on the local government reforms in general (improving public services, supporting an efficient/effective local administration, implementation of the EU integration processes) and specifically on decentralisation process.

- IV. to improve communication on EU integration processes

- V. to assess the capacities of local government for accessing and implementing donors funding

- VI. to increase the transparency to the public regarding management of donors 'support by the local administration;

51 municipalities reported for a total number of 223 projects which were under implementation during 2021 - 2022. The total amount of funds for the reported projects is at the level of 40,8 million Euro, out of which donors' financing is around 34.6 million Euro (or 84.8%) and Albanian contribution is at 6.2 million Euro (or 15.2%).

Projects implemented by the municipalities are financed from 12 donors. The projects funded by the EU compose the larger share with 52.8 % of total funding. Other donors are Italy (17.3%), Switzerland (14.4%), Council of Europe (2.8%), Germany (3.3%), Japan (2.9%), Austria (2.2%), UNDP (2.7%), Sweden (0.04%), Bulgarian (0.3%), UK (0.14%), Slovenia (0.05%) and United Kingdom. The projects implemented by the municipalities are accessed **mostly through grant schemes launched at national, regional and trans-national level.**

The co-financing of the reported projects is at the level of 18% out of which 14% is financed from the LG budget and 4% is the Central Government contribution. Through a special budget fund named "Execution of Payment" established for the first time in 2021 Annual Budget Law, municipalities starting by 2022 can receive financial support by central government in case of the limited own financial resources.

This has been a very important action undertaken by the Central Government addressing a long-term problem faced by municipalities of Albania to cover the co-financing and VAT due to shortage of their own local budget.

Out of 223 projects, 122 projects are financed by the European Union. The projects have been granted through participation of municipalities in the grant schemes. Projects are implemented in partnership with other partners from Western Balkan's or EU Member States' countries, or individually. There are three main financial instruments which municipalities benefited from:

<p>(i)</p> <p>IPA National grants schemes: 26.5% of the total EU funds or 5.57 million Euro.</p>	<p>(ii)</p> <p>CBC and Territorial Cooperation Programmes: 69% of funds, or 14.28 million Euro.</p>	<p>(iii)</p> <p>Union Programmes: 4.5% of the total funds or 0,94 million Euro.</p>
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The 223 projects are implemented from 51 municipalities, or 84% of municipalities. 26 municipalities have 1 to 3 projects implemented during 2021-2022, 13 municipalities 4-6 projects, 6 municipalities 7-10 projects. The biggest number of projects is reported by the municipality of Berat with 16 projects, followed by the municipality of Gjirokastër with 12 projects and Tirana, Shkodra, Përmet and Elbasan with 11 projects. **10 municipalities have not reported any project:** *Poliçan, Dimal, Bulqizë, Malësi e Madhe, Peqin, Këlcyrë, Libohovë, Vorë, Delvinë, Konispol.*

Local Government priorities have been translated into projects for meeting their priorities. Donor support is important not only to address their financial needs, but also towards diversification of their portfolio by attracting their attention and effort towards new ideas, innovative initiatives, investments, as well as learning from the experience of other countries in the region, bringing local institutions, communities and individuals closer to each other and closer to EU.

Classified by own local government functions as provided by the law 139/2015 on “Local self-government”, the share of the donors’ funded projects implemented by municipalities are as follows:

▶ **Economic Development:** grants are used to stimulate economic growth within the municipality by creating facilities, or subgrating for small business development and job training programs. A larger part of the grants is used to boost tourism as one of the main areas that could contribute to economic development of their communities. Investments in this functional area are at the level of 25.4 % of all implemented projects.

▶ **Environmental protection:** Donor grants are used to support initiatives like waste management, renewable energy projects, or green infrastructure development, helping the municipality achieve its environmental goals. Investments in this functional area are at the level of 24.5 of all implemented projects.

▶ **Social Services:** Municipalities often seek to enhance the well-being of their communities. Grants can be used for community development programs, affordable housing projects, or initiatives aimed at reducing poverty and improving social services. Investments in this functional area are at 15.6 % of all implemented projects.

▶ **Infrastructure Development and Public Services:** Municipalities are using donor grants to finance infrastructure projects such as building or repairing urban and rural roads, schools, and healthcare facilities, and enhance public services. Investments in this functional area are at the level of 12 % of all implemented projects.

▶ **Culture, cultural heritage and sports.** Projects in this functional area play a crucial role in preserving and promoting community's identity, fostering creativity, boosting tourism, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents. Investments in this functional area are at the level of 12.8% of all implemented projects.

▶ **Public Safety.** Projects in this functional area are contributing towards improving mainly fire protection services. Investments in this functional area are at the level of 2.9 % of all implemented projects.

▶ **Agriculture, forest and biodiversity protection.** Projects in this functional area comprise investments for improving forest management, protection of biodiversity, promoting the sustainable use of medicinal and aromatic plants. Investments in this functional area are at the level of 2.5 % of all implemented projects.

Two additional horizontal areas are ‘democratization and civil society’ and “digitalization of services”, with respective share of 2.5%.

In order to increase the impact of investments financed through donors ‘financing, it is important for municipalities to have clear priorities and a well-defined strategy for using donor grants effectively. Administrative capacities matter for the effectiveness and impact of donors’ aid to local government. It is essential to invest in governance, to build adequate capabilities to manage donor funding and in particular EU funds at the municipality administration. Additionally, proper oversight and accountability mechanisms are essential to ensure that the grant funds are used transparently and in accordance with the intended purposes.

The Agency for Support of Local - Self Government, with the support of the EU financed project “Municipalities for Europe” has created the first online database for the foreign financed projects managed by the municipalities. The on-line database will serve to multi functions:

+ *Provide up-dated information on all donors’ financed projects implemented by all municipalities.* It will play a crucial role in promoting transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in the use of donor funds for community development and other local important initiatives.

+ *Increase transparency and accountability* as it provides a transparent record of how donor funds are being utilized at the local level. Local communities, local CSOs can access information about the projects being implemented in their areas, allowing them to provide feedback, voice concerns, and actively participate in project planning and implementation.

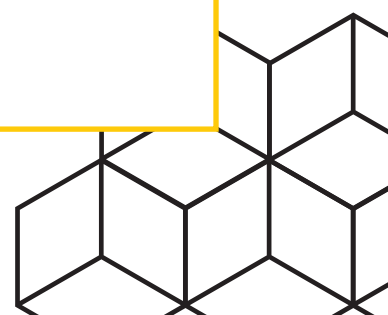
+ **Ensure accessibility to information** making information about donor-funded projects easily accessible to a wide range of stakeholders, including local communities, government officials, donors, and NGOs.

+ **Monitoring and Evaluation:** The database will serve as a platform for monitoring and evaluating the progress and impact of donor-funded projects.

+ **Support an evidence-based decision-making** providing decision-makers with valuable data that can inform resource allocation, policy development, and strategic planning at the local level, as well as prioritising the foreign aid towards supporting municipalities to implement most pressing issues vis-à-vis their functions and support small local government units to increase access to donor's funding through special programmes.

+ **Accountability to Donors:** Donors can use the database to track the use of their funds and ensure that their contributions are being used effectively. This transparency can enhance donor confidence and encourage continued support.

+ **Improve donor coordination** facilitating coordination among different donors and organizations operating in the same region, helping to avoid duplication of efforts and promote collaboration for greater impact to the local communities.





2. Methodology



This is the first report on donors' funded projects implemented by Local Government Units (Municipalities) in Albania. This progress report is based on the information provided by the Municipalities for all projects they were implementing during 2021-2022 financed by donors through the calls for applications, or directly approaching donor agencies.

The database classifies the projects based on the main seven functional areas of the local government as provided by the Law Nr.139/2015 "On Local self-government" and two additional areas such as democratization and civil society, and digitalization of services. Classification by functional areas is important to present the efforts made by the municipalities to allocate their resources towards financing their own functions. The on-line system has however a limitation on allowing the municipality to present multiple areas of interventions when they take place within a single project. Further enhancement of the on-line database by breaking down the information by sub-functional areas could address this limitation in the future.

The process started in October 2022 with the design of online system "Donacionet", followed by several intensive training and coaching of the staff of 61 EU Units on the process for data entry. Technical support was provided to the EU Units, followed with the quality check of information. The process of data entry has been completed online by the staff of European Integration and External Assistance Units in the 61 Municipalities at the Municipalities for Europe platform <https://mapping-bpe.al>.

2022 was the first year of using the system and the process has faced some challenges like collecting the correct information from all LGs directorates, completing the entry process in a short period from November 2022-31 January 2023 and final step of data processing and analyses. The information is open to public and can be accessed through the link <https://mapping-bpe.al/goDataAnalyze/customize.aspx?lang=al>.

The information will be updated annually by the EU Integration Units in each municipality. Annual progress reports will be prepared to present the progress made in accessing and implementation of donors' financing. **The information up-loaded in the database and the accuracy of the data are the sole responsibility of each municipality.**

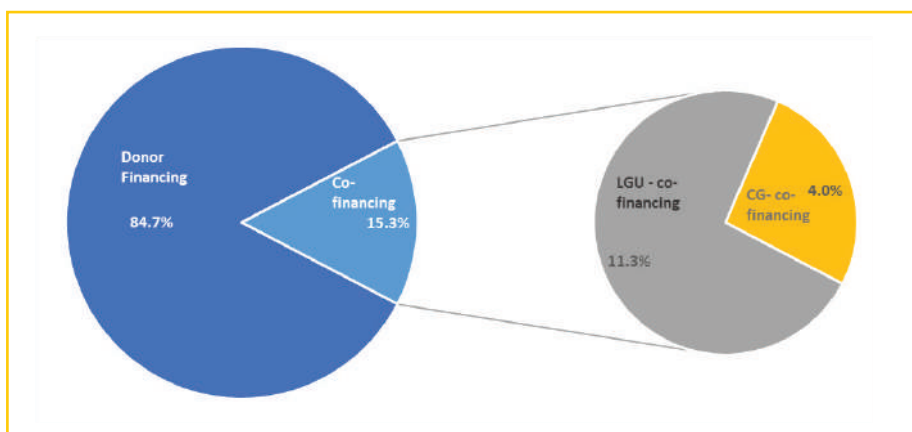
3. Overall, Donor Funding



During the reporting period, 2021-2022, the Albanian Municipalities have benefited from the EU and other donors' funds made available through a variety of programmes and calls for applications launched at national and regional level. **Total amount of donor's funds accessed and implemented directly by Local Government units at local level during the period 2021-2022 is at 40.8 million Euro, out of which donors' contribution is at 34.6 million Euro and Albanian Contribution is at 6.18 million Euro.**

Albanian Contribution to the projects implemented at local level during the two years' period has been **at the level of 18 %**, out of which 14% is financed from the LGs budget and 4% is Central Government contribution.

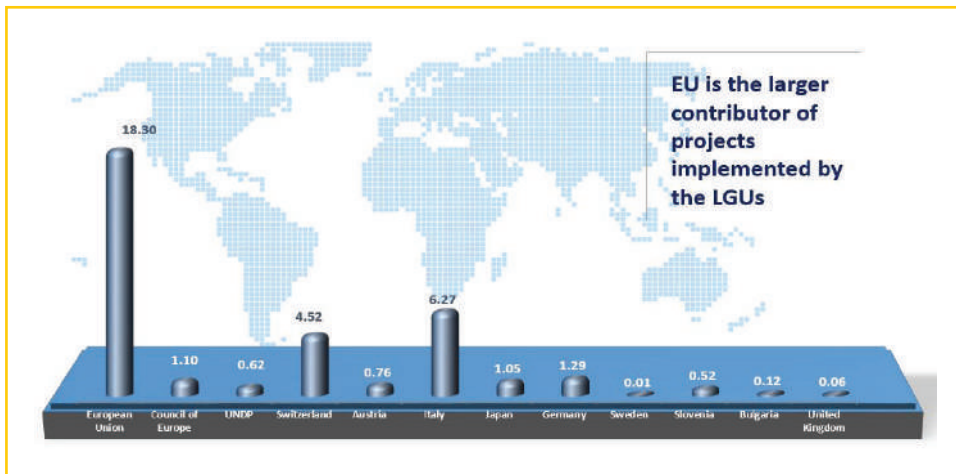
Graph 1: Share of co-financing of projects implemented at the local level during 2021-2022 (in %)



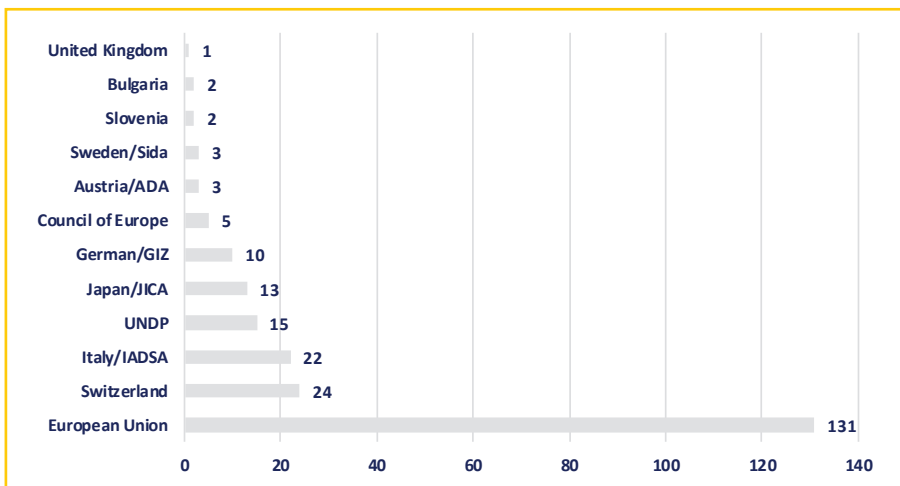
Municipalities have accessed and implemented projects funded by 12 donors, multilateral and bilateral donors. Among them, the EU is the largest donor contributing with 52.5 % of total donors' funds implemented during the period 2021-2022.

Other donors are Italian Government through IADSA Programme (17.3%), Swiss Government (14.4%), Council of Europe (2.8 %), German Government (3.3%), Japan Government, through JICA (2.9%), Austria (2.2%), UNDP (2.7%), Sweden (0.04 %), Bulgaria (0.3%), United Kingdom (0.14%) and Slovenia (1.3%). **Most of such financing instruments refer to grant schemes launched by donors at national, regional and trans-national level.**

Graph 2: Donors financed projects implemented at local level during 2021-2022 (in million EUR)



Graph 3: Number of projects by donors



The municipalities of Albania Projects are focused on the local government needs and priorities based on their strategic and local plans. **The donors' funded projects are helping municipalities to improve their services related to different functions as defined by the law, as well as strengthening the local democratic processes.**

The areas where the most investments made through the projects are: Economic Development (25.4%), Environmental protection (24.5%) and Social Services (15.6%). The graph below presents the number of projects per functional areas.

Graph 4: Number of projects implemented by LGUs by the main functions during 2021-2022

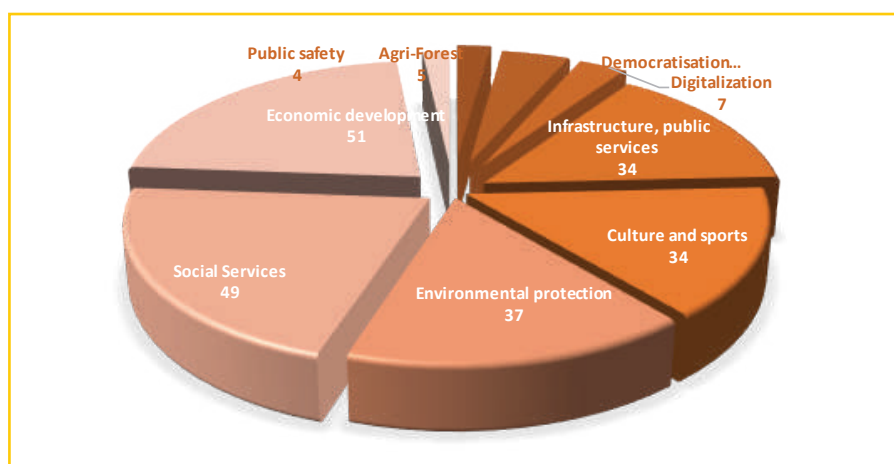


Table 1 below presents the information on the amount each donor is financing for the municipal managed projects based on local government functional areas.

