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Financing

Total Budget:	€ 2.647.236
EU contribution:	€ 2.500.000
Grants for LGs:	€ 1.750.000
Co-Financing from GoA:	€ 194.444



1 June 2021

November 2023



Project duration

One main objective

Contribute to the **development potential** of municipalities and better **environmental and socio-economic conditions** of the local communities



Specific objectives and indicators



Priority areas



Promoting and fostering sustainable and inclusive local economic development



Rehabilitation and modernization of local Infrastructure and upgrading the quality of local public services



Environmental protection And climate change mitigation at local level



Promoting youth, Culture and sports in local communities



EU4M Grant Scheme

Launch: November 2021
Grants: €100.000 – 200.000
Awards: 7 municipalities
Timeline: 13 months

→ 1st Call for Proposals

Launch: April 2022
Grants: €20.000 – 50.000
Awards: 15 municipalities
Timeline: 9 months

→ 2nd Call for Proposals



Thirrja e parë për grante

PROJEKTI "BE PËR BASHKITË" FTON 61 BASHKITË SHQIPTARE TË APLIKOJNË PËR GRANTE INVESTIMESH.

APLIKONI DERI MË 17 JANAR 2022!

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- Launching of the CfPs
- 8 Info-Sessions
- 4 Trainings on project development (incl. SEE good practices)



Networking Meeting

Municipal EU officers and Project Managers
in Albania and South-East Europe:
Preparing for the Future!

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12-13 April 2022

A blue-tinted photograph of a construction site. In the foreground, a dense grid of steel rebar is laid out on a concrete slab. In the background, a concrete pump truck with a long articulated arm is positioned. Further back, several multi-story apartment buildings are visible under a clear sky. The overall scene is industrial and urban.

Municipal EU Units in Albania



Local EU units

- **Established by Decision of the Council of Ministers (2018)** on the organization and coordination of the European integration process between central government and local self-government units
- **Started with EU information Corners** at local level and EU integration coordinators
- Continued with **creation of units** and **embedment** of the unit's work with the other departments of the municipality;
- **Today there are 61 EU Units established.** The size of the units varies from big to small municipalities, with 5-6 staff in Tirana and only one specialist in small municipalities.
- The unit should be under the **direct supervision of the mayor/administrator!**
- **Supported by dedicated EU funded project** to build/strengthen local government capacities (Municipalities for Europe 2.0).
- However, there are a number of **challenges**:
 - Sustainability of structures, staff turnover, low salaries
 - Lack of capacities

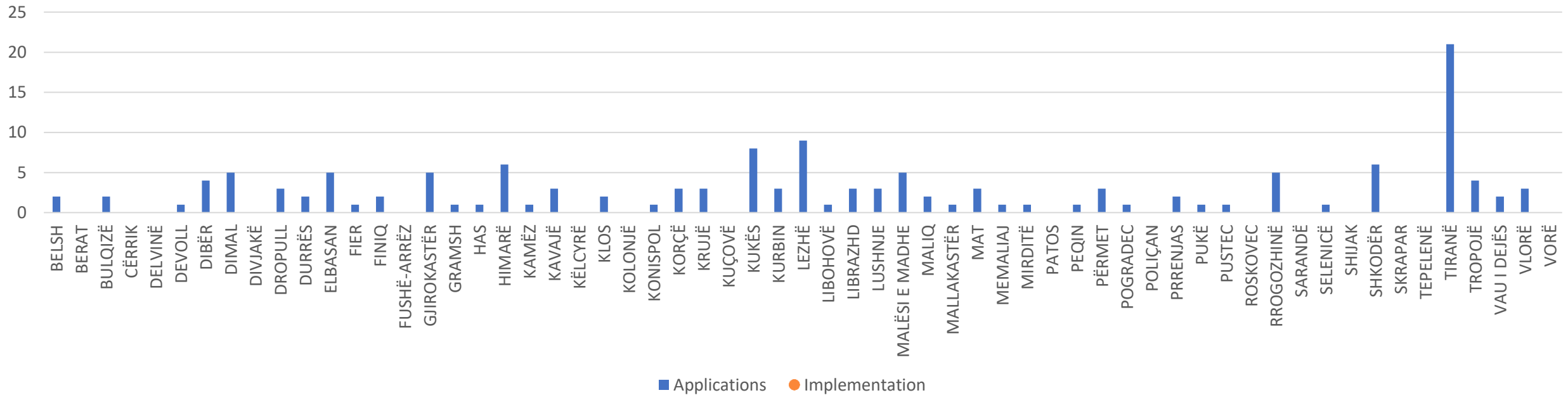
Responsibilities

- Coordination and Support:
 - on **implementation of policies, legislation, investments and services** related to or deriving from the EU integration process at local level
 - on municipal **relationships with the central government** for European integration processes
 - to increase the **EU assistance absorbing capacity** at local level
 - **of local activities, awareness raising etc.** on the EU integration process, EU funding opportunities etc.
 - **preparation, implementation, M&E of EU assistance programs** for EU integration at local level;
 - to **disseminate information** on the EU/donors funding and provide support to municipal staff during the process of application for EU funds;
 - to coordinate the internal process for the **annual performance assessment** of local government in Albania vis a vis fulfillment of obligations deriving from the EU integration /accession agenda
 - **inform the central government** on the fulfillment of the criteria and standards deriving from the EU integration process related to municipal own/delegated functions
 - Serve as the liaison structure between municipality and EU Delegation

Access to Funding

Applications for EU funding 146

95 EU funded projects under implementation



IPA CBC, Transnational, Union Programmes (Horizon 2020, Erasmus+, Europe for Citizens, Creative Europe) + Dedicated Grant Schemes: EU for social economic development against cannabis cultivations + Local Social Development + EU for Municipalities

At Central Level

- Ministry of Interior supports, coordinates and monitors the **strengthening of the capacities of municipalities to meet the criteria and standards deriving from the European integration process** in terms of the municipal own/delegated functions.
- Ministry of Interior periodically **monitors the fulfillment of obligations by the municipalities** regarding the establishment of European integration structures and their performance regarding the implementation of their functions
- Ministry of Interior co-ordinates with municipalities the process of national municipal **performance assessment on the fulfillment of the obligations** deriving from the European integration process;
- The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MoEFA) oversees and provides **strategic orientation**; ensures local government participation in EU integration **forums or consultative structures**
- MoEFA coordinates the work with the Ministry of Interior and the Albanian School of Public Administration regarding **strengthening local government capacities on EU integration process** at local level



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