

“ENGAGE THE ALBANIAN DIASPORA TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ALBANIA”

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



OBJECTIVE:

- Support the implementation of the National Diaspora Strategy 2021–2025 and its Action Plan by enhancing the capacities of the responsible government and public institutions through the engagement of local consultants.



TARGET GROUP:

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



ACTIVITIES:

7 experts were engaged and placed at 6 institutions responsible for the implementation of different areas of the National Diaspora Strategy, namely:

- Ministry of Finance and Economy
 - Ministry of Justice
 - Ministry of Education and Sports
 - Ministry of Culture
 - Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
 - Bank of Albania
- This scheme was a critical part of the Diaspora Programme, contributing to its first pillar: Government of Albania implements a comprehensive approach toward Diaspora engagement for Development in line with the overall policy framework.



HOW IT WORKED:

The government institutions and other public institutions are responsible for implementing the National Diaspora Strategy and its Action Plan 2021–2025 by completing the actions that are assigned to them within their area of activity. On the basis of these activities, the programme recruited expertise among Albanian professionals with knowledge in the respective areas. Seven 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 supported the institutions in advancing their work.

MORE CONCRETELY:

- Seven consultancy positions were advertised and seven local experts were selected based on applications and interviews.
- They were introduced and placed in the relevant institutions from March to October 2021.
- They produced research documents, databases, opinions that were published in the “Albanian Diaspora” newspaper
- Provides recommendations to:
 - The Ministry of Finance and Economy in finding ways to attract investments from Diaspora;
 - The Ministry of Culture in its mission of preserving the identity of Albanians, Albanian history and culture among diaspora members;
 - The Ministry of Education and Sports in its main goal of supporting the teaching of the Albanian language in the diaspora communities;
 - The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs in informing and assisting 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 international standards;

- The Bank of Albania in taking actions to stimulate beneficial banking policies for migrant remittance flows.

