



# "Support to the Municipality of Kukës for the elaboration of Fiscal Package, Annual Budget and Medium Term Budget Program"

## The goal

The objective of the project is to assist Kukës Municipality in the elaboration of the medium term budget program based on the strategic planning documents, along with the preparation of the annual budget and the fiscal package.

The purpose is to strengthen the municipality capacities in public finance management, while it has been assisted in the preparation of strategic planning.

Under the MTB Program, to the local government will be required to demonstrate that while it is meeting its strategic objectives it is doing so by connecting policies with the financial resources available not only for the upcoming year but in the medium term. The budget preparation process will integrate strategic priorities of the Strategic Development Plan of the Kukës Municipality.

## Description of the methodology

The entire process of a budget planning model will require the consideration of the needs of the municipality, aiming to improve the living standards of the weaker and poorer AUs and also put the municipality on the path of future economic development.

The preparation of the MTBP will be organized as a transparent process of budget planning for a three-year period.

Programmes will be classified on economic bases



and by financing resources; providing information on the composition of the program costs in terms of salaries, use of material, or energy; in addition, it will be made transparent how each program will be financed, e.g. by fees, conditional grants, third party contributions, or by tax money.

While elaborating the fiscal package, annual budget and MTBP, URI will take into consideration these two strategic documents of Kukës Municipality, designed with dldp financial assistance:

- a) the strategic developing plan
- b) territorial plan.

## Expected products

The project results will be the annual and medium term local budget which reflects the strategic objectives defined in the strategic plans of the municipality, and also the fiscal package. Throughout the project, coaching and assistance offered by URI and DLDP will strengthen the human resource capacities of the Finance Department. This process has been accompanied

by public hearings with citizens, businesses and civil society in revenue, local taxes and tariffs planning and also spending plan for the mid-term period; public hearings in some cases have been a first-time practice through this process, offering citizens the opportunity to recognize municipal planning for the community and to make their contribution to the process.

### MAIN FACTS

#### DONORS:

- ✓ dldp

#### DURATION:

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#### BENEFICIARIES:

- ✓ Kukës Municipality

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