



2021 Annual Report

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SEDA)

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Sustainable Economic Development Agency (SEDA) is a non for profit making and non governmental organization (NGO) that was founded on 19.06.1997 with the main purpose of ensuring the sustainability of many development project in Albania. SEDA has continuously and recently been involved in several projects related to strategies of development and issues focused on capacity building of local and central government staff, community driven development, costing and prioritization of regional and national strategies etc. culminating with drafting "Human Development Report (HDR) for Albania 2005" on the themes of Pro-Poor and Pro-Women policies funded by UNDP and *PAC (Public Awareness Campaign) First Systematic Immovable Property Registration in Albania -funded by World bank -2009-2012 (Consortium with Landell Mills and Register of Scotland) or participation in Consortium for Preparation of a Master Plan and Feasibility Study for the Communal Infrastructure Works in Albanian Alps Area , funded by Council of Europe Bank (CEB) initiative (In consortium with PM Ireland) 2016 -2018.*

Finally SEDA is well involved in Cultural Heritage issues and has achieved to produce unique publications such as "Albania a Patrimony of European Values" (first publication in 2000 and second in 2001) and "Tirana the Challenge of Urban Development" , what are clear demonstration of SEDA capabilities to mobilize senior human resources and to produce reports and works of high quality and academic level.

Details of SEDA NGO activity and projects carried out are provided in the Annex 1 **SEDA profile** in the internet address: www.seda.org.al .

SEDA works based on the "Call for Proposals" issued from donors, state entities or any other public or private entity that follows fair competition principles and respects Albanian and EU legislation.

The following is a list of Activities and Results carried out during year 2021

1. Activities

1.1. Projects Proposals Applied

-Application for National Implementing Partner for Agenda 2030 Building capacities in Art and Culture in Albania -organized by Sida -Sweden

-*Pilotim i prodhimit te molusqeve per te mbeshtetur konservimin e specieve ne lagunat Shqiptare:*
organized by Co-Plan

“ Vlora Community Driven Development Marine Spatial Plan for Blue Economy Strategy” (Vlora CDD MSP for BES)- organized by Partners Albania

-*"The Call of the Wild River, Vjosa" in the frame of "Effective management of natural resources supporting the green economy for a sustainable development of Vjosa Valley – Zagori"* funded by UNDP Albania

1.2. Meetings Held

Participation in a number of ZOOM meetings invited by a number of government entities, national and international NGOs, EBRD, EU DElegation in Albania etc

Meeting with other NGOs and CSOs to prepare project proposals.

Meeting for Vjosa river with staff of RAPAs, CSOs, private sector, schools, media etc) for exchange of information, collection of data, identification of action to be taken for mitigation of impacts or restauration of sites.

Meetings & Workshop for the project *The Call of the Wild River, Vjosa*

Meetings with	Women participation	Men participation
Libohova municipality 3 times	2	1
Visit Gjirokastra 3 times	1	
NGO Cajupi 2 times		1
NGO Zagori 3 times		2
Credins bank		2
Ministry of Tourism and Environment	2	
Workshop 17 December	7	12

2.Results -Projects carried out

SEDA was rewarded the project : "The Call of the Wild River, Vjosa" in the frame of "Effective management of natural resources supporting the green economy for a sustainable development of Vjosa Valley – Zagori" funded by UNDP Albania , (November 2021 -January 2022)

below are provided Performance workplan and targets :

1-Workplan Performance

Completed Activities	Time Line	
Meeting with Libohohe/Zagorie stakeholders/communities/businesses	21 November-	17 December
Prepare draft proposals/outlines for ecotourism	10 December	20 December
Stakeholder meetings	1-December	17- December
Prepare final proposals		22 December
Installation of digital Tourism Information points		17 December
Workshop Event in Libohova/Zagori		17 December

2-Performance Targets

Indicators	Data Source	Baseline	Reporting Period Milestone/target	Reporting Period actual Performance against the target
1.1 number of businesses interested to cooperate	Meetings/workshops	3	24 December/7	23 December/ 50
1.2.number of tours established/agreed	Meetings/workshops	2	24 December/5	23 December/ 8
1.3 Number of local NGOs/users associations involved	Meetings/workshops	8	24 December/12	23 December/10
1.4 Investing proposals for eco-tourism in Vjosa Zagorie	Meetings/workshops	2	24 December /6	23 December/8

The following is a List of Proposals discussed and agreed with Zagori-Vjosa valley community of Tour operators and NGOs.

