

“Engage the Albanian Diaspora to the Social and Economic Development of Albania”

Implementing the Albanian National Diaspora Strategy 2021-2025 and its Action Plan

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Objective:

- To assist in the implementation of the National Diaspora Strategy 2021-2025 and its Action Plan by enhancing capacities of the responsible government and public institutions through the engagement as consultants of mainly previous members from Albanian diaspora.

Activities:

- Six experts were hired and placed at 6 institutions selected that are responsible for the implementation of different aspects of the Strategy, namely:
 - The Ministry of Finance and Economy
 - The Ministry of Justice
 - The Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth
 - The Ministry of Culture
 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - The Bank of Albania
- This scheme is a critical part of the Diaspora Programme, contributing to the first pillar: Government of Albania implements a comprehensive approach toward Diaspora engagement for Development in line with the overall policy framework.

Target group:

- Local experts with professional experience in the respective areas as well diaspora matters.
- Albanian Government Institutions (mentioned above) and the public benefiting from these institutions.

How it works:

The government institutions and other public institutions are responsible for implementing the National Diaspora Strategy and its Action Plan by completing the actions that are assigned to them within their area of activity. On the basis of these activities, the fellowship recruited expertise among Albanian professionals with knowledge in the respective areas. Six consultants were placed in six institutions.

In collaboration with the focal points appointed in these ministries and in coordination with the State Ministry of Diaspora they support the institutions in advancing their work. Put it in a summarized way:



- the Bank of Albania in taking actions with the assessment and policies for the increase of migrant remittance and administration of Diaspora remittances;
- the Ministry of Finance in finding ways to attract investments from Diaspora companies;
- the Ministry of Culture in its mission of preserving the identity of Albanians, Albanian history and culture among diaspora members;
- the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth in its main goal of enabling the teaching of the Albanian language in the diaspora communities;
- the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs in informing, assisting and registering Albanian migrants;
- the Ministry of Justice in reviewing the existing legal framework in the field of migration, for the purpose of expanding the sphere of protection of the Albanian communities abroad, in line with the international standards.

More concretely:

- Six consultancy positions were advertised;
- Six experts were selected based on applications and interviews;
- They were introduced and placed in the relevant institutions;
- Their engagement will last for six months, from March 2021 to August 2021, with the possibility for extension;
- They will mainly produce research documents, databases, provide recommendations for improvement.