

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10610
Project Name:	Electric mobility for sustainable tourism in Albania
Countr(ies):	Albania
Implementing Agency:	UNIDO

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Electric mobility for sustainable tourism in Albania

Country

Albania

GEF ID

10610

Implementing Agency

UNIDO

Executing Entity

National Center for Environment, Tourism and Sustainable Development

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

MSP

PIR Submission

9/8/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 2nd PIR

Objective

To accelerate low-carbon e-mobility adoption to reduce emissions in tourism sector in Albania.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Satisfactory

Development Objective

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall risk

Low Risk

Project Financing

831,933.00

Cumulative Disbursement

277,885.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

6/2/2022

Agency Approval

6/29/2022

Implementation Start

8/16/2022

First Disbursement

8/23/2023

Expected MTR 9/30/2025	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 8/16/2027	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

Narrative assessment

The project objective is to accelerate low-carbon e-mobility adoption to reduce emissions in tourism sector in Albania.

- **Municipal Working Groups Established:** Successfully formed dedicated e-mobility working groups in both Elbasan and Belsh municipalities, institutionalizing stakeholder engagement at the local level.
- **Municipal Strategic Framework Development:** Advanced the development of local e-mobility strategic frameworks through stakeholder consultations in Elbasan municipality.
- **Infrastructure Planning Progress:** Identified priority locations for e-mobility infrastructure in Elbasan and started pre-feasibility studies for two key pipeline projects.
- **Capacity Building:** Established a cooperation agreement with Elbasan Vocational Training School, creating a structured pathway for technical skills development in e-mobility.
- **Municipal Recognition Achieved:** Secured Elbasan municipality's selection for the EU's '100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030' programme, providing significant momentum for local e-mobility initiatives.

Note on Co-financing:

The cumulative co-financing amount up to FY25 is mostly consisting of co-financing coming from the Municipality of Elbasan, in the amount of USD 2,753,436.

In addition, the Government of Albania demonstrates significant commitment through co-financing national priority projects totalling to €140 million. These projects directly support the project's objectives and represent strategic national investments, underscoring Albania's dedication to sustainable urban mobility and environmental improvements in Elbasan. Key contributions include:

The construction of the Elbasan bypass road (€97.3 million): Enhancing regional transport connectivity and reducing urban traffic congestion.

The climate-resilient urban development program ALBAdapt (€37.7 million): Focusing on sustainable development and environmental resilience.

The regulation of the industrial park and rehabilitation of former Elbasan Metallurgical Plant territories (€5 million): Supporting economic development and environmental restoration.

Complementing this national effort, Elbasan Municipality has committed approximately €2.4 million in co-financing for sustainable mobility projects. Key municipal contributions include:

The EU-funded 'Elbasan's Climate Neutral Innovation in Mobility (eCIM)' project (€594,467): Transforming Aqif Pasha Boulevard into intelligent corridors for bicycles and pedestrians.

Smart bus station infrastructure (€1.14 million): Featuring GPS tracking and digital information systems for 30 stations.

Urban infrastructure improvements (€2.22 million project total, with €665,000 municipal co-financing)

Project risk assessment

#	Description of the risk	Risk level FY24	Risk level FY25	Mitigation measures in FY25	Newly defined risk compared to CEO stage
1	Covid - 19	Low Risk (L)	Low Risk (L)	Mitigation measures for Covid-19 are no longer required in Albania. The project monitors if there any risks occurs related to public health.	☐
2	Climate change	Moderate Risk (M)	Moderate Risk (M)	Introduced e-mobility solutions to reduce CO2 emissions through strategic framework	☐
3	Lack of partnership engagement (from stakeholders, government, municipalities etc.) including political factors at the macro level can cause delays in the procedures of signing, approvals and permits;	Moderate Risk (M)	Moderate Risk (M)	Early engagement and regular outreach Assistance to national execution entity Educating stakeholders on e-mobility economic potential	☐
4	Lack of interest for investments	Low Risk (L)	Low Risk (L)	Involving private sector in policy and strategy development Ensuring alignment of frameworks with investor needs	☐
5	Limited human resources and technical capacities of national staff from local and central government as well as limited awareness and interest on the benefits of EVs in particular	Low Risk (L)	Low Risk (L)	The project engaged with the stakeholders to assess the capacity development needs to be included in the workplan.	☐
6	Low participation rates of suitable female candidates due to lack of interest, inadequate project activity or missing qualified female population within engineering sector.	Low Risk (L)	Low Risk (L)	Ensured stakeholder involvement at all levels, with special regard to involving women	☐