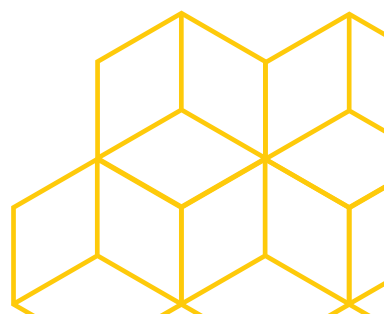


Table 1: Donor contribution of municipal implemented projects by functional area (000 EUR)

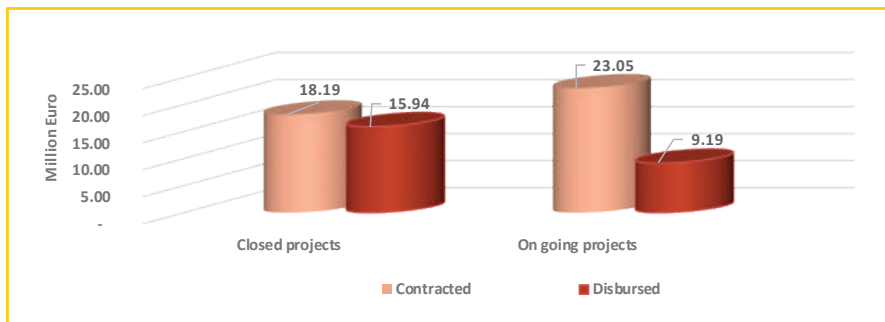
Donor	Agriculture, forest, biodiversity	Democratization and CSOs	Digitalization of Services	Infrastructure and public services	Culture, heritage and sports	Environmental protection	Social Services	Economic development	Public safety	Total
European Union	627.41 €	488 €	661 €	1,832 €	3,091 €	4,701 €	2,970 €	5,938 €	1,120.25 €	21,429.14 €
Council of Europe			72.79 €			789 €	14 €	255 €		1,131.20 €
UNDP		488 €			10 €		521 €	91 €		1,110.95 €
Switzerland				1,210 €	173 €	3,560 €	16 €	915 €		5,874.31 €
Austria/ADA								892 €		892.43 €
Italy/IADSA	382.61 €			850 €	1,918 €		1,814 €	2,101 €		7,065.68 €
Japan/JICA				762 €		244 €		181 €		1,187.01 €
German/GIZ				254 €		210 €	894 €			1,358.67 €
Sweden/Sida							15 €			14.96 €
Slovenia					46 €	502 €				548.01 €
Bulgaria							133 €			132.64 €
United Kingdom									56.16 €	56.16 €
Total	1,010.03 €	976.95 €	734.09 €	4,908.36 €	5,238.48 €	10,006.29 €	6,377 €	10,374 €	1,176 €	40,801.17 €

4. Implementation Status

From 223 projects implemented by 51 Municipalities in Albania during 2021-2022, **half of them 112 have been finalized within 2022**, while 111 are still ongoing.

The overall level of absorption for closed and ongoing projects in the end of 2022 was **at 61%**, whereas the level of **disbursement for closed projects has been at 88%**.

Graph 5: Contracting and disbursement level (%)

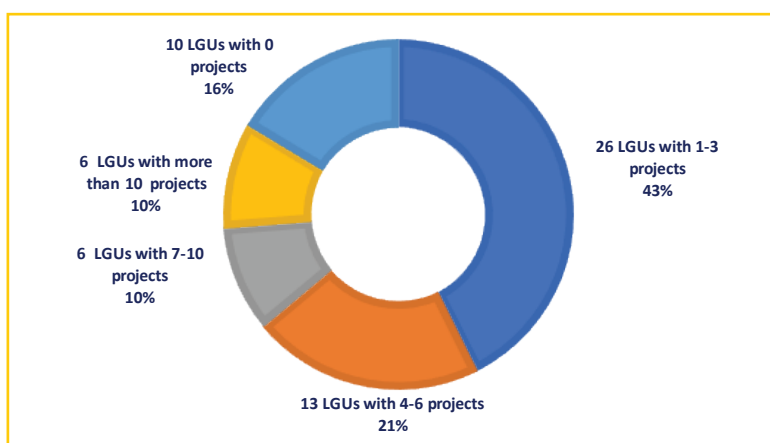


5. Geographical Distribution Of Projects



In total there are 51 municipalities which have reported in the on-line database the information regarding the projects under implementation during the years 2021 -2022. In terms of the number of projects per municipalities, the major number of municipalities, 26 (out of 51 municipalities that are implementing at least one project, or 51% of them, were implementing 1 to 3 projects during this period. 6 municipalities or 12% of them had more than 10 projects under the implementation.

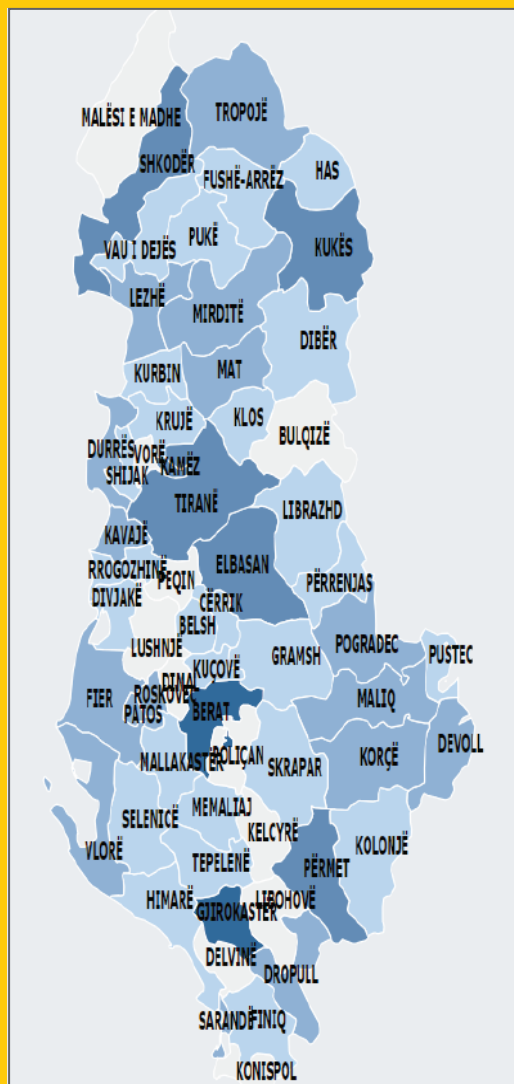
Graph 6: Share of municipalities by number of projects implemented (in%)



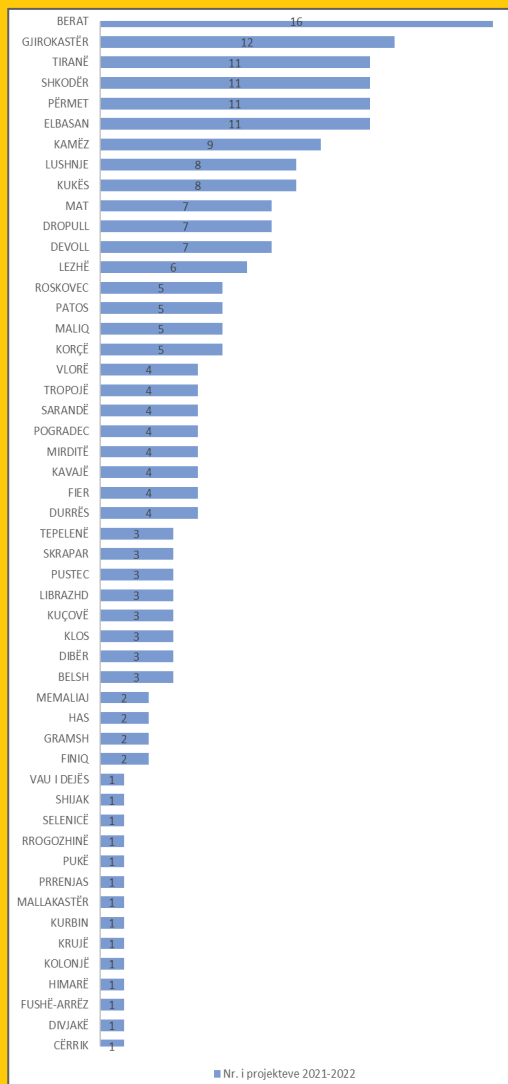
The Municipality of Berat has reported the biggest number of the projects, with 16 projects, followed by the Municipality of Gjirokastrë with 12 projects and Tirana, Shkodra, Përmet and Elbasan with 11 projects.

There are municipalities which have not reported any project under the implementation during the reporting period: Poliçan, Dimal, Bulqizë, Malësi e Madhe, Peqin, Këlcyrë, Libohovë, Vorë, Delvinë, Konispol.

Map 1: Number of projects
by Municipality



Graph 7: Number of projects
by Municipality



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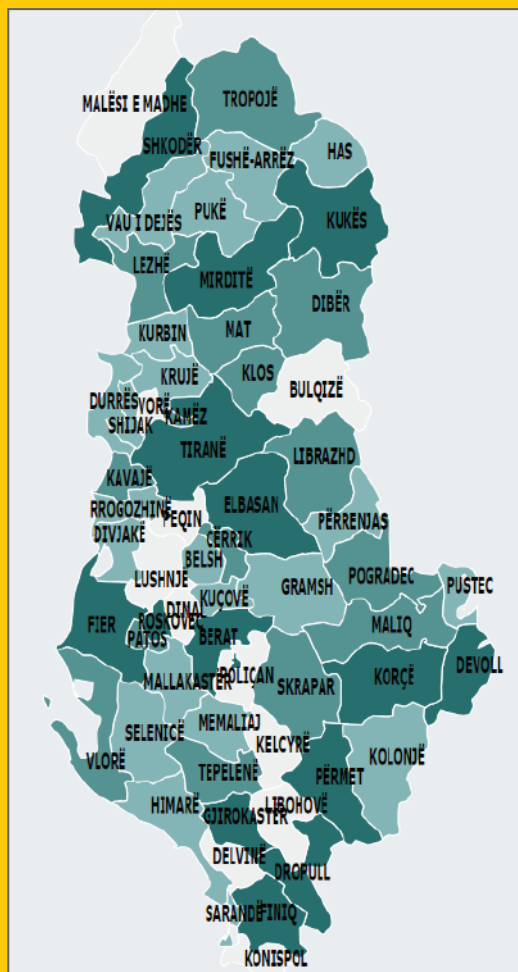
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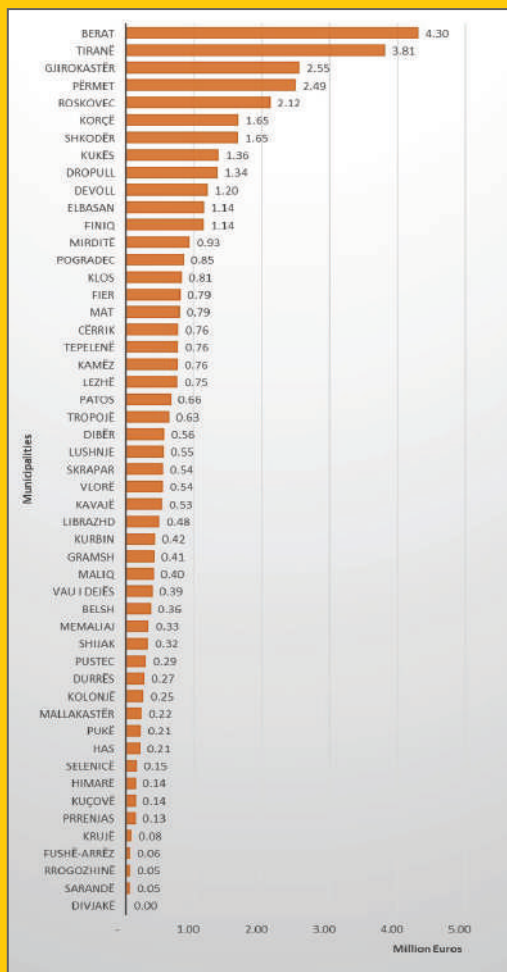
In terms of the overall funding, respectively to projects managed by the municipalities, the municipalities of Berat, Tiranë, Gjirokastrë, Përmet and Roskovec have reported the largest amount of funds benefited during 2021-2022.



Map 2: Funding by municipalities (ALL)



Graph 8: Amount of funds by Municipality (million EUR)



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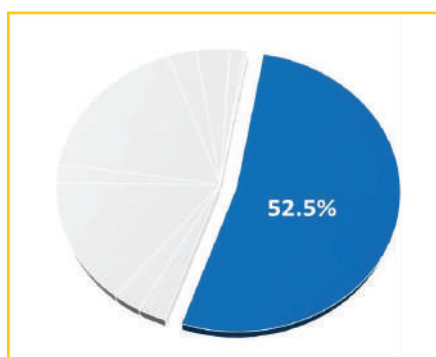
6.1. EU financing contribution

European Union is the biggest donor in Albania, as well as the biggest donor financing a large number of projects at local level through a variety of aid delivery mechanisms, such as technical assistance, infrastructure development projects, as well as through different transnational, multi-national and Union Programmes.

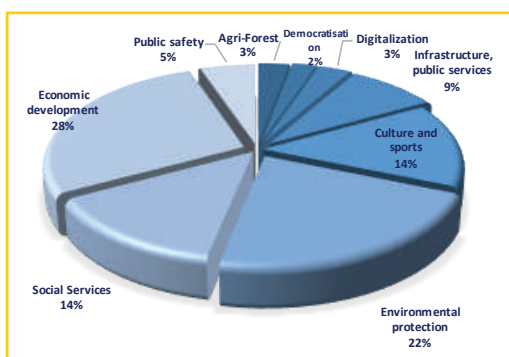
Among 233 projects managed by municipalities, **131 projects are funded by the EU and one project jointly financed with the Council of Europe. The total amount of EU funded projects is 21.4 million Euro, representing 52.5 % of overall funding received by donors through calls for applications.**

The municipalities benefiting from EU grants are implementing the majority of projects in the function of economic development (28% of EU grants) addressing environmental issues (22% of EU grants), social services and public infrastructure, and other areas such as digitalization of services, improving education facilities, culture heritage sites etc.

