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COUNTRY PROGRAMME (CP) FOR ALBANIA 2020-2024

The Country Programme (CP) for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) for Albania 2020-2024 constitutes **UNIDO's strategic framework** aimed at accelerating ISID in the country through the joint planning and implementation of technical cooperation activities in selected sectors with high growth potential, based on national development priorities as well as UNIDO's comparative advantage and expertise. It was developed jointly by UNIDO and the Government of Albania based on the country's request and thorough diagnostic analysis.

The CP includes a **list of project proposals** identified jointly by UNIDO and the Government. These proposals have been retailored with due consideration to the country's needs and are aligned with the COVID-19 Socio-Economic Response and Recovery Plan.

CP COMPONENTS

CP Albania focuses on the following thematic components:

- 1) Industrial competitiveness and market access
- 2) Productive employment and entrepreneurship development
- 3) Sustainable energy for productive use and environmental management

Since the CP is a flexible framework, it allows for new projects and initiatives to be included at any stage in line with the country's priorities and needs.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Economic growth and reduced rural-urban disparities
- Established clusters and developed SME networks for export
- Increased compliance and quality infrastructure in Albania
- Good conditions for the eco-industrial park development
- Modernized food-processing sectors
- Entrepreneurial clean-tech ecosystem for SMEs and start-ups

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

The CP will be implemented in close cooperation with all relevant Government stakeholders under the leadership of the Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION STRATEGY

The projects included in the CP have a **total estimated budget of EUR 18.2 million**. Required funds will be raised by leveraging viable partnerships with multilateral and bilateral donors, as well as development financial institutions (DFIs). Non-traditional sources of funding will be engaged through emerging donors and the private sector.

OUTLOOK

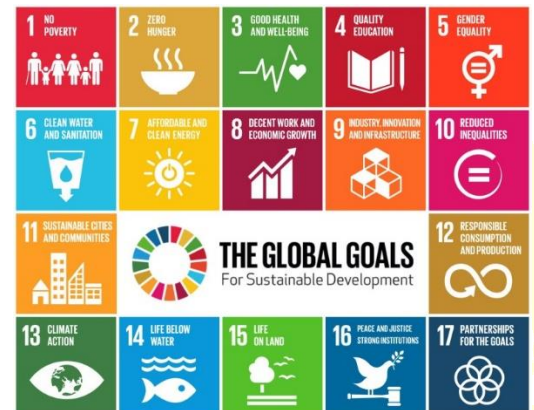
EXAMPLES OF PROPOSED UNIDO PROJECTS UNDER CP ALBANIA

- Support to the government of Albania for the drafting of an Operational Plan for sustainable industrial development
- Improving the competitiveness of the export-oriented industries in the regional and global value chains through industrial modernization and upgrading
- Increasing rural income and upgrading the competitiveness of the Albanian agri-food value chains (Farmer's Delight Albania)
- Agroindustry development programme, with a focus on women and youth entrepreneurs
- Developing creative industries ecosystem
- Energy management system standards for SMEs
- Framework for application of renewable energy (solar, wind, small hydropower, biomass and biogas power schemes) for industrial use

STATUS

CP Albania was signed on 13 March 2020.

More details about ongoing UNIDO projects in Albania are available [here](#).



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