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Narrative assessment

The project has encountered several implementation challenges that require ongoing attention and adaptive management approaches. Significant regulatory framework gaps have been identified, including the absence of national strategic documents for EV development, limited regulatory frameworks for charging infrastructure, and undefined standards for charging station

operations. Data availability represents another significant challenge, with limited information on e-mobility and transport plans in municipalities, requiring additional efforts to achieve analytical results needed for evidence-based decision making.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

Narrative assessment

Government Engagement: Maintained strong support through the Ministry of Tourism and Environment chairing the Project Steering Committee, ensuring national counterpart alignment.

Municipal Partnerships: Established productive working groups in Elbasan and Belsh municipalities, integrating key departments (transportation, urban planning, environmental protection, tourism, economic development) into decision-making.

Private Sector Collaboration: Significantly expanded engagement with local businesses (tourism, transport sectors), facilitated by Elbasan municipality, to understand market dynamics and e-mobility investment opportunities.

Civil Society & NGO Consultations: Strengthened engagement with local NGOs, specifically including organizations representing public transport users and people with disabilities, to integrate accessibility into e-mobility planning and design.

Educational Institution Partnership: Formalized collaboration via a cooperation agreement with Elbasan Vocational Training School for structured technical capacity building and skills development in e-mobility technologies.

International Network Expansion: Enhanced connections for Albanian officials through active participation in the Global Electric Mobility Programme, facilitating knowledge exchange with international counterparts.

D. Gender Equality

Narrative assessment

Systematically integrated gender-responsive measures across all project components during FY25.

Achieved Participation Targets: Maintained approximately 40% female participation in project activities and municipal working groups (Elbasan & Belsh), meeting specific targets set in the project results framework.

Actively involved women's organizations in stakeholder consultations, ensuring women's perspectives informed the e-mobility strategic framework development.

Incorporated gender-specific user needs assessments into infrastructure planning and studies

Tracked progress using gender-sensitive indicators established in the project results framework

E. Knowledge Management

Narrative assessment *(This section is specific to GEF-7 Impact Programs and GEF-8 Integrated Programs)*

- Global Programme Integration: Activated systematic knowledge exchange by facilitating Albanian officials' participation in the Global Electric Mobility Programme workshop in London, UK and establishing ongoing international learning platforms.

- Thematic Working Group Engagement: Contributed project lessons learned and best practices to Global Thematic Working Groups on charging infrastructure and grid integration throughout FY25.
- Vocational Training Partnership: Consultations have been organized with Elbasan Vocational Training School, to develop professional e-mobility courses for 15 students and specialized trainings for 5 technical staff on EV Solar Park maintenance.
- Knowledge Product Creation: Developed project factsheets and communication materials to disseminate findings and raise stakeholder awareness regarding e-mobility's potential within the tourism sector.
- University Collaboration: Established partnerships, notably with the University of Elbasan, for integrating e-mobility topics into academic curricula and developing joint educational activities.

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	There has been some reallocation of funds within components to better accommodate the approved recommendations of the Steering Committee. The attached revised Budget document defines the changes.
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	The implementation schedule has been slightly adjusted to accommodate the approved recommendations of the Steering Committee. This has resulted in a minor shift in some activity timelines, but the overall project duration remains unchanged. The attached revised Work plan document defines the changes.
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	The project included Elbasan as an additional potential project site for demonstrating electric charging infrastructure. The project's potential target sites are now, Elbasan, Berat and Belsh.
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Elbasan	41.11130	20.08095	783,263

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Potential e-mobility charging infrastructure technology demonstration site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Berat	40.70472	19.96078	3,186,084

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Potential e-mobility charging infrastructure technology demonstration site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Belsh	40.9804	19.8873	3,186,093

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Potential e-mobility charging infrastructure technology demonstration site

V. ANNEX

Uploaded Document

Document Category M and E Document	Title Annex- I_10610_2025_PIR_UNIDO_Albania_Grant_Delivery_Report
Document Category M and E Document	Title Annex- II_10610_2025_PIR_UNIDO_Albania_Logframe_progress

Document Category M and E Document	Title Annex- III_10610_2025_PIR_UNIDO_Albania_Budget_and_Workplan
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