

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

### Support to transfer of know-how and skills through a Fellowship Programme

**Objective:** Facilitate the engagement of members of Albanian diaspora, especially in Italy but also in France and Belgium, to the social-economic development of Albania through know-how and skills transfer, through a Fellowship scheme.

**Activities:**

- Fellowships in Albania, to Government institutions, for Albanian diaspora members in Italy (including Arberesh), France and Belgium;
- Fellowships in Italy, to the Albanian Embassy in Rome and Consulates in Milan and Bari, for the Albanian diaspora members in Italy (including Arberesh);
- Fellowships in Albania to support territorial development, for Albanian diaspora members in Italy (including Arberesh).

**Target group:**

- Professionals from the Albanian diaspora in Italy, France and Belgium;
- Professionals from specific Arbëresh community in Italy;
- Members of Albanian Diaspora who have completed at least a full cycle of studies in Italy.

**How it works:**

The Programme, through its various objectives, aims at the creation and implementation of a fellowship scheme to encourage the transfer and use of skills and know-how of Albanian diaspora members in Italy, France and Belgium to contribute to strengthening institutional capacities on Diaspora engagement, in Albania and Italy, as well as to support territorial development in Albania.

The *fellowship* will consist in temporary engagements, typically for a period of 4-6 months. The engagement will be carried out in the Albanian territory or in Italy. The fellowships in Italy will be open only to members of Albanian Diaspora in Italy, while the fellowships in Albania will be open also to members of Albanian Diaspora in France and Belgium.

The selected *fellows* will receive an allowance to cover their expenses of the engagement as well as travel costs for the accomplishment of the activities, should this be necessary.

This opportunity will bring you closer to your home country and make you proud of contributing to its social-economic development.

### **More concretely**

- The vacancies for the Fellowship Programme will be published on the IOM website and social media of IOM ([www.albania.iom.int/vacancy](http://www.albania.iom.int/vacancy) and <https://www.facebook.com/IOMAlbania/>) as well as in the websites and social media profiles of Albanian partner institutions and the donor;
- A selection panel will evaluate the received applications and will select the successful applicants of the Fellowship Programme.

