PROJECT FACT SHEET

Urban Research Institute

"FINANCING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICIES AFTER THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TERRITORIAL REFORM"

Context

61 municipalities are formed after the implementation of the Administrative and Territorial Reform, since September 2015. Some of them have been created for the first time by this reform, and some others have underdeveloped a bigger territory and population than before. After the territorial division all municipalities have completed the implementation of the first budget year for the new territories, which have recently joined the municipalities. The unification of the new administrative units of the municipalities has made management populations drastically increasing, affecting the quality and quantity of environmental services, and consequently the share of environmental services in the function of the total budget of the municipalities. There is currently no comprehensive study on the allocation of the budget for the provision of these services, as well as for measuring the achievement of budget targets for 2016 as well as for the forecasts for 2017.

Objectives

The objectives of the project are:

- Improve the current situation regarding the provision of environmental services throughout the territory after the administrative and territorial reform.
- Supporting the achievement of strategic goals set by the government.
- Evaluating the distribution of financial resources for the provision of environmental services.
- Inclusion of key actors for efficient and efficient urban solid waste management.
- This project is implemented by the network of organizations "AULEDA", "Unë, Gruaja", "Qendra për Zhvillim Komunitar, Sot për të Ardhmen", "Tjetër Vizion", "Fondacioni Gjirokastra" and "Urban Research Institute" as leader of the network.

Activities

1- Assessment of the activity of departments dealing with environmental services in all municipalities of Albania.
2- Evaluating the financing of environmental services for service delivery, through surveys and data collection from 61 municipalities.
3- In-depth meetings with municipalities where operate partner organizations for validating data obtained from questionnaires.
4- Organize trainings with municipal officials regarding the financial planning of environmental services.
5- Meetings with the inhabitants of the network cities for publishing the results of the in-depth meetings with the municipalities.
6- Production of maps for the entire territory of Albania regarding the distribution of the budget for environmental services, the total budget of the municipalities against the environmental one, with the GIS system.
7- Organization of the closing conference where the project findings will be presented.

MAIN FACTS

DONORS:

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Beneficiaries:

61 municipalities

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