Graph 9: Share of EU funded projects

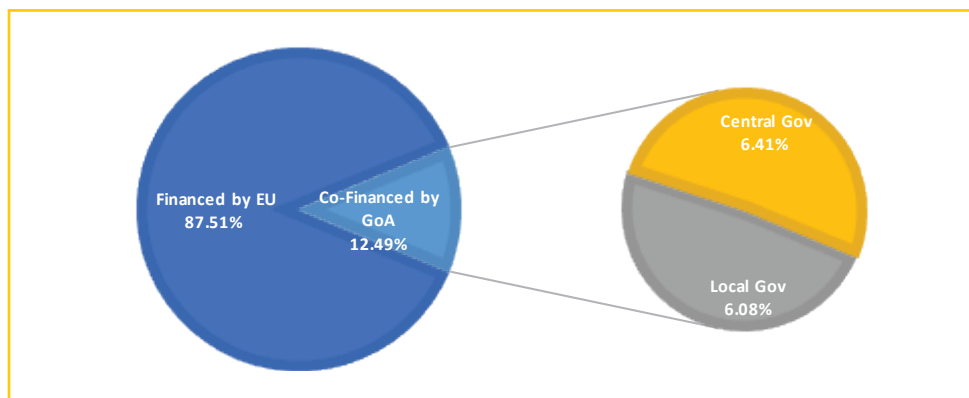


Graph 10: Share of EU funded projects by functional areas



The EU contribution through, grants vary from 100% to 85%, depending from the grant scheme. The average share of the EU contribution, for all grants managed by the municipalities is **87.51%**. Respectively to the EU programmes the local contribution, as co-financing required varies from 5 % to 15%. The average share of the co-financing for Albanian municipalities is **12.49 %**, or 2.59 mln EUR. The co-financing is provided directly from municipal budget at the level of 6.08%, while 6.41% of co-financing is supported by the central government's funds.

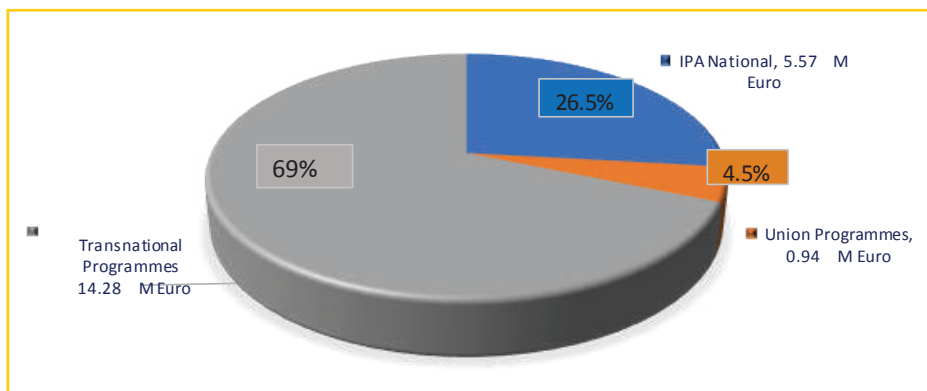
Graph 12: Financing and co-funding rate of EU funded projects (in %)



The municipalities have benefited from the grant schemes financed under the Instrument of Pre-Accession (IPA), in the following programmes of the European Union:

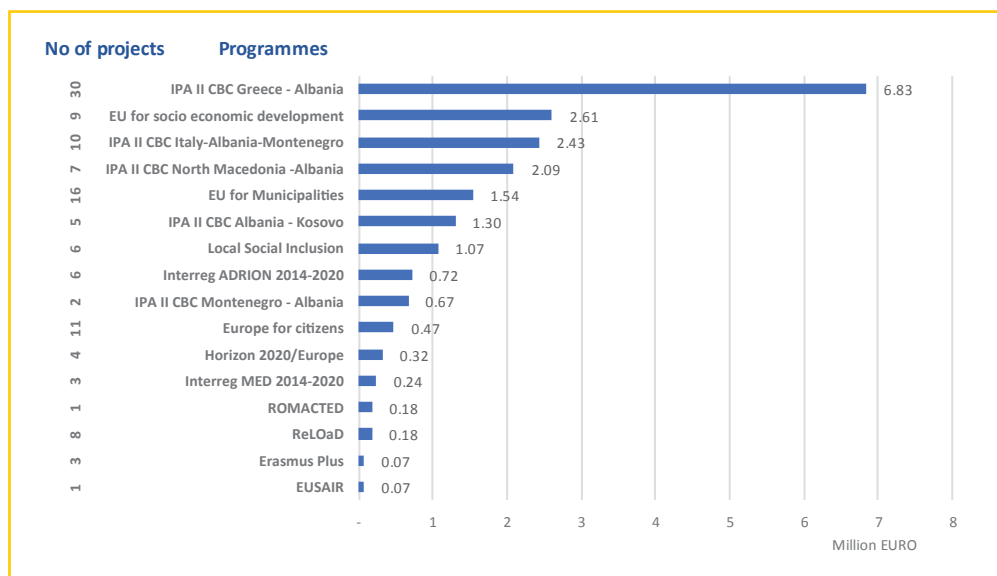
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Graph 13: Funds implemented at local level
from EU instruments during 2021-2022



The following graph shows the EU support by programme financing and number of projects implemented in each programme by the Albanian municipalities during 2021-2022.

Graph 14: Numbers of projects implemented
and funds allocation from EU programmes



6.1.1. The IPA National grant schemes

The IPA National grants scheme has provided 26.5% of the total EU funds dedicated to projects implemented by local government during 2021-2022. Through this scheme have been supported 40 projects, and the EU amount contracted, as reported by municipalities is 5.57 million Euro.

The main grant schemes launched starting from August 2020 are:

EU for socio-economic development (as alternative to drugs cultivation and trafficking), with the global objective to improve access to socio-economic development and employment opportunities, services and facilities in communities vulnerable to cannabis cultivation and trafficking". During 2021-2022, 9 projects have been implementing projects funded by this grants scheme.

EU for Municipalities is aiming to support the development potential of municipalities and improve the socio-economic and environmental conditions of local communities in Albania. During 2021-2022, 16 municipalities have reported projects supported under this grants' scheme.

Local Social Inclusion programme aims to contribute at strengthening municipal capacities to establish and deliver social care services, inclusive employment and vocational education. 6 projects are reported for 2021-2022 with a total amount of projects at 0.96 million Euro.

ROMACTED II is a Joint regional Programme between the European Union (DG NEAR) and the Council of Europe aiming to promote good governance and Roma empowerment through enhanced participation in local policymaking and implementation of local actions in a total amount of 0.179 million Euro.

Regional Local Democracy Programme (ReLOaD 2) is a regional initiative with a special focus on youth, CSOs and communities at the local level. The total amount of projects implemented with the support of the programme is reported around 0.141 million Euro.

6.1.2. EU multi- beneficiary programmes

Local Government can also access funds under the EU Multi-beneficiary programmes. The total amount of projects, in which municipalities of Albania have participated in partnership with other Western Balkan and EU Member States' partner municipalities or organisations is at 66.7 million EUR. Out of this amount, 23% or 15.2 million Euro is the amount of funds managed only by the Albanian municipalities.

As presented in the table below, the municipalities are reporting for a good amount of the projects financed through cross border cooperation programmes. Projects funded by these programmes amount for 87.5% of total EU multi-beneficiary programmes.

Table 3: EU programmes and funds benefited by Albanian Municipalities during 2021-2022 (in EUR)

EU Multi country Programmes	Overall funding of the projects	Proportion of funds managed only by Albanian LGUs
IPA II CBC Montenegro - Albania	937,394.00	666,249.00
IPA II CBC Albania - Kosova	3,180,952.00	1,298,310.00
IPA II CBC North-Macedonia - Albania	5,136,414.00	2,093,918.00
IPA II CBC Greece- Albania	16,464,871.33	6,832,533.33
IPA II CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro	11,464,730.00	2,431,115.00
Interreg ADRION 2014-2020 & EUSAIR	4,079,068.00	792,558.00
Interreg MED 2014-2020	3,827,338.00	236,920.00
Europe for Citizens	1,202,402.33	474,562.33
Erasmus Plus	662,312.00	71,490.00
HORIZON 2020/Horizon Europe	19,723,262.00	320,285.00
Total Funding	66,678,743.67	15,217,940.67

IPA II CBC Greece - Albania is the programme with 44% of the total amount of funds supporting local projects implemented by Albanian municipalities (in partnership with Greece partners). Interreg MED and HORIZON are the programmes where the level of access from municipalities is the lowest one, respectively 6% and 2%.

6.1.3. Cross Border Cooperation and Territorial Cooperation Programmes

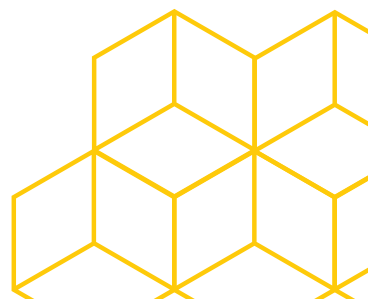
The CBC and Territorial Cooperation Programmes result to be the ones contributing with the highest financial support at local level covering 69% of funds, or 14.35 million Euro dedicated to projects implemented by local government units during 2021-2022.

Table 3: EU CBC and Transnational Programmes funding managed by the LGUs during 2021-2022 (in EUR)

EU CBC and Transnational Programmes	Funds for all Partner beneficiaries	Proportion of Funds managed only by Albanian LGUs	Number of Projects
IPA II CBC Montenegro - Albania	937,394.00	666,249.00	2
IPA II CBC Albania - Kosova	3,180,952.00	1,298,310.00	5
IPA II CBC North Macedonia - Albania	5,136,414.00	2,093,918.00	7
IPA II CBC Greece - Albania	16,464,871.33	6,832,533.33	30
IPA II CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro	11,464,730.00	2,431,115.00	10
Interreg ADRION 2014-2020 & EUSAIR	4,079,068.00	792,558.00	6
Interreg MED 2014-2020	3,827,338.00	236,920.00	3
Total Funding	45,090,767.33	14,351,603.33	63

As presented in the table the total amount of budget where municipalities are participating in partnership with other partners from participating countries is 45 mln EUR, out of which 14.35 mln EUR, or 32%, is the total amount of funds managed directly by the Albanian municipalities.

Through these programmes, municipalities are implementing 63 projects covering a wide range of their functional area such as education, digitalization of services, infrastructure, art, culture and culture heritage, economic development, tourism, forest management, environment, etc.



6.1.4. Union Programmes

Union Programme is another EU financial instrument that municipalities have access to. Starting by 2018, the municipalities have increased their information in the Union Programmes, as well as increased the applications for seeking grants from these programmes. This explains also the limited number, only 18 projects, and the low rate of benefiting from Union Programmes.

The main programmes in which municipalities have been awarded grants in partnership also with other partners are:

✚ **Europe for Citizens** aims to support initiatives to strengthen remembrance of the recent European history and to enhance civic participation at EU level. 11 municipalities are implementing projects with other partners from EU Member states and Western Balkan countries.

✚ **HORIZON** is a research and innovation funding programme. Only 3 municipalities are implementing 4 projects funded by this programme.

✚ **Erasmus Plus** is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport. 3 projects are implemented through grants awarded by this programme.

The 18 projects financed by Union Programmes share 4% of the total EU funded projects managed by the municipalities.

Table 3: EU Union Programmes funding managed by the LGUs during 2021-2022 (in EUR)

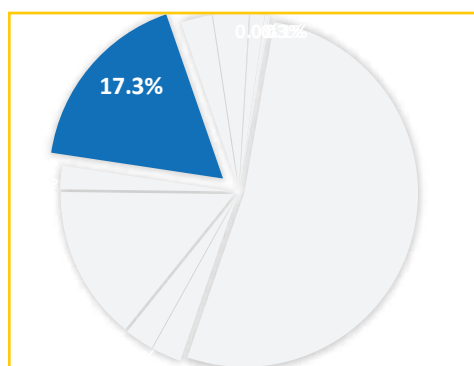
Union Programmes	Total amount of projects	Total amount managed by Albanian LGUs	%	Number of projects
Europe for Citizens	1,202,402.33	474,562.33	39%	11
Erasmus Plus	662,312.00	71,490.00	11%	3
HORIZON	19,723,262.00	320,285.00	2%	4
Total Funding	21,587,976.33	866,337.33	4%	18

6.2. Italian Government

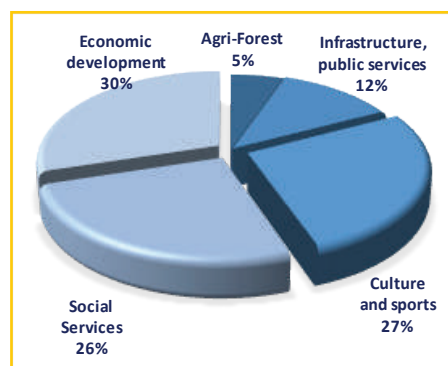
The Italian-Albanian Development Cooperation Programme includes the innovative instrument of financing for Albania: The Debt for Development Swap Agreement (IADSA), which is meant to support the implementation of projects in the social sector proposed by the concerned Albanian Public Institutions and jointly agreed within the framework of the Italian-Albanian Development Cooperation Programme. Projects are selected through Calls for Proposals, periodically launched, open to Albanian Public Institutions, including local government units. The municipalities have participated with applications for projects in the first two grant scheme launched by the programme.

In total, municipalities have reported 20 projects awarded by IADSA programme. The total amount of funded projects is 6.8 million Euro, representing 17.5% of overall donor funding managed by the municipalities. The majority of projects are focused on interventions supporting improvement of services in culture and culture heritage, sports (37%) followed by projects aiming to improve touristic infrastructure and municipal facilities in function of local economic development (20%).

Graph 15: Share of Italy/IADSA funded projects



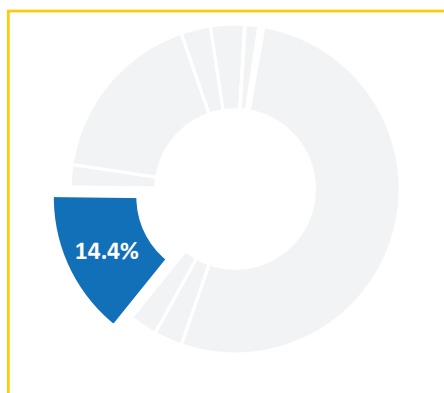
Graph 16: Share of Italy/IADSA funded projects by functional areas



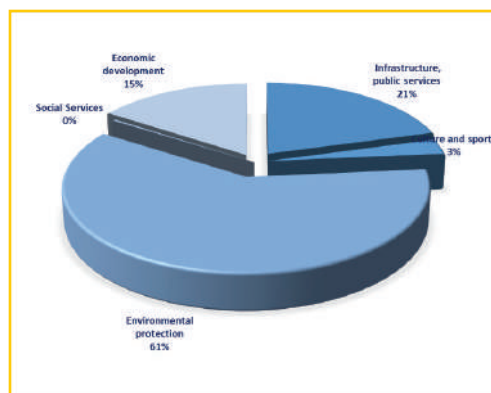
6.3. Swiss Government

Switzerland is one of the main bilateral cooperation partners for Albania. The overall goal is to contribute to a functioning democracy, effective institutions and public services; a sustainable, inclusive and competitive market economy; and climate change mitigation as well as to achieving and implementing European standards and values. Municipalities have reported 24 projects implemented with the support of the Swiss Cooperation programme for a total a funds of 4.53 mln EUR, sharing 12.54 % of the total donors funded projects managed by the municipalities. The majority of projects are focused on improving urban infrastructure (55%), followed by projects for environmental protection and forest protection and management (28%).

Graph 17: Share of Swiss Government funded projects



Graph 18: Share of funded projects by functional areas



Regional Development Program (RDPA) was a joint programme of Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) and Austrian Development Agency (ADA).

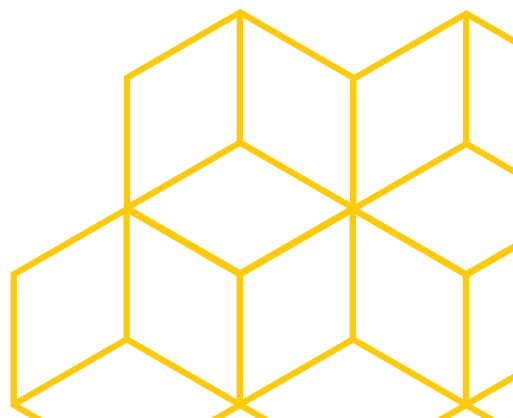
6.4. *Japan Government*

The Japan government is delivering its assistance to Albania through JICA/Japan International Cooperation Agency. The municipalities have benefited from JICA support mainly from the supply of equipment required by them to perform their municipal services, mostly in the area of waste collection and fire protection. The total amount of projects for which municipalities have applied for support from JICA is 1.6 mln EUR (equivalent), or 2.92% of total donor funded projects. 13 municipalities have reported benefiting equipment and support from JICA.

