

## CROSS-SECTORAL ASSESSMENT OF THE ENERGY-FORESTRY NEXUS, IN THE CONTEXT OF ALBANIA'S CLIMATE MITIGATION AND GREEN RECOVERY EFFORTS

### Context

The project involves a cross-sectoral assessment of the energy-forestry nexus in Albania, in the context of the country's climate mitigation and Green Recovery efforts. It addresses the urgent global need for green and resilient economies, particularly in the aftermath of COVID-19. The project aligns with Albania's revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and international commitments like the Glasgow Leaders Declaration on Forests and Land Use. It is tailored to analyze and improve sustainable forest management and efficient fuelwood consumption in Albania, contributing to the mitigation of climate change impacts. The initiative is in response to the need for enhanced forest biomass utilization and promotion of bio-energy technology applications. The objective is to foster economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### Project Objectives

The Objectives of this project are to:

- i) Assess energy demand/supply by forest biomass and the country's forest situation.
- ii) Develop a roadmap for bio-energy technology applications.
- iii) Introduce efficient practices for fuelwood utilization to end and reverse deforestation by 2030.
- iv) Map recommendations/solutions for bio-energy technology applications.
- v) Elaborate on the economic, environmental, and social benefits related to Green Recovery efforts.

### Expected Deliverables

- Comprehensive assessment of energy demand/supply by forest biomass.
- Roadmap for the implementation of bio-energy technology applications.
- Strategies for efficient fuelwood utilization.
- Mapping and analysis of recommendations/solutions for bio-energy technology.
- A final assessment report detailing the findings, analyses, and recommendations.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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• Urban Research Institute (URI)

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