

DEVELOPING THE CAPACITIES OF ALBANIA FOR AN EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND

Context

The climate change impacts that threaten the environment of Albania and the livelihoods of its citizens have resulted in a stronger political will to tackle climate change and related issues. The Government of Albania strives to make the country more climate resilient. The overall objective of this grant was to help the country identify climate change activities with high funding priority, thus facilitating increased investments in climate relevant areas. Specifically, as a result of the readiness programme activities, institutional capacities of the National Focal Point (NFP) were strengthened, enabling them to effectively fulfill their roles and responsibilities in relation to the Fund, including the establishment and implementation of a no-objection procedure. Through a multi stakeholder engagement process, the programme also facilitated the development of a country programme including Albania's development priorities with respect to the Green Climate Fund, consistent with the country's national strategies. The programme also helped establish a mechanism to facilitate the communication of nominations of prospective public and private sector entities seeking accreditation with the Fund.



Project Objectives

This project's specific objectives are to:

- i) Support the Ministry of Tourism and Environment and the NFP in finalizing the Country Programme for engaging with the GCF;
- ii) Build the capacities of the NFP for engaging with the GCF;
- iii) Provide guidance and support on strategic priority areas for engagement with the GCF, facilitating a multi-stakeholder engagement process;
- iv) Transfer knowledge and skills to MTE staff through on-job trainings and daily interactions.

Deliverables

- Desk review on Albania's climate, environmental, waste management, industrial, agricultural and energy strategies conducted;
- List of identified mechanism to facilitate the communication of nominations for entities seeking accreditation created;
- A no-objection procedure established, including the steps that each accredited entities aiming to receive funds from GCF shall take to submit project proposal to GCF;
- Guidelines for adopting mechanism, including necessary templates to be used by entities seeking nomination developed;
- Official country programme, including Albania's Development Priorities prepared.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DONORS:

Green Climate Fund (GCF)

PARTNERS:

- GreenWerk
- Urban Research Institute (URI)
- Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- UN Environment Programme

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