1. **Establishment of Zagorie-Vjosa valley Destination Management Organization** (similar to one established for Alps of Albania in Valbona by Albanian Development Fund). SEDA has been a consortium partner of preparing the Masterplan for Alps (funded by EU and EBRD) and is very familiar to all documents to include detailed project design for the DMO established in Valbona what has promoted the development of tourism in the Alps. Zagori and all Vjosa valley have better conditions and premises to deserve a DMO at least similar to this one in Valbona. The location can be Libohova municipality as it offers many old buildings or former military units that can be converted to the DMO residence/premise.
2. **Rehabilitation of the first round of Bujtina's** to support the current touristic demand. This is very important and first step to increase immediately the current touristic offer. This rehabilitation includes upgrade of all bujtina services from shower and heating systems to food safety issues. As the first tier of Bujtina-s there are selected about 10 Bujtinas which can have direct impact into current touristic offer.
This project should start with (i)technical evaluation of rehabilitation costs in a form of Bill of Quantity for each of 10 Bujtinas of the first tier and then to continue with (ii) funding the construction and equipment for each of 10 Bujtinas.
3. **Upgrade of Waste management system** of Libohova municipality - This should be an innovative project with motto "No plastic in Vjosa" and linked to "circular economy" principles in the frame of a national currently funded by GiZ and future announced funding by EBRD.

4. **Training** and funding support to improve food safety and local products services
5. **Youth** involvement in tourist offer via employment of youth and students to start with internships of Gjirokastra University. A project proposal like " On the Job Training & Internships for Visit Gjirokastra/Libohova"/Zagori" to be applied in the coming calls of donors.
6. Pressure/Claim to local (Gjirokastra) cadastral office to allow Zagori people (release property certificates) to carry out investments for them who wants to convert their premises to Bujtina.
7. **Rehabilitation of Libohova -Zagori road** - This should be, for the moment as requested also ny community, "no asphalt" road but much better rehabilitated and maintained.
8. **Installation of tracking/hiking signs and several stations** as well as rehabilitations of current trails/itineraries, as per UNDP / MoTE Guidelines "**UDHËZUESPËRPROJEKTIMIN, NDËRTIMIN DHE MIRËMBAJTJEN E SHTIGJEVËPËRVIZITORËT DHE STRUKTURATNDIHMËSENËZONAT E MBROJTURA**"
9. **Introduction of renewable energy** (solar heater, photovoltaics and wind energy where not contradicting birds and biodiversity) in all new investments and rehabilitations.
10. **Transfer of 7 former military units (reperte) to Libohova Municipality**in order to pave way to offer this old and remote premises to establishment of eco-touristic units like "Adventure parks", "agrotourism units", "Caravan/.Roulotte Station" , "collection and manufacturing of medicinal herbs:" etc

Annex 1 SEDA Project List and publications

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2. Involvement in Albanian and International Projects

Current & recent Projects

- **"The Call of the Wild River, Vjosa" in the frame of "Effective management of natural resources supporting the green economy for a sustainable development of Vjosa Valley – Zagori" funded by UNDP Albania , (November -December 2021)**
- **"Compliance with requirements of High State Control (HSC)" April-2018-January 2019 (funded by UNDP Albania)**
- **Preparation of a Master Plan and Feasibility Study for the Communal Infrastructure Works in Albanian Alps Area , funded by Council of Europe Bank (CEB) initiative (In consortium with PM Ireland) 2016 -2018.**
- **Support to Quality Control of First Systematic Immovable Registration in Albania -funded by World bank -2011-2014 (in consortium with Finnmap –Finland)**
- **Training of Systematic Immovable Property Registration Offices (central offices and 35 local ones)-2012-2013 (in consortium with Landell Mills Ltd –UK)**
- **Establishing and strengthening of MONITORING CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE (MCS) system in fisheries(subcontractor to Landell Mills Ltd) 2010-2012 funded by EU**
- **PAC (Public Awareness Campaign) First Systematic Immovable Property Registration in Albania -funded by World bank -2009-2012 (Consortium with Landell Mills and Register of Scotland)**
- **Open Days of Local Governance in Albania- funded by Agency of Supporting of Civil Society (AMSHC)(2010-2010)**
- **Berati Environment Boulevard (BEB) funded by Completion of CARDS Assistance (2009-2011) Contract with European Delegation in Albania**
- **Toolkit Against Corruption (TAC) at Communal Level of Governance (CLG) in Albania funded by Completion of CARDS Assistance(2009-2011) Contract with European Delegation in Albania**
- **Communications Component of the Albania Health System Modernization Project (HSMP) - funded by World bank -2009-2010(Consortium with ICON Public Sector health Germany)**
- **Monitoring of Water Resources in Erzeni River basin-funded by Italian government – (subcontract to SGI Italy) (2009-2010)**
- **Albanian labor Market –project funded by EU (subcontract to WYG)(2008-2010**
- **Korca First Immovable Property Registration project- financed by EU;2008-2010 (Consortium with Cardno Agrisystems UK)**