6.5. *German Government*

Albanian municipalities are benefiting from the support of German government provided through Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). There are 9 projects reported by municipalities under implementation from 2021-2022, for a total amount of 1.7 mln EUR or 3.52% of all donors funded projects managed by them. Municipalities are implementing projects that aim to improve municipal social services, with a particular focus on disabled people and vulnerable groups, as well as socio-economic rehabilitation of returned emigrants. In addition, GIZ is supporting municipalities to increase employment opportunities for citizens through their engagement on community work.

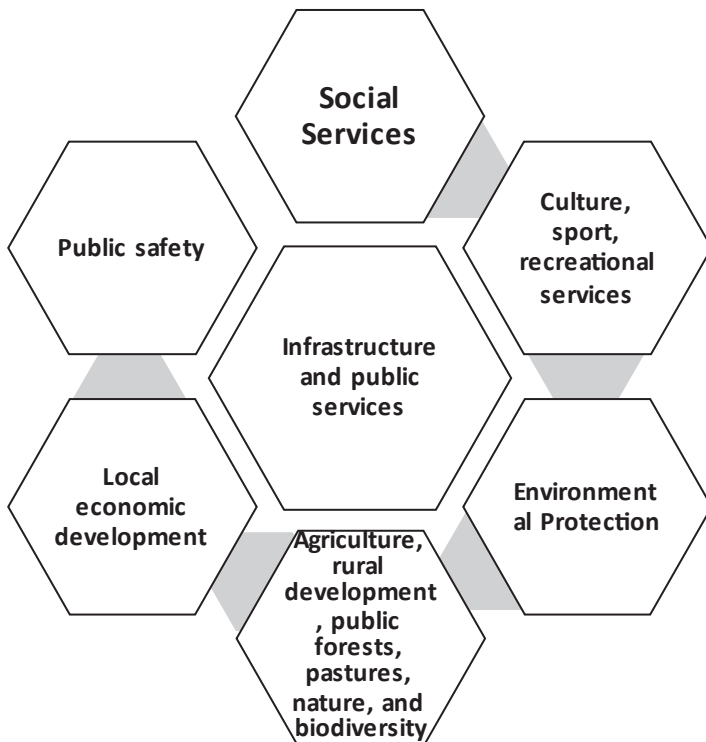
Other donors, such **UNDP and bilateral donors, such as Austrian Development Agency, Sweden government, Bulgarian government, Slovenian government** are providing support to municipalities through grants awarded for supporting them improve municipal services and living conditions of the communities.



7. The role of external assistance in supporting LG functions and priorities

Local Government priorities have been translated into projects financed by donors in a variety of programmes at national and regional level. Substantial support has been provided to local government not only through financing their needs and priorities in different local government functional areas and services, but also towards diversification of their portfolio by attracting their attention and effort towards new ideas, innovative initiatives, investments, as well as learning from the experience of other countries in the region, bringing institutions, communities and individuals closer to each other and closer to the EU.

The law 139/2015 "On Local Self-Government" defines seven areas of competences for local government as presented in the figure below.



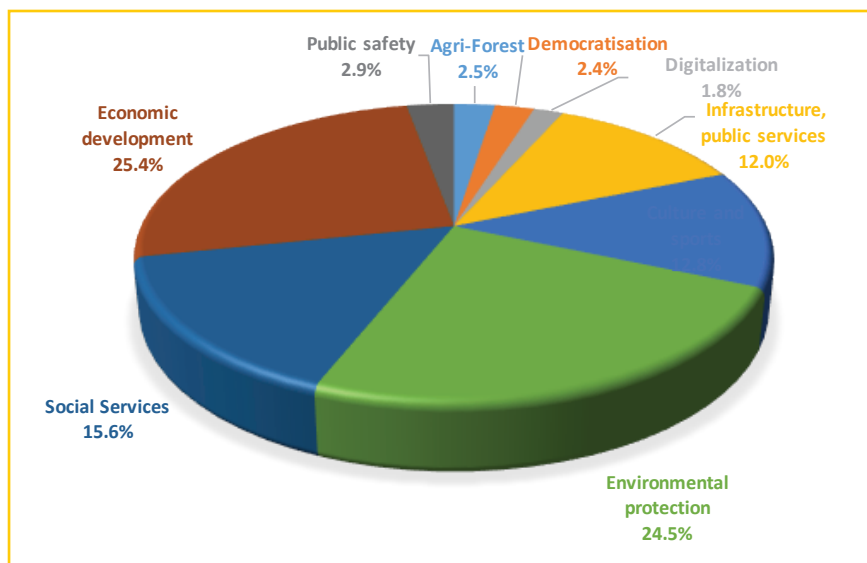
For the purpose of analyses, in addition to seven areas of functions, two specific areas such as, digitalization of services and democratization and cooperation with the civil society are also analysed. Both these areas could be considered as cross-cutting, as the interventions in these areas are still contributing enhancing the quality of services in different functions, and better serving to citizens through use of information of the technology, as well as increasing the participation of the civil society organisations both in the provision of services as well as in the decision-making process.

When applying for funds, the municipalities aim to increase their financial resources finding alternative financing from donors to improve the local services they provide to their communities. The focus of the projects is to improve local government services. But, in addition, they play an important role for improving governance at the local level, as well as strengthening local democracy.

One of the most important objectives of donors' funded projects managed by the municipalities, with direct impact, is building up their capacities in efficient and effective management use of foreign aid and provision of services. Through the experience gained by managing the donors' funded projects, the municipalities increase their capacities related to aid management, improve their skills related to financial management as well as transparency of funds.

In addition, the projects launched by donors in many cases contribute to strengthening the democracy at local level, by financing activities that support cooperation between the local authorities and the civil society organization or community-based groups.

Graph 19: Share of municipal donors' financed projects by functional area (%)



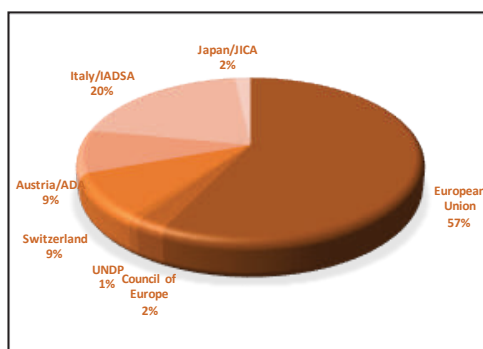
7.1. Economic Development

The municipalities have reported 51 projects financing the interventions on the area of functional development. Total financing amounts to 10.3 million Euro, of which 8.9 million Euro from donors and 1.44 million Euro is co-financing. 57% of the projects are funded by the EU funded projects, with an overall amount of 5.9 mln EUR, followed by Italian Government through IADSA programme at the level of 2.1 million Euro or 20% of total amount of projects implemented.

Table 4: Donor financing on economic development

Donor	Amount (000 EUR)
European Union	5,938 €
Council of Europe	255 €
UNDP	91 €
Switzerland	915 €
Austria/ADA	892 €
Italy/IADSA	2,101 €
Japan/JICA	181 €
Total	10,374 €

Graph 20: Share of donors' financed projects on economic development (%)



Tourism development is mainly the focus of the municipal implemented projects. Development of tourism, related infrastructure, tourism promotion, aiming to encourage the potential tourists to travel to local destinations through the spreading of information, marketing better of products is one of the objectives of several projects implemented by the municipalities, along with other projects supporting local market development and small business development.

Improving local infrastructure in function of tourism development:

7.1

Through IPA CBC Greece - Albania, a wide range of activities and interventions have been financed: Smart tourism development in Korça, construction of bike lines as well as rehabilitation of Tebja square in Berat, defined hiking and cultural route in Tepelena, preservation of stone craft in Përmet, several activities regarding Community-Led Local Development of Cultural Tourism in Greece and Albania, composting center of bio- wastes in Skrapar, experimental ethnographical museum restored in the village of Livadhja and the folk festival Foinikea organized in the Municipality of Foinike (Finiq), establishment of Business Clubs for the enhancement of entrepreneurship in the public library of Përmet and a pilot action of 5 start-ups will be monitored. Reconstruction work “Rehova gates”, as a new destination for tourists in Kolonja; and the Adventure’s Park constructed in Shishtavec with 3 furnished wooden houses and sports and entertainment terrain (RDPA).

Interreg MED Programme is providing financial support in the area of tourism to the municipalities of Himara and Vlora. As a result, bike lanes have been constructed to connect Livadh with Jala in Himara, and BLUE MED activities organized in response systems.

IPA CBC North Macedonia - Albania has supported the reconstruction of the fire station in Gramsh including procurement of 2 fire trucks, an ambulance and a lifeboat; tourism destinations promotion in Elbasan, culture and tourism promotion in Pogradec.

Interreg ADRION Adriatic has supported two projects in tourism: Adriatic Landscape Interpretation in Tepelena and Emo underground to provide *digltal yequipment* for viewing the tunnels in 3D in Kukës.

Austrian Development Agency has supported 3 projects in the area of economic development: the revitalization of the touristic village of Roshnik, Berat through rehabilitation of the village center construction of the 10 km footpath and rehabilitation of the Bova lake; 9.8 km irrigation canal from the village of Malaj to the village of Tarazh in the Rreshen Administrative Unit and the organization of the fair of agricultural products produced in Mirdita.

Promotion of touristic resources and alternatives:

7.1

IPA CBC Albania – Kosovo is supporting 2 projects in municipalities of Kukës and Lezha with activities focused on promotion of alternative tourism as Gjallica festival, and Interconnection of Tourism through Cultural Heritage and Intelligent Solutions.

Regional Development Program (RDPA), has financed 4 projects with visible impact in tourism promotion: Strengthening the tourist offer in Belsh through ecological solutions; Green Economy as a SMART development opportunity for Radomira, through a constructed and equipped eco-friendly tourist information point in Radomira and three set up and functional Rest Points along the Korab Mountain trail, a path opened to Black Lake destination of 1.5 km, training provided to local services and hospitality services in tourism, promotional activities;

IPA CBC North Macedonia - Albania has supported the reconstruction of the fire station in Gramsh including procurement of 2 fire trucks, an ambulance and a lifeboat; tourism destinations promotion in Elbasan, culture and tourism promotion in Pogradec.

Interreg IPA CBC Italy - Albania - Montenegro has financed three projects in the area of tourism to support cross-border cooperation on innovation tourism in Fier and the organization of theatres for tourism development, to support young artists in Tirana through innovative models across the borders and fostering dialog on religious tourism.

Increasing capacities in the local market:

7.1

Through financial support of *IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro*, Fier municipality is implementing a project to support SME competition and cross-border cooperation such as professional courses on economic development, youth integration in MAT municipality, training for farmers in Përmet on medicinal aromatic plant cultivation, and enhanced social relations and dialogue in the rural areas through the promotion of tourism, cultural and sport activities in Përmet.

Young people have profited by the setup of a gathering point “HUB-Without drugs” in Librazhd with financial support of *EU for Citizens Programme*. *IPA CBC Greece - Albania* has provided support on economic development and tourism promotional activities for certified products of olive oil and organization of the Agro-business Hub in Berat, extreme tourism development in Greece Albania cross-border area, enhancement of extroversion on culture, folkloric and gastronomic tourism in Pogradec. Through *JICA* support two waste collection trucks and waste containers have been supplied for municipalities of Përmet and Tropoja, while the *Council of Europe* is supporting the project in Dropull on Social Enterprise Accelerator and Incubator for women and youth of the Greek Minority.

Increasing capacities in the local market:

7.1

ROMACTED programme is supporting the Municipality of Gjirokastra to set up a local market for Roma community. *IADSA/Italy* is supporting 4 projects in the area of economic development aiming to:

- a) set up sales network for local farmers in Korça and promotion of local products as key elements for rural development;
- b) building a livestock market in Bubullima, Lushnjë;
- c) develop a sustainable way of doing business for women, the young generation and farmers through reconstruction of cultural center in Pogradec; set up of an info-point for tourism information and promotion (Art Market project).

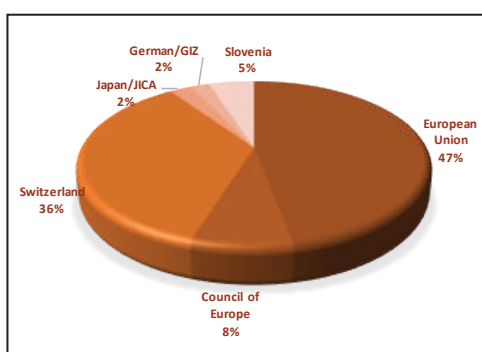
7.2. Environmental Protection

Municipalities are implementing 37 projects which contribute to addressing environmental issues and implementation of services in the functional area of environmental protection. The 37 projects are implemented by 23 local government units. **Total amounts of projects implemented under this functional area is up to 10 million Euro from which 8.4 million Euro is donors' contribution and 1.5 million Euro is the co-financing.** Almost half of the projects, 17, have been finalized in 2022. As noted in the table below the EU has provided 4,7 million Euro or 47% of the donor funds followed by Swiss Government with 3.5 mln EUR, or 36% of total amount of donors' contribution.

Table 5: Donor financing on environmental protection

Donor	Amount (000 EUR)
European Union	4,701 €
Council of Europe	789 €
Switzerland	3,560 €
Japan/JICA	244 €
German/GIZ	210 €
Slovenia	502 €
Total	10,006.29 €

Graph 21: Share of donors' financed projects on environmental protection (%)



The following are some interventions financed for improving services related to environmental protection:

In the area of water and waste management infrastructure

7.2

Tirana Municipality with EU financing is implementing a project on Integrated Water Management System, and managing the project financed by *Council of Europe* "Capital Cities Collaborating on Common Challenges in Hazardous Waste Management in Tirana" that aims to bring significant improvements in HWM, providing innovative and collaborative solutions to local governments, companies, and citizens.

The Municipality of Divjaka is implementing the project “Rapid Response Agro-Lab” aiming to enhance the current laboratory capacity to enable the analysis of waste from organic products, pesticides, antibiotics, as well as provision of reagents for later monitoring for the products of the area.

Support for improvement of Waste Collection Services through procurement Waste Collection Truck and Waste Containers for Mirdita, Belsh, Gjirokastër, Roskovec and Has, has been provided from JICA. GIZ, Germany has supported Municipality of Roskovec to construct a plant waste composting point and increase awareness of the residents about the differentiation of plant waste from urban waste. A wastewater collector has been finalised in Kukës (IPA CBC Albania-Kosovo).

The Municipality of Kamza, with financial support of the *EU for Municipalities and ReLOaD* programmes, is *financing* under the moto “Clean and quality environment in schools” is implementing several activities on waste management and expansion of green surfaces around 25 school buildings. With *SECO* (Swiss) support the Municipality of Berat is renovating the landfill and set up special unit for waste management, purchased 2 trucks, containers and other materials for solid waste recycling.

Berat municipality has co-financed the project with up to 20% and has set up a special unit for waste management. It brings this region’s waste management closer to EU standards and national plans and serves as medium-term solution until a more permanent investment is decided upon for the whole Berat region. Flooding risk from river Osum are now eliminated while waste will no longer be thrown into the river.



