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Drin Basin Multi-stakeholders Conference

Italian Development Cooperation (IDC) initiatives relevant to the Drin Basin Area

Overview on the initiatives implemented in Albania



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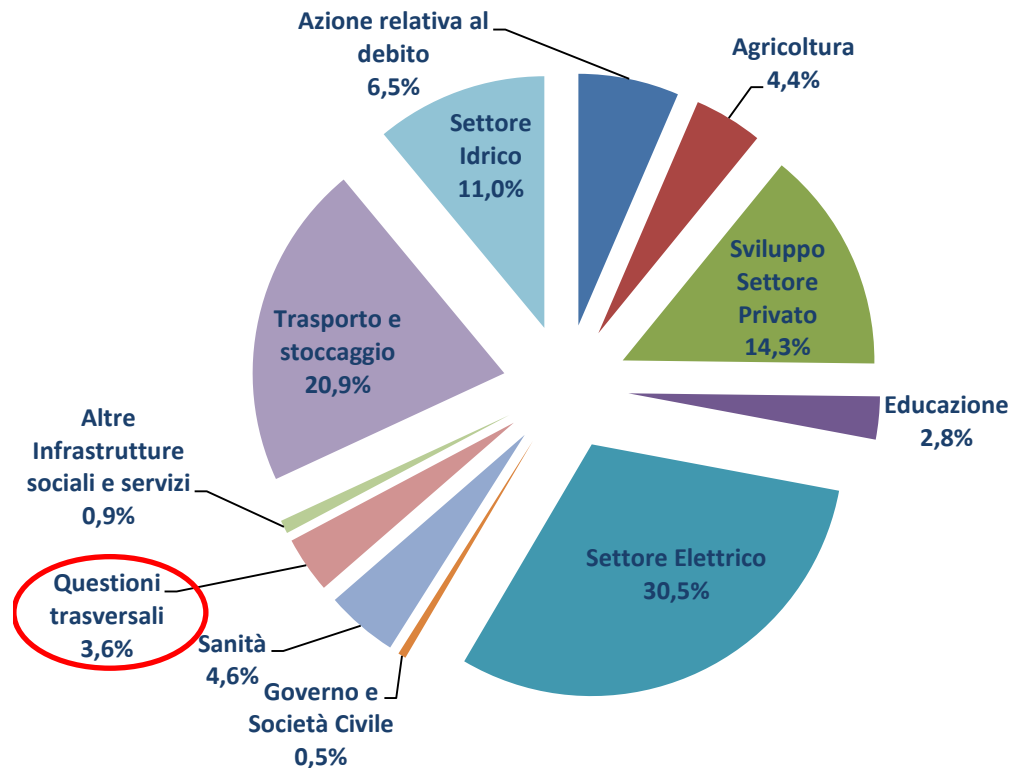
The Italian Development Cooperation Commitment in Albania

42 ongoing or
planned initiatives

Over 300 M Euro
Committed

(October 2013)

Around 184 M Euro
disbursed (over 60%)



The main initiatives in the Environment Sector:

Solid waste management in Tirana (Sharra landfill);

Supporting local development processes and management in the rural region of Zadrime;

Project for environmental restoration of the basin of Shkoder (RIVA);

Assistance to the Programme to the Ministry of Environment.



Solid waste management in Tirana (Sharra landfill)

Status: Ongoing

Funding: Soft Loan: EUR 6 mln; Grant: EUR 408.000 (TA)

Timeframe: 2010 - 2015

Implementing Body:

Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MTI)

Municipality of Tirana



Object:

To improve the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste, reducing the associated environmental and health risks.

IDC has funded work to reconstruct, improve safety in and modernise both the site and refuse collection. The expected result is a landfill which allows the control of sewage and preservation of groundwater, in accordance with European standards.

Supporting local development processes and management in the rural region of Zadrime, Northern Albania

Status: concluded in August 2013

Timeframe: 2010-2013

Funding: 1.8 Million Euro (IDC Grant: EUR 874.000)

Implementing Body:

Italian NGO COSPE, Ministry of Interior, Municipalities of Blinisht, Bushat, Dajc, Dejes and Hajmel.

Object:

The Project aimed at strengthening the inter-community authorities and processes for waste management and disposal.

The Project led to the establishment of an Office of the Environment within the local authority consortium and improved waste collection and disposal services through the launch of a differentiated waste collection system and a system for collecting taxes on waste.



Project for environmental requalification of the Shkoder lake basin – phase II

Status: Phase I concluded; Phase II ongoing;

Funding: EUR 780.000 (Grant);

Timeframe: 2009 – 2014;

Implementing Body:

Italian Regions (Basilicata, Puglia, Calabria, Sardinia, Sicily, Tuscany),

Municipality of Shkoder, Region of Shkoder.



Object:

To improve the environmental and socio economic conditions of the basin, through increased awareness campaigns and transfer of knowledge to local administration;

To promote the inter institutional dialogue in order to harmonize the management of emergencies linked to hydro geological damages in the involved countries.

Assistance Programme to the Ministry of Environment for the sustainable use and preservation of biodiversity

Status: ongoing

Funding: EUR 2,2 Million (Grant)

Timeframe: 2011 – 2014

Implementing Body:

Ministry of Environment, IUCN

Target Areas:

Mountain area (Librazhd Region)

Costal area (Buna River)

Object:

To strengthen the institutional structures of the Albanian Ministry of Environment dealing with the environmental protection and the conservation of biodiversity, with particular attention to the management of protected areas.



Assistance Programme to the Ministry of Environment for the sustainable use and preservation of biodiversity

The initiative supports the Albanian Ministry of Environment in the design and implementation of: i) the management plans for the 2 protected areas; ii) guidelines for the design of the management plan for Albanian protected areas.



The programme provides up-to-date methodology and operational tools for the management of the protected areas, as well as a comprehensive advocacy and training package, in order to allow the local communities to responsibly lead the process.

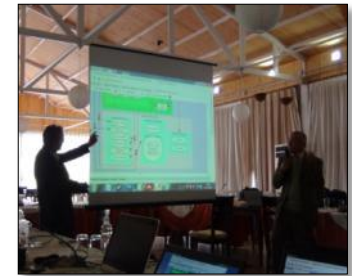
Possible synergies

Monitoring and Information Management System (IMS).

IUCN programme developing a specific database for the **Buna River Protected Area** (data on fauna, flora, socio-economy and water resources).

At the same time the project is also preparing the **national database for biodiversity** that is conceived for being integrated with the European data base BioCase.

Possible collaboration with the IT team to share the data contained the 2 database with the database foreseen for the Drin Basin.



Capacity Building / Training

The project run by IUCN is at present investing a lot of resources in training local protected area staff as well as the technical services of the local communes in collecting data. Here again, a shared vision and a more accurate coordination of these kind of activities may enable the better coordination of available funds and, therefore, potentially reach more objectives and results.