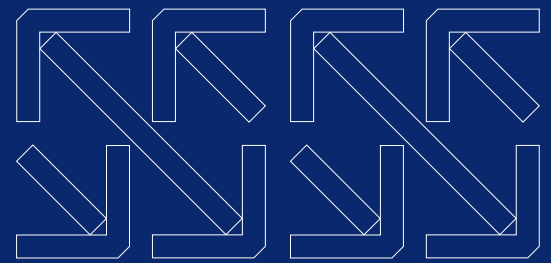


Strengthening Local Institutional Capacities on Migration in Albania



This project aims to contribute to enabling local governments to effectively manage migration and diaspora matters. This includes a focus on promoting employment for internal migrants, reintegrating returned migrants, and encouraging diaspora investments while strengthening interinstitutional coordination and migration stakeholders' engagement, all the while reshaping the narrative on migration.

The project will support central and local institutions in Albania to develop, strengthen capacities, and pilot the legal, administrative, and operational procedures for internal migration, return and reintegration, and diaspora engagement aiming to increase employment opportunities for the Albanian workforce while supporting the interinstitutional cooperation of local and central government agencies, vertical and horizontal coordination and changing the narrative on migration targeting the public at large with a special focus on the young generations and their self-improvement/empowerment. This includes:

- Consolidating the national regulatory framework by drafting new guidelines, and standard operating procedures (SOPs) on internal migration, return and reintegration of Albanian emigrants, diaspora engagement in local development, and developing inter-agency cooperation protocols followed by training, capacity building of public officials at local level to apply effectively, test and pilot the improved framework.
- Exploring and supporting cooperation opportunities and mechanisms between local government, business community representatives, local communities, and other stakeholders to encourage internal migration aiming to increase employment opportunities for the Albanian workforce and with the engagement of diaspora's contributions as well as strengthening the horizontal and vertical cooperation between the two governance levels and other related stakeholders.
- Inter-municipal Pacts for Employment (IMPEs) will be designed and implemented between Municipalities, business community representatives and the public employment/VET services, to serve as a competitive alternative to secure job opportunities, decent salary, skills development, transfer of knowledge and skills to home municipalities, compliance with the labor code and the social/health insurance legal frame, while discouraging irregular migration outside of Albania.

ABOUT THE PROJECT



Project type:
Community Development



Geographical Coverage:
Albania



Implementing Agency:
IOM Mission in Albania



Beneficiaries:
Government of Albania;
State Minister Local Government;
Municipalities of Albania; Ministry of Economy Culture and Innovation;
Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs;
Ministry of Education and Sports;
Ministry of Health and Social Protection;
Ministry of Interior; National Agency for Employment and Skills (NAES); Other relevant authorities business and CSOs in the respective areas.



Partners:
Municipalities of Albania, Minister of State for Self-Local Governance, Association for Local Autonomy of Albania.



Duration:
32 months



Funded by:
UK Government

SITUATION ANALYSIS

Albania faces ongoing emigration for employment, significantly impacting its development. To counter this, it is crucial to offer viable domestic employment alternatives, particularly in regions with growing tourism. Changing the migration narrative, facilitating internal migration, and boosting employment for internal migrants are essential. Additionally, creating sustainable reintegration opportunities for returned migrants through diaspora investment and community and business engagement will enhance conditions for working, living, and investing in Albania.