In the area of energy efficiency:**7.2**

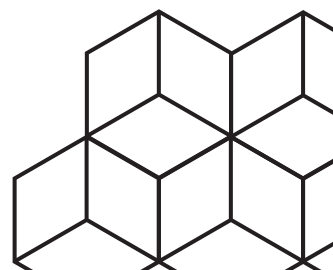
The Municipality of Shkodra is implementing a project supported by *SECO* on Smart Energy Municipality consisting on drafting of the energy audit, local energy and climate plan, technical projects for energy-efficient installation in public lighting, implementation of projects for the installation of energy-efficient lighting fixtures in 11 streets of the city of Shkodra.

Municipality of Has is implementing a project for installation of photovoltaic panels in 4 public buildings in Krume and Has (*IPA CBC Albania-Kosovo*). Vlora municipality is implementing 3 environmental projects aiming to improve the efficiency and sustainability transport, and increase efficiency and use of renewable energies in school buildings through training and promotion activities (*IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro*).

Works are underway to increase the energy efficiency of the Children's Cultural Center in the city of Bilishti through a new heating system and the installation of the photovoltaic system on the roof of the building. LED project – Leading the way to Improve Energy Efficiency, aimed at raising public awareness on energy saving practices in public schools in Dropull and Korça. (*IPA CBC Greece- Albania*).

GIZ is also going to support another project in this municipality to purchase a pumping Station with photovoltaic panels. Promotion of local energy communities and establishing an efficient and effective cross-border Water Management System is a project managed by Tirana municipality (Interreg).

The municipality of Kavaja, funded by the *EU for Municipalities* is implementing a project aimed at promoting innovative practices and tools to reduce carbon emission and improve energy efficiency.



In the area of climate change:

7.2

Several training and promotional activities, preparation of risk management plans for Cërrik, Bogovinë and Vrapcisht; Flood prevention activities have been undertaken in Maliq (*IPA CBC North Macedonia - Albania*). *Through investment on waste management, the municipality of Berat has eliminated flooding risk from river Osum, that was caused due to waste thrown into the river.*

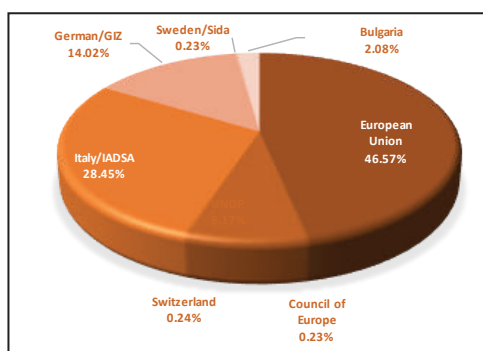
7.3. Social Services

Supporting municipalities to improve their services is essential for promoting the well-being and quality of life for residents. Municipalities play a critical role in delivering social services. Municipalities implemented projects aiming to improve social services **amount up to 6.37 million Euro from which 5.7 million from donors' funds and 0.67 million co-financing**. During 2021 – 2022 there are 49 projects implemented by municipalities. By end of 2022, 15 out of 49 projects have been completed. Projects financed through EU grants EU are at the total amount of 2,97 million Euro, or 46%, followed by Italy, 1.8 mln EUR or 28.4% as the second donor with the larger amount of financing for improving social service delivery from municipalities.

Table 5: Donor financing on social services

Donor	Amount (000 EUR)
European Union	2,970 €
Council of Europe	14 €
UNDP	521 €
Switzerland	16 €
Italy/IADSA	1,814 €
German/GIZ	894 €
Sweden/Sida	15 €
Bulgaria	133€
Total	6,377€

Graph 21: Share of donors' financed projects on social services (%)



The following are some interventions on the functional area of social service:

Setting up and running multifunctional centres:

7.3

Through the *EU for Social Economic Development* and *EU for Municipalities* grant schemes municipalities of Fier, Klos, Kukës, Fushë Arrëz, Përmet, Pukë, Rrogozhinë, Tropojë and Shkodër are implementing projects that focus on improving facilities and managing the *multifunctional youth centres*. With *IADSA/Italy* support municipalities of Berat and Dibra have reconstructed the multifunctional youth centers, Municipality of Elbasan has established a talent Start Up centre, while Gramsh Municipality is engaging youth groups through innovative social and non-formal education services. Dibra municipality through *GIZ* support will establish in Shushice a multifunctional community center. Through *IADSA* support, Shkodra municipality has developed Multi-Functional Services Model of social inclusion and community development, a community-based rehabilitation Centre. Kavaja municipality is managing a project funded by UNDP to establish a youth center.

Improving infrastructure and services for people with disabilities:

7.3

Support to the community centres for disability services in Prrenjas and Kurjan, Roskovec, is financed through *EU for Social Economic Development* and *EU for Municipalities*. The Municipality of Kamza (*ReLOaD*) is implementing a project to make citizens of Kamza from disadvantaged and disabled communities more informed and aware of the importance of early diagnosis of children with the CSA spectrum. With *GIZ* support Municipality of Lushnja is conducting a social mapping on the condition and needs of children with special needs. Children and youth people with disabilities of Shijak through sustainable integrated social services on employment and social care. Build and fully equipped for people with disabilities in Tirana as well as several activities organised.

Through *IADSA* support a community-based rehabilitation centre build and fully equipped for people with disabilities is built by Tirana municipality, as well as several activities organised. Through UNDP support, 12 municipalities are implementing projects in social sector such as the multifunctional centre build for disabled people in Devoll, as well as provision of physiotherapy services for paraplegics and tetraplegics and supply of 55 wheelchair-type and medical equipment for the disabled people. Youth and children with disabilities are receiving improved integrated social services in Mat and Diber.

Individuals with mobility issues are provided with improved integrated health and social services in Pogradec. Through the support of *Bulgarian Government* assistance family services are provided for children with disabilities in Maliq and construction work is underway in Kukës to insure integration of children in the process of education and development in a pleasant environment. Children and youth people with disabilities of Shijak through sustainable integrated social services on employment and social care.

Social inclusion and protection for vulnerable groups

7.3

GIZ has building social and economic resilience for vulnerable groups in Tirana Municipality, social mapping report in the Municipality of Lushnja on the condition and needs of children with special needs. UNDP is supporting 12 projects in social sector such as the multifunctional centre build for disabled people in Devoll, as well as provision of physiotherapy services for paraplegics and tetraplegics and supply of 55 wheelchair-type and medical equipment for the disabled people. Youth and children with disabilities are receiving improved integrated social services in Kamza, Mat and Dibër.

Awareness activities organised to improve access for women and girls who survived violence and free legal aid service provided for women and men in Elbasan. Individuals with mobility issues are provided with improved integrated health and social services in Pogradec.

Council of Europe and EU, through ROMACTED II project, a joint financed project, is aiming to: - enhance professional skills to Roma Community members through internships; More opportunities for employment and formal integration into the labor market Reduction of inequalities and social isolation between the Roma population and businesses.

Capacity building for social workers

7.3

Municipality of Shkodra is managing a project financed by Erasmus plus, supporting training and other activities on social services in the municipality of Shkodër. Units of social services at the municipality of Saranda will be able to provide qualitative support to victims of violence and vulnerable groups and youth at risk. Citizens of Kamëz Municipality will benefit in the short term from integrated multidisciplinary social services and improvement of the quality of such services through improvement of capacities of local units. Citizens of Mallakastra through sustainable integrated services on employment and social care.

Re-integration of Returned Migrants

7.3

*GIZ is supporting Project "Sustainable Socio-Economic **Re-integration of Returned Migrants** in Albania" aiming to Improve the socio-economic situation of the returned migrants and ensure sustainable reintegration of migrant children and families into the society.*

Improving teaching quality:

7.3

Distance & remote education to achieve more (DREAM) is a project of Municipality of Lushnjë supported by Erasmus Plus programme. The project objectives are to provide training to 72 primary school teachers in digital competences, creation of an online platform, drafting of 120 lesson plans, conduction of research and writing articles and other promotional activities.

Enhancing health services:

7.3

Health for All Project (HAP) is a programme financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), aiming to ensure qualitative health services for all it is also providing support to citizens in target regions, especially the marginalized and vulnerable groups, to have increased access to more decentralized, affordable, quality primary health services.

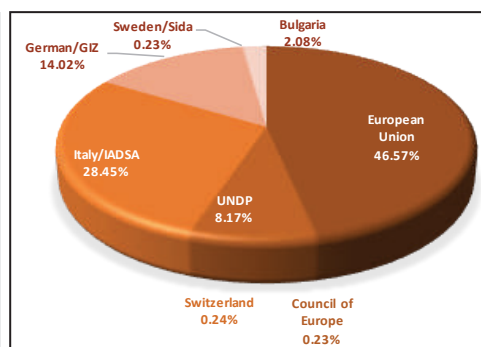
7.4. Infrastructure and public services

There are 34 projects implemented during 2021-2022, managed by 19 local government units. **Total financing amounts to 7.57 million Euro out of which 7.57 million is from Donors funds and 1.26 million local co-financing.** The chart below indicates that projects funded through EU grants are covering the 53% of funds managed by the municipalities for projects aiming to improve municipal infrastructure.

Table 6: Donor financing on infrastructure and public services

Donor	Amount (000 EUR)
European Union	1832 €
Japan/JICA	762 €
Switzerland	1210 €
Italy/IADSA	850€
German/GIZ	894 €
Total	4,908.36€

Graph 22: Share of donors' financed projects on 7.4. Infrastructure and public services (%)



The following is a short information on investments made through grants managed by municipalities for improving municipal infrastructure and public services:

In the area of urban transport:

7.4

Through financial support of *HORIZON 2020 programme*, the municipality of Shkodra has prepared a parking policy for strategic integration of innovative parking management solutions, while Tirana municipality is implementing supported activities relating to the urban transport such as the Mediterranean Mobility Forum for Urban Transports and workshop (*Interreg MED*). Investments to ensure access through improved roads' conditions in the Municipality of Dropull, towards the listed heritage site of the Byzantine Church Nativity of Mary in Kato Episkopi and the Radat village (IPA CBC Greece – Albania).

In the area of urban infrastructure:

7.4

Through *IADSA* financial support, the urban infrastructure in “Lagja 5 shtatori” in Skrapar is improved, offering an approach between urban sustainability and infrastructural services for its inhabitants. Through the RDPA Grants Scheme, financial support have been provided to Municipality of Kamëz for the construction of a nursery school with appropriate infrastructure in the Babrru-Centre area and services to marginalized groups; Municipality of Lezha for the improvement of infrastructure and safety in the promenade of the river Drin, Lezhë, and the construction of bike lanes in Ishull Lezhë village; Municipality of Librazhd for the reconstruction of the village of Fushë Stude and the construction of bike lanes. The project “Zemër Laberia” has achieved to requalify the Vajzë village square, the View Point of the Lapidary “Perlat Rexhepi” and Lapidary in “Amantia”, at Selenica Municipality as well as the organization of the poetry, polyphony festival in Amantia.

Improving education infrastructure facilities:

7.4

SOLIS project - Reconstruction of the public school in the village of Aliko, Finiq and using the photovoltaic elements on it (*IPA CBC Greece - Albania*). EU for Municipalities is supporting the reconstruction of the school "Koço Korçari" Kuçovë, another school in Dushnik and the building of Multifunctional Service in education sector at the municipality of Berat. Municipality of Klos is building a playground for children in order to support sports activities and environment. Through *IPA CBC Greece - Albania* two school buildings have been reconstructed and the cultural centre "Fato Berberi" in Gjirokastra. Through *IADSA programme*, 3 projects have been supported: The High School "Nesim Kacani" and its sports grounds have been reconstructed in Miras, Devoll, the school gym and the school garden reconstructed in Klos and the Kindergarten "Fiqiri Kurti" has been reconstructed in Kavaja. *Slovenian* government has also provided support to reconstruct the Sports terrain in the high school "28 Nëntori" and the construction of the football field at the school "Ali Metra" in MAT. Through this project sports corners have been built and school gardens build in Berat, Kuçovë, Kukës, Devoll and Maliq. Also, through *RDPA programme* a school garden in Devoll has been reconstructed.

Post – Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction

7.4

With *JICA* financed Projects have made possible the Post – Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction in Kruja Municipality and purchase of 2 mini excavators in the Municipality of Memaliaj.



7.5. Culture, art, and protection of cultural heritage

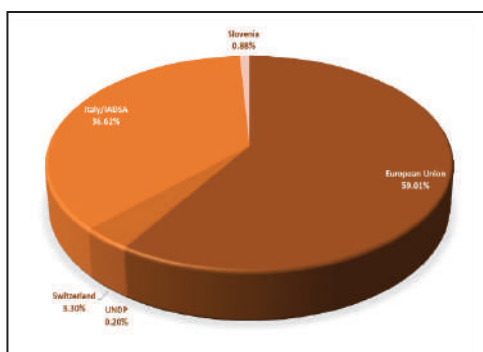
Local governments play a crucial role in protecting cultural heritage within their jurisdictions. Cultural Protection and promotion of heritage i.e., historical sites, landmarks, traditions, artifacts, and intangible cultural elements that are essential to a community's identity and history. They play a vital role in promoting and supporting sports and recreational activities within their communities. Their involvement in sports can have numerous benefits, including promoting physical health, fostering community cohesion, and boosting the local economy. By investing in sports infrastructure and programs, municipalities contribute to the well-being and vibrancy of their local areas.

There are 34 projects implemented during 2021-2022, managed by local government units with a **total financing amounting to 5.2 million Euro of which 4.2 million Euro donors' funds and 0.98 million Euro Albanian contribution.**

Table 7: Donor financing on infrastructure and public services

Donor	Amount (000 EUR)
European Union	3,091€
UNDP	10 €
Switzerland	173 €
Italy/IADSA	1,918 €
Slovenia	46 €
Total	5,238 €

Graph 23: Share of donors' financed projects on 7.4. Infrastructure and public services (%)



Reconstruction and revitalization of culture and arts facilities:

7.5

Municipalities are implementing projects financed by Italy, through IADSA programme projects focused on reconstruction and revitalization work of such as “Zihni Sako” theatre in Gjirokastra, cinema of Memaliaj, multifunctional youth cultural center in Berat. The municipality of Gjirokastër is reconstructing the Culture Centre “Fato Berberi” through an IPA CBC Greece - Albania project funded. Reconstruction of the Theatre Zihni Sako. Municipality of Patos with an EU for Municipalities grant is improving Children Culture Center and related services. Unleashing the Potential of Youth of Lushnja”, EU for Municipalities. The interventions financed by EU for Municipalities and EU for Social Economic Development programmes relate to restoration and set up of 4 multifunctional centers for youth in Përmet, Pukë, Rogozhinë, Klos e Tropojë.

EU has provided support to establish local clusters and social enterprises incubators

7.5

In the field of culture/tourism and folk tradition in Korça, the establishment of a multi-functional Youth Center offering free services, courses in different arts to youth in the Municipality of Lushnja, improving common values of solidarity and cultural dialog (EU cities) in Patos. Innovation and TIK for development of Mat, Municipality of Tirana is implementing the project “Innovative model for young artists’ cross border laboratory” (IPA CBC Italy- Albania Montenegro). The municipality of Fier Theatres for tourism development in Europe. (IPA CBC Italy- Albania Montenegro).

