

## PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT THROUGH INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT IN DURRES MUNICIPALITY

### Context

Durrës municipality is Albania's second-largest city and faces significant waste management challenges. The system operates through basic collection services using municipal trucks and workers, with waste primarily disposed at landfill. The city struggles with increased waste volumes during tourist seasons and lacks waste processing facilities.

While initiatives supported from different sources are helping modernize the system, the municipality continues to face financial and operational difficulties in meeting growing urban waste management needs.



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of this project are:

1. Integrated planning of waste management in Durrës Municipality through comprehensive measures;
2. Stimulate sustainable economic development for waste management sector;
3. Environmental protection through promotion of waste reduction and management;
4. Empower cooperation between citizens, enterprises and institutions on waste management initiatives;
5. Raise awareness and educate citizens, students and institutions on waste management and reduction measures;

### Expected Deliverables

- Integrated Waste Management Plan developed and approved for Durres Municipality
- GIS maps created for monitoring the municipal waste management system
- "Eco-Green Club" established and trained on environmental protection
- Waste bins and cages installed at schools for recyclable waste collection
- Clean-up actions organized on Global Recycling Day
- Public awareness campaign and educational materials on waste management
- Promotional videos and final conference to disseminate project achievements

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### DONORS:

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DEBT FOR DEVELOPMENT SWAP  
AGREEMENT

##### PARTNERS:

- Durres Municipality
- Urban Research Institute
- Aleksander Moisiu University

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