

# Promoting Sustainable Land Management (SLM) in Albania through Integrated Restoration of Ecosystems

## Context

Land degradation is a significant threat to Albania's socio-economic and environmental well-being. This project is designed to support the widespread adoption of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) activities in the country by supporting integrated landscape management planning that balances development needs and environmental services.

The project will address key elements of land degradation in Albania in accordance with the objectives of the UNCCD National Action Programme (NAP), with a focus on deforestation, improper soil management and inappropriate crop management.

## Project objectives

The Objective of this project is to support the:

- i) revision of the existing legislative and institutional framework on land management and capacity building;
- ii) the awareness raising on the issue of land management;
- iii) build institutional capacities at both national and local levels.

## Expected Deliverables

- Assessment of legislation on land management, including the gap assessment with the EU legislation, with discussed recommendations adopted into a new land management law;
- Deliver 3 workshops with main stakeholders for the discussion of legal assessment; 4 quarterly Inter-Ministerial meetings; 10 meetings with communities to ensure the interactivity between local communities and members of

Committee; factsheet of the meetings and achievements, and report with synthesized recommendations;

- Develop several mechanisms for gathering and sharing information between Committee members as well as other relevant institutions at both national and local levels;
- Training Needs Assessment Report (questionnaires, interview and roundtable findings included);
- Assessment report with findings from the Decentralization Strategy for Territorial and Administrative Reform, detailing the shift in responsibilities on land management;
- Preparation of SLM Planning training materials and delivery of trainings;
- Report with Economic Instrument for stimulating Investments in land production;
- Preparation of Communication Strategy; design a public awareness campaign;
- Preparation and broadcast of one national TV spot; campaign for World Soil Day and International Day of Forests;
- Establishment of local communication platform.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DONORS:

- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

### PARTNERS:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
- Ministry of Tourism and Environment (MTE)
- Municipality of Kolonja
- Urban Research Institute (URI)

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