Preservation of culture and historical heritage:

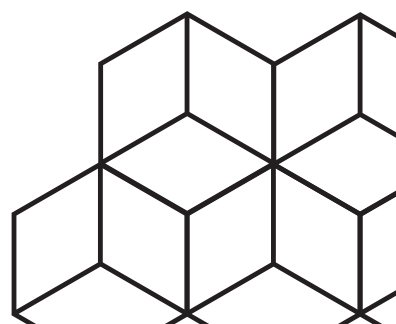
7.5

Revealing stories of discrimination and persecution under the totalitarian regimes (People) and several activities under FARO project in Shkodër and Smart Culture in Pustec. *On culture heritage 7 projects have been implemented during 2021-2022 mainly supported by IPA Cross-Border Cooperation and HORIZON programmes. Finiq municipality is implementing MILESTONE III- Creative cultural cooperation as a tool for stronger tourism capacity and development (IPA CBC Greece - Albania). Thematic CBC tourism development through the preservation of stone craftsmanship (IPA CBC Greece – Albania).*

Reconstruction and revitalization of sports facilities

7.5

EU for Municipalities has supported development of a playgrounds for children in Mirdita. The municipality of Berat, with the support of Swiss Cooperation/ HAP/Health for All Program is building the Sport Facility in the school of Velabisht village. Municipality of Gjirokastra is building with the support of Italy/IADSA, a mini football facility at “Bilal Golemi”-school. Through IADSA programme, 3 projects have been supported: The High School "Nesim Kacani" and its sports grounds have been reconstructed in Miras, Devoll, the school gym and the school garden reconstructed in Klos and the Kindergarten “Fiqiri Kurti” has been reconstructed in Kavaja. The municipality of Mat, with a grant supported by the Slovenian government is reconstructing the sportive facilities in the high school “28 Nëntori” and the construction of the football field at the school “Ali Metra” in MAT.



7.6. Public Safety

There are 4 projects implemented in the area of public safety, with a total amount of 1.17 mln EUR. With support of UK Government, the municipality of Elbasan is implementing the project aiming to prevention of serious crimes, through empowerment, inter-institutional cooperation, increasing the role of the Local Public Safety Council. The municipality of Shkodër and municipality of Gramsh are implementing projects jointly with neighbouring municipalities in the cross-border area are working to establish unique inter-municipal early Forest Fire Detection system and introduce joint risk management for fire prevention in the cross border (*IPA CBC Montenegro -Albania, IPA CBC North Macedonia - Albania*).



7.7. Agriculture, forests and biodiversity

Municipalities are implementing 5 projects which contribute to better management and protection of forests and biodiversity. **Total financing amounts to 1.01 million Euro from which 0.84 million Euro is donors' contribution and 0.16 million Euro is the co-financing.** Projects in this functional area are financed by the EU and Italian Government.

The following are some interventions financed for improving services related to agriculture, forest management and biodiversity:

In the area of forest protection and management:

7.7

Municipality of Berat through IPA CBC Greece Albania grant implemented the reconstruction of the fire station in Berat including purchasing of fire engines to protect the forests, while with a grant financed by *SIDA/Sweden* is planting 2,000 pine trees on the Partizan Mountain.

Promoting the sustainable use of medicinal and aromatic plants are some projects implemented by the municipalities:

7.7

In Tropoja the project objective is the preparation of a monitoring guideline for aromatic medicinal herbs, provision of equipment for the herbs collection center, planting aromatic medicinal herbs and promotional activities. Another project "Building the smart forest" is planned to start to set up an earlier fire detection system in Shkodra (*IPA CBC Montenegro - Albania*). Innovative actions have been implemented in Gjirokastra and Dropull towards the exploitation of pharmaceutical plants in the cross-border cultural heritage (HERBINO project – IPA CBC Greece -Albania).

Drainage and irrigation canals

7.7

Through GIZ financial support and community work, 40 km of **drainage and irrigation canals** have been cleaned and rehabilitated in the area of administrative unit Otlak-Velabisht (Berat).



7.8. Digitalisation of services

The digitalization of local government services offers numerous benefits to both governments and the citizens they serve. The key advantages of digitalization of services include **improve accessibility**, ensuring that citizens can access government services at their convenience, reducing the need for physical visits to government offices; **increase efficiency**: streamlining processes, reducing the time it takes to complete transactions or receive information; **cost savings**, **increase transparency** through providing citizens with real-time access to information about government services, budgets, and decisions.

Municipality of Gjirokastra is managing a project financed by Interreg Adrion to digitalise the public library- The digitized heritage accessible to a wider public in Gjirokastra-ADRINETBOOK.



7.9. *Democratization and Civil Society*

Cooperation with civil society and engaging the civil society organizations are intertwined with local government in fostering accountable, transparent, and participatory governance at the local level. A healthy civil society can help drive democratization efforts, while local government's responsiveness and inclusivity are key components of a thriving democracy.

Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans 2 (ReLOaD2) is a continuation of a regional project effort funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme in six following Western Balkans countries and territories: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia.

ReLOaD2 is working with local governments and incentivize them to use public funding for CSOs in a transparent and development-oriented manner, recognizing local needs and embracing a project-based approach. ReLOaD2 will dedicate a special focus on youth by promoting youth participation and engagement in the decision-making process at the local level.



Funded by the European Union and implemented by UNDP, municipalities are implementing projects in the framework of the ReLOaD2 regional programme implemented in Western Balkan countries. During 2021-2022, the local government units: Kamëz, Kavajë, Patos, Kukës, Lushnjë and Shkodra through sub-granting are implementing projects with the involvement of local CSOs. A transparent model based on concrete projects for the financing of sports associations is implemented by the municipality of Shkodra.

In partnership with other municipalities or entities from EU Member State countries, municipalities of Lezha, Librazhd and Lushnjë are managing projects financed by Europe for Citizens programme. These projects include activities aiming to foster debates and exchanging experiences on the future of Europe and challenging Euroscepticism, on solidarity, as the key to solving social problems, about the citizens' rights and duties, about tolerance and intercultural dialogue.

In addition to dedicated projects aiming to strengthen democratic processes, involvement of civil society organization and youth in local government process, in other projects specific activities are dedicated to community involvement in decision making process.

Democratization and Civil Society





ANNEX:

*List of all projects
being implemented
by municipalities
in 2021-2022*



Municipality	Name of the Project	Donor	PROGRAM	Starting Date	Closing Date	Status	Total Amount of Project	Donor Financing	Co-Financing
BELSH	Cash 4 Work	GIZ	-	11/16/2021	3/16/2023	On-going	11,423,328L	11,423,328L	0L
BELSH	Strengthening the tourist offer through ecological solutions	Swiss Cooperation	RDPA	1/24/2022	11/24/2022	Completed	19,780,000L	14,780,000L	5,000,000L
BELSH	Purchase of technological machines and containers for the disposal of urban waste	JICA -	-	2/21/2022	12/31/2022	Completed	11,678,600L	9,834,000L	1,844,600L
	3								
BERAT	Sport in Velabisht School	Swiss Cooperation	HAP/Health for All Program	1/10/2022	3/31/2023	On-going	1,200,000L	1,000,000L	200,000L
BERAT	Partizan Mountain tree planting project	Sweden/AIDS	-	1/1/2022	1/5/2022	Completed	€2,000	€2,000	€0
BERAT	Rehabilitation of the warehouse	Swiss Cooperation	SECO	1/6/2020	1/6/2022	Completed	€1,100,000	€850,000	€250,000
BERAT	Purchase of a bulldozer for the landfill (SECO)	Swiss Cooperation	SECO	1/3/2022	12/31/2022	Completed	€121,000	€121,000	€0
BERAT	Project for efficient public lighting	Swiss Cooperation	SECO	1/1/2021	12/31/2023	On-going	€583,000	€533,000	€50,000
BERAT	Waste recycling project	Sweden/AIDS	-	1/6/2021	12/31/2023	On-going	€500,000	€500,000	€0
BERAT	Work project for the community	GIZ	-	1/9/2021	12/31/2021	Completed	€90,000	€90,000	€0
BERAT	Revitalization of the Roshnik tourist village	Austria/ADA	-	1/12/2021	12/31/2022	Completed	18,000,000L	15,000,000L	3,000,000L
BERAT	Human Security Projects at the Local Level	JICA -	-	11/24/2021	1/12/2022	Completed	€98,500	€82,500	€16,000
BERAT	Multifunctional Youth Center	Italy	IADSA	1/8/2020	12/31/2022	Completed	34,500,000L	34,500,000L	0L
BERAT	Multifunctional Services in the Education Sector	European Union	EU for Municipalities	1/7/2022	8/31/2023	On-going	€200,000	€180,000	€20,000
BERAT	olive cultures	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/5/2019	1/6/2022	Completed	€66,000	€56,000	€10,000
BERAT	cultural lands	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/5/2019	1/5/2022	Completed	€36,963	€32,163	€4,800
BERAT	FIRE PREP	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/7/2020	5/31/2023	On-going	€824,000	€714,000	€110,000
BERAT	E-Nature	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/4/2020	2/28/2023	On-going	€94,000	€81,000	€13,000
BERAT	Accessible Tourism	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/7/2019	12/31/2022	Completed	€134,000	€109,000	€25,000
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CERRIK	Cross-border fire protection	European Union	IPA CBC AL-MK	1/2/2022	1/8/2024	On-going	€764,250	€730,317	€33,933
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DEVOLL	Improving the Provision of Local Social Protection Services	by UNDP	-	1/1/2020	8/31/2022	Completed	21,168,030L	17,968,030L	3,200,000L
DEVOLL	Devoll Ability Recovery (DAR)	by UNDP	-	8/3/2021	2/23/2022	Completed	2,172,500L	2,010,000L	162,500L
DEVOLL	4 wheels in service - modeling of the provision of mobile social services for the needy sections of the Devoll Municipality	by UNDP	-	1/1/2022	12/31/2022	Completed	5,694,800L	4,599,800L	1,095,000L
DEVOLL	Improvement of education infrastructure and inclusive education for Every Child in Miras Administrative Unit	Italy	IADSA	1/21/2021	12/31/2022	Completed	43,412,000L	41,412,000L	2,000,000L

Municipality	Name of the Project	Donor	PROGRAM	Starting Date	Closing Date	Status	Total Amount of Project	Donor Financing	Co-Financing
DEVOLL	Prevention of risks for environmental sustainable practices for agricultural producers PRESPA	European Union	IPA CBC AL-MK - Greece	12/15/2021	6/15/2024	On-going	€236,785	€236,785	€0
DEVOLL	Sustainable and almost zero-emission communities and the role of public buildings	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/12/2019	3/31/2023	On-going	€346,350	€294,398	€51,953
DEVOLL	Requalification of the grounds of the Abdulla Progri's school, in the village of Progeri	Swiss Cooperation/ADA	RDPA	6/10/2022	3/15/2023	On-going	1,042,729L	706,375L	336,354L
	7								
DIBER	"Providing specialized services for children with disabilities through the Diber Community Center"	by UNDP	'	1/11/2019	3/15/2021	Completed	3,292,010L	1,988,010L	1,304,000L
DIBER	Reconstruction of the Multifunctional Youth Center in Diber.	Italy	IADSA	12/4/2020	12/30/2022	Completed	46,749,800L	41,485,000L	5,264,800L
DIBER	Green Economy as a SMART development opportunity for Radomira.	Swiss Cooperation	RDPA	1/24/2022	11/24/2022	Completed	16,190,880L	13,492,400L	2,698,480L
	3								
DIVJAKA	Rapid Response Agro-Lab Divjake	Italy	IADSA	7/7/2020	2/28/2023	On-going	45,523,100L	36,975,000L	8,548,100L
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DROPULL	Innovative action towards the exploitation of pharmaceutical plants in the cross-border cultural heritage (Herbino)	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/4/2018	3/31/2021	Completed	€29,778	€25,311	€4,467
DROPULL	Leading the way to improve energy efficiency in public schools and propagate the use of renewable energy sources (LED)	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/6/2018	5/30/2021	Completed	€49,295	€41,901	€7,394
DROPULL	Municipal Road Restoration to eliminate isolation of Mountainous and Disadvantaged Regions (EXTROVERT ROAD) Radati	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/4/2018	3/31/2021	Completed	€237,181	€201,604	€35,577
DROPULL	Social Enterprise Accelerator and Incubator for women and youth of the Greek Minority SOCIAL E	Council of Europe	'	8/4/2021	12/31/2023	On-going	€255,105	€242,349	€12,756
DROPULL	Thematic Tourism Development Through the Preservation of polyphonic music, unique element of the cross border cultural heritage POLYPHONIA	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	4/1/2018	8/14/2021	Completed	€77,134	€65,564	€11,570
DROPULL	Community-Led Local Development of Cultural Tourism in Greece and Albania Cllë-CulTour	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/11/2019	10/31/2021	Completed	€138,485	€117,712	€20,773
DROPULL	Municipal Road Restoration to eliminate isolation of Mountainous and Disadvantaged Regions EXTROVERT ROAD (e xtension) BODRISHT-BULARAT	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	5/1/2022	12/31/2022	Completed	€555,716	€472,359	€83,357

Municipality	Name of the Project	Donor	PROGRAM	Starting Date	Closing Date	Status	Total Amount of Project	Donor Financing	Co-Financing
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Durres	APPRODI PLUS: From Ancient Maritime Routes to eco-touristic destinations PLUS	European Union	Interreg ADRION 2014-2020	1/1/2022	7/31/2022	Completed	€19,100	€16,235	€2,865
Durres	APPRODI - From Ancient Maritime Routes to eco-touristic destinations	European Union	Interreg ADRION 2014-2020	1/1/2018	2/28/2021	Completed	€114,667	€97,767	€16,900
Durres	Urban Transport	European Union	Interreg MED 2014-2020	1/11/2019	12/31/2022	Completed	€58,568	€49,783	€8,785
Durres	EUSAR 4 Youth	European Union	EUSAR	4/20/2022	1/31/2023	On-going	€73,605	€54,586	€19,019
	4								
ELBASAN	Engagement of women in decision-making processes in communities in rural areas of Elbasan	Sweden/AIDS	‘	10/1/2022	10/1/2023	Completed	€14,958	€14,958	€0
ELBASAN	Improved access for women and girls who survived violence in Elbasan County.	by UNDP	‘	1/8/2021	4/30/2022	Completed	1,200,000L	1,000,000L	200,000L
ELBASAN	Promoting youth for social change	European Union	Local Social Inclusion	12/16/2021	12/15/2022	Completed	€13,918	€13,918	€0
ELBASAN	Project "Sustainable Socio-Economic Re-integration of Returned Migrants in Albania"	GIZ	‘	1/12/2020	6/20/2023	On-going	€242,173	€242,173	€0
ELBASAN	Expansion of the free legal aid service for women and men in Albania	by UNDP	‘	1/30/2023	1/11/2023	On-going	1,800,000L	1,800,000L	0L
ELBASAN	RAVS	UK	‘	9/3/2022	9/3/2024	On-going	6,682,400L	6,682,400L	0L
ELBASAN	"Krusheva and Elbasan – popular tourist destinations"	European Union	IPACBC AL-MK	1/16/2022	10/6/2024	On-going	€336,610	€224,870	€111,740
ELBASAN	Talent St Art Up	Italy	IADSA	8/27/2020	8/27/2022	Completed	41,776,240L	41,776,240L	0L
ELBASAN	Establishment and operation of the Shushice multifunctional community center	GIZ	‘	10/1/2021	4/12/2024	On-going	€80,131	€80,131	€0
ELBASAN	Solidarity, the key to solving social problems and supporting the evolution of Europe in the future	European Union	Europe for Citizens	11/16/2020	12/21/2022	Completed	€12,240	€12,240	€0
ELBASAN	Qamil Guraniaku 9-year-old school playground	Swiss Cooperation	HAP/Health for All Program	10/20/2022	12/31/2022	Completed	1,292,000L	969,120L	323,327L
	11								
FIER	Cross-border Cooperation and Competitiveness for SMEs (3CASME)	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Montenegro	3/4/2018	3/15/2021	Completed	€134,024	€113,921	€20,103
FIER	Open Tourism-Cross-Border cooperation network for an open-to-innovation tourism	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Montenegro	4/4/2018	3/7/2021	Completed	€111,371	€94,666	€16,705
FIER	Theaters for tourism development in Europe	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Montenegro	4/4/2018	6/14/2021	Completed	€269,578	€229,141	€40,437
FIER	New Opportunities for Fier	European Union	EU for socio economic development	9/1/2021	8/31/2023	On-going	€280,000	€266,000	€14,000
	4								