Important former projects

- **Assistance to Donor Coordination Activities in Albania (Consortium with HTSPE) –funded by EU (2008-2009)**
- **"Technical Assistance and Training for the Improvement of the Delivery of Public Services at the Local Government Level in Albania" EuropeAid/123506/SER/AL (2007-2009**

)(Consortium with EPTISA)

- *Technical assistance to prepare the Preparation of Guidelines, Calls for Proposals for CARDS 2005 Civil Society programme and 2007 European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights” funded by EU Delegation in Tirana*
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 - *Strengthening the Environmental Monitoring System in Albania-financed by EU CARDS Program -local coordination and technical support- 2005-2007*
 - *Integrated Sustainable Development of Tirana Durrës region –Albania - financed by EU CARDS Program -local coordination and technical support- 2005-2007*
 - *Korca First Immovable Property Registration project- financed by CARDS, EU;2004-2006*
 - *One Stop Shop Office of Community Driven Development - financed by CARDS, EU 2005-2006*
 - *Implementing a National System of Administrative Addresses in Albania - financed by CARDS, EU-2004-2006*
 - *Agency of Good Governance –financed by Interreg III, EU and coordinated by ConfServizi , Italy 2004-2007*
 - *Project “LIGURIA NEI PAESI BALKANI” funded by Italian Government and coordinated by “LA SPEZIA EUROINFORMAZIONE PROMOZIONE E SVILUPPO”, 2006-2008*
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- *NATIONAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT for ALBANIA 2004 - 2005 project financed by UNDP-*
 - *Improve Costing and prioritization of Albanian National Strategy Public Actions-financed by World Bank Trust Fund 2005-2006*
 - *Update of National Environmental Action Plan, Immediate Measures (financed by World Bank/METAP-Kairo) 2000-2001*
 - *POVERTY AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF IRRIGATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT-2004*
 - *Local Government Transparency Toolbox –project financed by CARDS, EU*
 - *Post –Conflict Environmental Assessment –Albania (financed by UNEP- UN 2000)*
 - *Albania –a Patrimony of European Values (financed by EU and UNDP)January 2001*
 - *Development of a National Investment Promotion and Investor Targeting Strategy. financed by UNECE-UNCTAD UN 2000-2001*
 - *Moderation of a series of Videoconferences on “Fiscal Decentralisation” organized by World Bank on the period September November 2003, for ECA and SEE countries*
 - *Albanian Community Driven Development School-book published in the frame of SEDA and other Albanian NGOs projects*
 - *“Tirana , the challenge of Urban Development” , project and publication financed by ENHR 2003 Conference in Tirana;May 2003*
 - *“Albanian Forum for Transparency of Community Based Projects- (AFTCBP)”- project financed by EU Delegation in Tirana started on 15 October 2002 and continued.*
 - *Establishment of a Community Driven Development Forum in Albania Project Financed by World Bank (start january 200 and continued) see www.albaniancdd.net*
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 - *Community post refugee crisis Projects in the frame of project “Thank YOU Albania”*
 - *Rehabilitation Peshkopia Stadium -Albania (refugee crisis) fin.UNHCR, IRC,ECHOS*
 - *Solid waste cleaning,Bulqiza city -Albania financed and impl. UNHCR, IRC,ECHOS*
 - *Rehab. Chlorination system drink water Peshkopi-Albania UNHCR, IRC,ECHOS*
 - *“Eco tourism paths initiatives in the regions of Tirana-Durrës-Kavaja-Kruja (Albania) 1998-1999 (financed by UNDP)*
 - *Archaeological Site Protection Implementing Renewable Energy Resources (financed by EU DGXII PECO Programme 1995-1997)-(development project for remote poor areas.)*

List of SEDA Publications

- *Albanian Community Driven Development School-book published in the frame of SEDA and other Albanian NGOs projects*
- *Book “Tirana the challenge of Urban Development” financed by Co-Plan and SEDA, Authors Besnik Aliaj, Keida Lulo, Genc Myftiu, ISBN 99927-880-0-3 , May 2003*
- *Book: “Albania –a Patrimony of European Values” a Guide of Albanian Cultural Heritage History and Economy published on January 2001. published in hard copy and internet publication in the web site www.seda.org.al*
- *Privatization main feature of economic change in Albania :Porceedings of “International Adriatic Conference” EU Project Interreg II C CADSES Vision Planet 1-2 July 1999 Trieste Italy*
- *Update of “International Adriatic Conference” proceedings of meeting of Thessaloniki 30 March 2000*
- *Numerous publications at magazine “MONITOR”z*

Attached Balance Sheets and Audit Report for 2021