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Elaboration of Local Development Operational Plans for newly established Local Government Units in Albania

In the framework of the administrative reform, URI gives provision of technical assistance to Pustec, Maliq, Devoll and Kolonjë Municipalities to prepare Local Development Operational Plans for capital investments for a short term period of 3 years

A new administrative reform

In 2015, Albanian government have experienced a significant administrative reform, where 373 local government units (LGU) commenced the merging and consolidation process into 61 new municipalities, in order to enables an improved environment for these new economies and a larger available pool of human resources.

Local Development Operational Plans

In this framework, STAR project, managed by UNDP Albania in support to Albania's administrative and territorial reform development, has planned to assist a selected number of LGU's in the preparation of Local Development Operational Plans (LDOPs) for a short term period of 3 years. The LDOPs come as a challenge and an immediate need to the new municipalities to integrate various plans of action and ensure administrative and territorial cohesion of the amalgamated territory. The project is implemented under the direct leadership of the Minister of State for Local Issues.



LDOP in Devoll, Kolonjë, Maliq and Pustec Municipalities

The Urban Research Institute is focused on a cluster of four municipalities, located in the southeastern part of Albania: Maliq, Devoll, Kolonjë and Pustec. URI will analyze the existing strategic planning documents on the four municipalities, starting the preparation of the diagnosis of the socio-economic development situation of the areas, in compliance with the structure required from the MSLI. URI will make use of the 'problem tree' for assessing of the short-term problems and priorities in each of the municipalities. The development comparative advantages of each area will be assessed and translated into priorities that would be enlighten in the final document, the LDOP, after a series of forums and focus groups with the local stakeholders.

MAIN FACTS

DONOR:

UNDP Albania

PARTNERS:

- Minister of State for Local Issues

DURATION:

October 2015 – Jan 2016

BENEFICIARIES:

- Devoll, Kolonje, Maliq and Pustec Municipalities
- Local stakeholders
- Potential donors and investors

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