Municipality	Name of the Project	Donor	PROGRAM	Starting Date	Closing Date	Status	Total Amount of Project	Donor Financing	Co-Financing
FINIQ	SOLIS - Cross-border cooperation for energy efficiency using solar energy.	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	2/14/2021	12/31/2023	On-going	€828,951	€704,609	€124,342
FINIQ	MILESTONE III- Creative cultural cooperation as a tool for stronger tourism capacity and development	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	2/14/2021	12/31/2023	On-going	€310,458	€263,890	€46,568
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FUSHE-ARREZ	NIVNR-Community Service	European Union	EU for Municipalities	10/10/2022	10/7/2023	On-going	€55,270	€49,250	€6,020
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GJIROKASTER	RECONSTRUCTION OF THE 9-YEAR-OLD "SE BASHKU" SCHOOL NATIONAL AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	Completed	25,287,672L	21,989,280L	3,298,392L
GJIROKASTER	RECONSTRUCTION OF THE "FATO BERBERI" CULTURAL CENTER EFFICIENCY AGENCY MED ENERGY PROJECT	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	Completed	57,925,404L	50,369,917L	7,555,487L
GJIROKASTER	RECONSTRUCTION OF "KOTO HOXH" SCHOOL NATIONAL AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES MED ENERGU PROJECT	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/9/2021	1/9/2021	Completed	51,719,921L	44,973,845L	6,746,076L
GJIROKASTER	HERBINNO	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/4/2018	3/31/2021	Completed	€56,242	€47,806	€8,436
GJIROKASTER	ADRI NETBOOK	European Union	Interreg ADRION 2014-2020	2/2/2020	1/3/2023	On-going	€183,574	€156,038	€27,536
GJIROKASTER	ADDRESSIMIC	European Union	Interreg ADRION 2014-2020	1/3/2020	1/3/2023	On-going	€70,070	€59,559	€10,511
GJIROKASTER	PURCHASE OF A TECHNOLOGICAL CAR - JAPANESE EMBASSY	JICA -	-	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Completed	€94,691	€82,340	€12,351
GJIROKASTER	THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ZHINI SAKO THEATER	Italy	IADSA	1/1/2021	12/31/2022	Completed	35,513,284L	30,881,117L	4,632,167L
GJIROKASTER	BUILDING THE ROME MARKET	EU/GoE	ROMACTED	1/1/2022	12/31/2023	On-going	21,252,000L	18,480,000L	2,772,000L
GJIROKASTER	RDP A LAZARAT MEDICINAL PLANTS	Austria/ADA	-	1/1/2022	12/31/2023	On-going	40,922,187L	35,584,511L	5,337,676L
GJIROKASTER	"BILAL GOLEMI" MINI-FOOTBALL FIELD	European Union	Europe for Citizens	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	Completed	5,317,494L	4,623,908L	693,586L
GJIROKASTER	GERHOT REHABILITATION	GIZ	-	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	Completed	17,257,594L	15,006,604L	2,250,990L
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GRAMSH	Engaging Gramsh Youth through innovative social and non-formal education services.	Italy	IADSA	7/7/2021	12/31/2022	Completed	32,858,000L	32,858,000L	0L
GRAMSH	New Opportunities for Safe Winter Adventure	European Union	IPA CBC AL-MK	1/11/2019	10/31/2022	Completed	€137,142	€116,571	€20,571
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HAS	"GREEN JUMP - Toward the local green economy through smart investments"	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Kosovo	1/15/2020	5/15/2023	On-going	€111,210	€77,210	€34,000
HAS	The project for the purchase of a technological machine for the collection of	JICA -	-	10/20/2021	7/26/2022	Completed	€95,310	€79,425	€15,885

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	urban waste and urban waste containers for the Municipality of Has								
	² CIRCLE	European Union	Interreg MED 2014-2020	12/14/2020	7/23/2022	Completed	€138,283	€117,541	€20,742
	¹ Youth access to local entrepreneurship.	European Union	ReLOaD	12/19/2022	10/31/2023	On-going	1,284,000L	1,040,882L	243,118L
KAMEZ	Empowered youth agents of change and active participants of community initiatives of a social nature in the Municipality.	European Union	ReLOaD	12/19/2022	10/31/2023	On-going	1,716,034L	1,391,113L	324,921L
KAMEZ	Improved and new comprehensive capacities of local units for successful social integration of vulnerable subjects.	European Union	Local Social Inclusion	2/5/2022	1/5/2024	On-going	€189,000	€189,000	€0
KAMEZ	Clean environment, health and quality education in schools	European Union	ReLOaD	1/4/2022	11/30/2022	Completed	1,566,150L	1,269,608L	296,542L
KAMEZ	Because every life has value	European Union	ReLOaD	5/4/2022	10/4/2023	On-going	1,589,440L	1,288,486L	300,954L
KAMEZ	Clean and quality environment in schools	European Union	EU for Municipalities	10/10/2022	5/31/2023	On-going	€53,392	€47,260	€6,132
KAMEZ	"Establishment of integrated health and social services for children with disabilities in Kamez Municipality."	by UNDP	-	3/31/2021	12/30/2021	Completed	3,011,500L	1,996,500L	1,015,000L
KAMEZ	Improving access to services and raising the capacities of caregivers and young people with disabilities, in Kamez Municipality.	by UNDP	-	1/11/2019	1/2/2021	Completed	2,989,500L	1,712,000L	1,277,500L
KAMEZ	New daycare for happy baby girl	Swiss Cooperation	RDPA	11/27/2020	1/27/2022	Completed	50,983,021L	42,505,851L	8,477,170L
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KAVA/A	Reconstruction of Kindergarten "Fiqiri Kurti" in Kavaja City	Ital	IADSA	3/1/2021	12/31/2022	Completed	€330,385	€330,385	€0
KAVA/A	Regional Program of the Project for Local Democracy in the Western Balkans 2 (ReLOaD2), project number: 00115510.	by UNDP	-	6/1/2021	9/30/2024	On-going	\$140,000	\$114,400	\$25,600
KAVA/A	Gaming for the Energy Transition of Rural Areas, GETA	European Union	Erasmus Plus	1/1/2023	1/1/2025	Waiting to start	€14,766	€14,766	€0
KAVA/A	Promoting innovative practices and tools to reduce carbon emission and to improve energy efficiency in Kavaja Municipality	European Union	EU for Municipalities	10/10/2022	6/30/2023	On-going	€49,770	€41,400	€8,370
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KLOS	Preventing the involvement of young people in drug cultivation and trafficking through the integration of effective social care and sustainable alternative development according to the 2019-2023 social plan.	European Union	EU for socio economic development	8/7/2022	8/7/2025	On-going	€367,054	€365,704	€1,350

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KLOS	FIRST STEP S: Support for the Environment, Participation and Sport in Klos Municipality	European Union	EU for Municipalities	10/10/2022	10/6/2023	On-going	€48,385	€43,465	€4,920
KLOS	E-MOTION: Mobilization of the School for ECO-Innovation in Klos Municipality	Italy	IADSA	7/7/2020	6/7/2022	Completed	47,297,250L	43,260,750L	4,036,500L
KOLONJE	3 Gate of Rehova	Swiss Cooperation/ADA	RDPA	1/31/2022	11/25/2022	Completed	29,541,786L	14,999,984L	14,541,802L
KORCE	1 Smart energy municipality project	Swiss Cooperation	SECO	11/13/2020	11/13/2023	On-going	€807,673	€573,097	€234,576
KORCE	TASTES OF KORCA-sales network for local farmers and promotion of local products as key elements for rural development	Italy	IADSA	1/26/2021	1/24/2023	On-going	41,367,588L	41,367,588L	0L
KORCE	Authentic Cultural Heritage Preservation and Smart Tourism Development in Korca and Kastoria - Authentikk	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	10/15/2019	5/31/2023	On-going	€322,160	€273,836	€48,324
KORCE	LED- Leading the way to Improve Energy Efficiency in Public Schools and Propagate the Use of Renewable Energy Sources Program: Interreg Greece-Albania 2014-2020	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/6/2018	6/30/2021	Completed	€71,764	€61,000	€10,764
KORCE	Includ - Local clusters and social enterprise incubators in the field of culture/tourism and folk tradition	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/1/2018	4/30/2021	Completed	€102,053	€86,745	€15,308
KRUJA	5 The Project for Post – Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction in Kruja Municipality	JICA -	-	6/9/2021	5/13/2022	Completed	9,024,000L	9,024,000L	0L
KUCOVA	1 Strengthening Capacities Of Kuçova Municipality Fire Protection and Rescue Service	JICA -	-	9/11/2022	4/30/2023	On-going	€78,000	€78,000	€0
KUCOVA	Reconstruction of the school "Koco Korçari" Kucove	European Union	EU for Municipalities	10/10/2022	6/30/2023	On-going	€49,725	€34,825	€14,900
KUCOVA	Reconstruction of the square and sports corner of the 9-year-old school "Koco Korçari"	Swiss Cooperation	HAP/Health for All Program	7/10/2022	2/15/2023	Completed	1,218,035L	955,352L	262,683L
KUKES	3 Reload	European Union	ReLoaD	1/30/2021	12/30/2024	On-going	\$100,000	\$78,700	\$21,300
KUKES	The adventure park in Shishavec	Swiss Cooperation/ADA	RDPA	1/27/2022	10/30/2022	Completed	18,040,636L	14,996,363L	3,044,273L
KUKES	Sports and Entertainment	Swiss Cooperation	HAP/Health for All Program	7/1/2022	9/30/2022	Completed	1,363,048L	930,439L	432,609L
KUKES	New Opportunities in Kukës - NOK	European Union	EU for socio economic development	9/1/2021	9/1/2023	On-going	€234,976	€223,227	€11,749

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KUKES	Eco-Tourism Routes in the Cross-Border Area for the Promotion of Alternative Tourism (ECO-ROUTES)	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Kosovo	3/1/2022	9/1/2024	On-going	€143,450	€121,933	€21,517
KUKES	Emo-underground	European Union	Interreg ADRIION 2014-2020	1/1/2020	1/31/2023	On-going	€150,135	€135,119	€15,016
KUKES	Integration of children in the process of education and development in a pleasant environment	Bulgaria	-	4/1/2022	2/20/2023	On-going	€104,141	€95,378	€8,763
KUKES	Clean Water in Gjakova and Kukës	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Kosovo	1/15/2020	12/30/2022	Completed	€466,000	€389,322	€76,678
KURBINI	8 Pathway towards an efficient use of local natural resources	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Kosovo	3/6/2022	3/12/2024	On-going	€420,167	€357,142	€63,025
LEZHA	1 Debating the Future of Europe and Challenging Eurocentrism: A Journey in Media Literacy to Counter Eurocentric Narratives	European Union	Europe for Citizens	1/9/2019	8/31/2022	Completed	€1,350	€1,350	€0
LEZHA	"Alternative Narratives for Tolerance and Intercultural Dialogue to Overcome Stereotypes and Spread Equality	European Union	Europe for Citizens	1/9/2020	8/31/2023	On-going	€1,925	€1,925	€0
LEZHA	Improvement of infrastructure and safety in the promenade of the river Drin, Lezhë	Swiss Cooperation/ADA	RDPA	11/27/2020	1/27/2022	Completed	38,755,930L	32,297,011L	6,458,919L
LEZHA	Improvement of road infrastructure for pedestrians and bicycles in the village of Ishull Lezhë	Swiss Cooperation/ADA	RDPA	2/28/2022	12/28/2022	Completed	25,354,615L	11,615,492L	13,739,123L
LEZHA	Tourism development in Lezha	European Union	EU for Municipalities	10/10/2022	7/10/2023	On-going	€51,840	€46,656	€5,184
LEZHA	Interconnection of Tourism through Cultural Heritage and Intelligent Solutions in Lezhë and Gjakova	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Kosovo	4/3/2022	10/3/2024	On-going	€157,483	€133,860	€23,622
LIBRAZHID	6 Revision	European Union	Europe for Citizens	12/3/2019	3/15/2023	On-going	€22,680	€22,680	€0
LIBRAZHID	Food Hub-No drugs! Gathering point, alternative development for young people and communities in Librazhd	European Union	Europe for Citizens	1/10/2021	1/30/2024	On-going	€318,000	€295,000	€23,000
LIBRAZHID	The reconstruction of the center of the village of Fushë Stude and the construction of the bicycle path	Swiss Cooperation/ADA	RDPA	1/31/2022	11/30/2022	Completed	17,083,160L	13,150,195L	3,932,965L
LUSHNJE	3 ROMACTED II	CoE/EU	-	11/5/2021	12/30/2024	On-going	0L	0L	0L
LUSHNJE	"Construction of the live thing market, Bubullinë Administrative Unit, Lushnje"	Italy	IADSA	11/25/2020	12/31/2022	Completed	30,294,137L	30,294,137L	0L

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LUSHNJE	ReLoad II	European Union	-	9/15/2021	12/31/2024	On-going	\$120,000	\$103,000	\$17,000
LUSHNJE	"Social Mapping in the Municipality of Lushnja"	GIZ	-	12/1/2021	6/30/2022	Completed	€3,000	€3,000	€0
LUSHNJE	"Rehabilitation and maintenance of the infrastructure of the Toshkez Primary Health Care Center"	Swiss Cooperation	HAP/Health for All Program	6/14/2021	12/31/2022	Completed	10,021,993L	7,015,395L	3,006,598L
LUSHNJE	"Unleashing the Potential of Youth of Lushnja"	European Union	EU for Municipalities	10/10/2022	5/10/2023	On-going	€50,873	€45,830	€5,043
LUSHNJE	"Live Free in the Melting Pot"	European Union	Europe for Citizens	4/1/2021	11/20/2022	Waiting to start	€16,630	€16,630	€0
LUSHNJE	"Distance & Remote Education To Achieve More (DREAM)"	European Union	Erasmus Plus	11/1/2021	11/1/2023	On-going	€29,162	€29,162	€0
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MALIQ	FLOOD PREVENTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	European Union	IPACBC AL-MK	11/15/2019	11/14/2021	Completed	€241,990	€193,592	€48,398
MALIQ	Strengthening the Coordinated Referral Mechanism to effectively address cases of gender-based violence and domestic violence	by UNDP	-	2/11/2020	10/29/2021	Completed	927,500L	798,500L	129,000L
MALIQ	Multifunctional Center	by UNDP	-	1/9/2020	3/31/2021	Completed	14,356,548L	14,356,548L	0L
MALIQ	I also want to have fun	Swiss Cooperation	HAP/Health for All Program	3/21/2022	10/18/2022	Completed	628,282L	502,000L	126,282L
MALIQ	Providing Family Services for Children with Disabilities and Stressing Services in the Community Center Mallq	Bulgaria	-	4/4/2022	3/29/2024	On-going	€28,500	€25,500	€3,000
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MALLAKASTRA	SUSTAINABLE MODEL OF INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES IN MALLAKASTER MUNICIPALITY	European Union	Local Social Inclusion	1/5/2022	4/30/2024	Waiting to start	€221,742	€221,742	€0
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MAT	Providing services for people with disabilities "No one is left behind"	by UNDP	-	1/10/2020	3/31/2021	Completed	1,000,000L	1,000,000L	0L
MAT	Sportv environment in high school November 28	Slovenian government	-	6/22/2020	4/20/2021	Completed	€33,018	€9,988	€23,030
MAT	Construction of the football field for the 9-year school "Ali Metra"	Slovenian government	-	1/12/2022	4/28/2023	On-going	€12,995	€7,995	€5,000
MAT	Reconstruction of Lis Health Center and Mallunxë and Zenisht Ambulances	Swiss Cooperation	HAP/Health for All Program	5/17/2021	2/17/2022	Completed	13,038,692L	9294224 L	3744468 L
MAT	The increase of greenspaces in the municipality of Mat	JICA -	-	12/3/2021	5/5/2022	Completed	11,892,000 L	9918600 L	1973400 L
MAT	Innovation and culture to develop Mati	European Union	EU for Municipalities	1/7/2022	6/30/2023	On-going	€238,000	€200,000	€38,000

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MAT	MAT YES! "More Alternatives Toward Youths Education and Social-economic Integration" ⁷	European Union	EU for socio economic development	1/9/2021	8/31/2023	On-going	€285,000	€270,000	€15,000
MEMALIAJ	Purchase of 2 mini excavators with km/0	JICA - Italy	‘	3/16/2022	9/12/2022	Completed	11.961,540L	9,839,000L	2,122,540L
MEMALIAJ	The reconstruction of the former City Cinema ²	Italy	IADSA	7/7/2020	5/25/2021	Completed	26,923,600L	26,923,600L	0L
MIRDITA	Improvement of Waste Collection Services through Waste Collection Truck and Waste Containers Procurement for Mirdita	JICA -	‘	12/3/2021	11/3/2022	Completed	11,866,680L	9,926,100L	1,940,580L
MIRDITA	EU4Kids in Kreshen	European Union	EU for Municipalities	10/10/2022	10/5/2023	On-going	€46,857	€40,121	€6,736
MIRDITA	Revitalization cultural activities in the community of Mirdita.	Italy	IADSA	7/9/2020	7/12/2022	Completed	46,034,700L	35,008,500L	11,026,200L
MIRDITA	Rehabilitation of the Malaj-Tarazh irrigation canal ⁴	Austria/ADA		12/14/2020	11/4/2022	Completed	47,258,645L	39,382,738L	7,875,907L
PATOS	European Cities - Improving Common Values of Solidarity and Cultural Dialogue.	European Union	Europe for Citizens	1/28/2020	11/30/2021	Completed	€5,000	€5,000	€0
PATOS	Regional Program for Local Democracy	European Union	‘	7/7/2021	12/31/2024	On-going	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$50,000
PATOS	Improving Children Culture Center and Related Services	European Union	EU for Municipalities	1/10/2022	11/30/2023	Waiting to start	€62,160	€49,000	€13,160
PATOS	"Reconstruction of the premises of the Ruzhdie Health Center and the Ambulance in Dukas Çoban".	Swiss Cooperation	HAP/Health for All Program	4/4/2022	4/8/2022	Completed	15,082,555L	10,125,330L	4,957,225L
PATOS	"Art Market - rural development an opportunity to develop a sustainable way of doing business for women, young generation and farmers" ⁵	Italy	IADSA	5/28/2021	1/12/2022	On-going	38,621,730L	35,168,914L	3,452,816L
PËRMET	Municipality with intelligent energy use (SEMP)	Swiss Cooperation	SECO	4/22/2022	12/31/2026	On-going	€564,025	€436,992	€127,033
PËRMET	Exploring the cultural heritage of the cross-border region through a digital library and oral sources (Acronym: EXPLORAL)	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/4/2018	9/30/2021	Completed	€151,863	€129,083	€22,780
PËRMET	Revitalization of the Multifunctional Cinema in Përmet Municipality: a WAY to promote social inclusion, C-WAY	Italy	IADSA	6/25/2020	6/25/2022	Completed	37,956,463L	33,165,463L	4,791,000L
PËRMET	Project for providing one waste collection truck and waste containers	JICA -	‘	12/9/2022	3/31/2023	On-going	€78,000	€78,000	€0
PËRMET	Visiting the Margins. Innovative CULTural Tourism in European peripheries - INCULTUM	European Union	HORIZON	1/5/2021	1/5/2024	On-going	€26,875	€26,875	€0

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PËRMET	Medicinal Aromatic Plant Cultivation as a Sustainable Alternative To Cannabis in Përmet - MAPCULT	European Union	EU for socio economic development	1/9/2021	1/9/2024	On-going	€175,744	€155,045	€20,699
PËRMET	The matic CB tourism development through the preservation of stone craftsmanship (Acronym: STONE.ART)	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/30/2020	3/31/2023	On-going	€121,800	€103,530	€18,270
PËRMET	Developing and promoting extreme tourism in Greece Albania cross-border area (Acronym: EX.TOUR)	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	3/26/2018	9/30/2021	Completed	€76,261	€65,061	€11,200
PËRMET	Establishment of Business Clubs for the enhancement of entrepreneurship in the c/b area (Acronym: Business.Clubs)	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/2/2018	9/30/2021	Completed	€571,322	€559,841	€11,481
PËRMET	Improve Access to Public Services for Youth Empowerment in Përmet. (IN-YEP)	European Union	EU for Municipalities	1/7/2022	1/8/2023	On-going	€135,400	€117,400	€18,000
PËRMET	Key People, Key Knowledge	European Union	EU for socio economic development	10/10/2022	10/10/2025	On-going	€272,788	€248,427	€24,361
POGRADEDEC	¹¹ Integrated health and social services for individuals with mobility issues	UNDP	'.	8/3/2021	12/31/2021	Completed	2,210,540L	1,898,300L	312,240L
POGRADEDEC	The future belongs to young people	Italy	IADSA	7/28/2020	12/31/2022	Completed	58,590,000L	42,850,000L	15,740,000L
POGRADEDEC	Struga & Pogradec for promoting tourism and cultural heritage - COOL TOUR	European Union	IPA CBC AL-MK	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	On-going	€253,181	€175,287	€77,894
POGRADEDEC	Enhancement Extroversion on Culture, Folkloric and Gastronomic Tourism	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	6/15/2018	1/31/2022	Completed	€82,831	€70,406	€12,425
PRRENJAS	Community Center for disability services (C2Ds)	European Union	EU for socio economic development	1/6/2022	1/9/2024	On-going	€134,722	€118,055	€16,667
PUKA	¹ "Municipality for young people"	European Union	EU for Municipalities	1/7/2022	1/7/2023	On-going	€210,000	€189,000	€21,000
PUSTEC	¹ IT CULTURE	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/7/2018	8/31/2021	Completed	€96,084	€81,671	€14,413
PUSTEC	Net Metering	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/3/2018	12/16/2022	Completed	€81,374	€69,169	€12,205
PUSTEC	SMART_CUL_TOUR	European Union	IPA CBC AL-MK	1/12/2019	1/12/2021	Completed	€123,960	€105,366	€18,594
ROSKOVEC	³ Romacted II	Council of Europe	'.	3/2/2023	3/31/2024	On-going	172,466,405L	172,351,701L	114,704L
ROSKOVEC	Construction of the composting field, Roskovec Municipality	GIZ	'.	3/31/2022	9/29/2022	Completed	7,063,239L	4,051,673L	3,011,566L

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ROSKOVEC	The project for the provision of a truck and containers for the collection of garbage and waste in Roskovec Municipality	JICA -	-	3/2/2022	12/10/2022	Completed	€82,500	€82,500	€0
ROSKOVEC	"Supplying the Pumping Station in the Hoxhejti SUK 1 neighborhood with photovoltaic panels"	GIZ	-	12/25/2022	10/10/2023	Waiting to start	€55,000	€50,000	€5,000
ROSKOVEC	Revitalization of the Kurjan Community Center school, for better access to socio-economic empowerment for young people and marginalized groups	European Union	EU for socio economic development	10/6/2022	10/10/2025	On-going	€471,531	€447,954	€23,577
PUKE	5 Empowering Future Leaders	European Union	EU for Municipalities	10/10/2022	5/31/2023	On-going	€54,500	€49,050	€5,450
SARANDA	1 AID and Service to our community - from Youth	European Union	ReLoaD	1/1/2023	8/31/2023	Waiting to start	€13,240	€9,950	€3,290
SARANDA	Students paint the environment, bring back crafts, recycle and love heritage.	UNDP	-	1/1/2023	9/30/2023	Waiting to start	€10,262	€7,712	€2,550
SARANDA	Separation of waste at source	European Union	ReLoaD	11/4/2022	11/3/2023	On-going	€12,000	€8,958	€3,042
SARANDA	4 Respect and dignity for women and girls	European Union	ReLoaD	11/4/2022	11/3/2023	On-going	1,996,000L	1,827,860L	168,140L
SELENICE	Heart of La bëne	Swiss Cooperation	RDPA	2/2/2022	4/12/2022	Completed	18,000,000L	15,000,000L	3,000,000L
SHIJAK	1 Integrated Social Services for the inclusiveness of children and young people with disabilities in Shijak Municipality	European Union	Local Social Inclusion	1/6/2022	10/30/2024	On-going	€318,441	€254,753	€63,688
SHKODËR	1 ReLoaD/Sport program	European Union	-	1/11/2017	12/31/2024	On-going	30,828,000L	0L	30,828,000L
SHKODËR	The ReLoaD program	European Union	-	1/11/2017	1/31/2024	On-going	10,840,000L	0L	10,840,000L
SHKODËR	Smart Energy Municipalities SEMP (Smart Energy Municipalities Project in Albania)	Swiss Cooperation	SECO	8/19/2019	12/31/2024	On-going	€384,574	€297,274	€87,300
SHKODËR	PEOPLE - Personal stories of discrimination and persecution under the totalitarian regimes of the XX century	European Union	Europe for Citizens	7/12/2021	12/31/2022	On-going	€12,445	€12,445	€0
SHKODËR	FARO - The Dissonant Heritage in European Towns – Creating a European narrative of contested identities through citizens'	European Union	Europe for Citizens	2/21/2022	1/3/2023	On-going	€14,600	€14,600	€0
SHKODËR	Shkodra Multi-Functional Services Model of social inclusion and development of the community	Italy	IADSA	7/7/2020	6/7/2022	Completed	€348,855	€216,291	€132,564
SHKODËR	Tightening Up the Victims Empowering Systems in Albania @Shkodër TVESA@Sh	European Union	Local Social Inclusion	1/7/2022	4/30/2025	On-going	€80,768	€73,380	€7,388
SHKODËR	Building Smart Forest	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Montenegro	1/3/2023	1/7/2026	Waiting to start	€218,855	€182,318	€36,537

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SHKODËR	Hold on	European Union	Erasmus Plus	1/2/2023	1/2/2025	Waiting to start	€27,562	€27,562	€0
SHKODËR	Boost to Social Inclusion and Development of the Community	European Union	EU for Municipalities	1/7/2022	7/31/2023	On-going	€178,298	€158,603	€19,695
SHKODËR	Project title: 'Actions demonstrate how Park4SUMP will lead to achieve sustainable transport in urban areas by strategically integrating innovative parking management solutions into SUMP policies.' — 'Park4SUMP'	European Union	HORIZON	1/9/2018	1/8/2022	Completed	€29,422	€29,422	€0
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SKRAPAR	Less waste ll	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	9/17/2018	7/30/2022	Completed	€102,300	€89,000	€13,300
SKRAPAR	OSSI Urban Infrastructure Improvement in District 5 Shatori Construction of a Multifunctional Creative Center	Italy	IADSA	6/7/2020	12/30/2022	Completed	40,657,416L	33,881,180L	6,776,236L
SKRAPAR	Donation of an Autobot type vehicle for the maintenance of the green surfaces of the municipality of Skrapar	JICA -	-	2/18/2022	8/17/2022	Completed	€99,000	€82,500	€16,500
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TEPELENË	Reconstruction of primary service centers in rural areas	Italy	IADSA	1/5/2020	9/15/2021	Completed	€432,000	€432,000	€0
TEPELENË	Emerging Cultural Tourism by Discovering Hiking and Cultural Routes in the CB Area	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Greece	1/5/2019	5/31/2023	On-going	€148,500	€124,300	€24,200
TEPELENË	Adriatic Landscape Interpretation	European Union	Interreg ADRIION 2014-2020	8/31/2018	1/31/2023	Completed	€181,407	€160,186	€21,221
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TIRANA	CIVIC ENERGY FUTURE: SUSTAINABLE LOCAL ENERGY COMMUNITIES	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Montenegro	1/7/2019	12/30/2022	Completed	€212,498	€180,624	€31,874
TIRANA	"Inclusive EduJobs Toward Context Relevant Policies and Services Enhancing Employability and Educational Outcomes of Roma and Egyptians in Albania"	European Union	Local Social Inclusion	4/21/2022	5/30/2025	On-going	€245,121	€208,427	€36,694
TIRANA	"Building Social and Economic Resilience for Vulnerable Groups in Tiana Municipality",	GIZ	-	12/15/2021	6/14/2023	On-going	568620	550620	18000
TIRANA	"INNOVATIVE MODEL FOR YOUNG ARTISTS CROSS BORDER LABORATORY"	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Montenegro	12/14/2021	3/14/2023	On-going	€184,348	€156,696	€27,652
TIRANA	Commanding and Operations Mechanism for Multisector Analysis of Nexus Disaster Data	European Union	HORIZON	2/1/2020	3/11/2022	Completed	€56,976	€41,165	€15,811
TIRANA	"Integrated Water Management System in Crossborder Area - CROSS WATER/	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Montenegro	5/9/2019	1/3/2023	On-going	€838,123	€728,803	€109,320
TIRANA	Food Trails	European Union	HORIZON	11/26/2020	11/26/2024	On-going	€207,012	€207,012	€0

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TIRANA	Interfaith - Fostering Interfaith Dialogue and Enhancing Cross-border Religious Tourism	European Union	IPA CBC IT -AL-MIN	4/12/2020	6/30/2023	On-going	€180,033	€153,029	€27,004
TIRANA	"Capital Cities Collaborating on Common Challenges in Hazardous Waste Management - Yerevan, Warsaw, Tirana"	Council of Europe	'-	5/28/2020	9/28/2023	On-going	€788,810	€788,810	€0
TIRANA	Command and Operations Mechanism for Multisector Analysis of Nexus Disaster data	Council of Europe	'-	4/1/2020	3/9/2022	Completed	€72,788	€56,977	€15,811
TIRANA	"Tirana's Social Center for Disabled People"	Italy	IADSA	2/9/2020	7/7/2022	Completed	54,055,890L	41,854,140L	12,201,750L
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TROPOJA	"Improving the cleaning service in the Municipality of Tropoja."	JICA -	'-	10/3/2021	10/3/2022	Completed	12,307,358L	9,845,887L	2,461,471L
TROPOJA	Youth Growth in EU perspective	European Union	Europe for Citizens	1/4/2021	11/20/2022	Completed	€25,000	€25,000	€0
TROPOJA	Promoting Sustainable Use of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants for Livelihood Improvement and Biodiversity Conservation	European Union	IPA CBC Albania - Montenegro	7/12/2020	6/7/2023	On-going	€447,394	€380,285	€67,109
TROPOJA	Active Tropoja Youths for Our Municipality (ATV4M)	European Union	EU for Municipalities	1/10/2022	5/31/2023	On-going	€53,848	€48,463	€5,385
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VAU I DEJES	VAU DEJES-as tourism destination	European Union	EU for socio economic development	3/10/2022	3/31/2025	On-going	€385,105	€375,497	€9,608
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Vlore	SulMo	European Union	IPA CBC IT -AL-MIN	1/1/2020	3/31/2023	On-going	€254,400	€216,240	€38,160
Vlore	CO-CLEAN	European Union	IPA CBC IT -AL-MIN	1/1/2020	3/31/2023	On-going	€115,000	€97,750	€17,250
Vlore	EFFECTS	European Union	IPA CBC IT -AL-MIN	1/9/2020	3/31/2023	On-going	€131,740	€111,979	€19,761
Vlore	BLUE MED PLUS	European Union	Interreg MED 2014-2020	1/6/2021	7/30/2022	Completed	€40,069	€34,000	€6,069



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