

PROJECT BRIEF: DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

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THE FLYER FOR THE NEW DIASPORA PROJECT SHOWS CAPE RODON, WHERE VOYAGES FROM ALBANIA HAVE BEGUN FOR CENTURIES.
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ENGAGE THE ALBANIAN DIASPORA TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ALBANIA

The diaspora entails great potential for Albania's development, however, the challenge for the stakeholders is to create an environment that encourages and supports diaspora's engagement to the development of the home country.

The objective of this Programme is to contribute to enhancing the engagement of Albanian diaspora to the development of the country.

In pursuit of this objective, the program implementation will be channeled through three parallel processes.

The first process will **support the Government of Albania to implement a comprehensive approach towards diaspora's engagement for development in line with the overall policy framework.** Various activities, such as capacity building and development support will allow relevant officials to gain the knowledge, identify the resources and use the necessary tools to implement diaspora engagement activities.

The second process will aim at **facilitating the engagement of diaspora into country development through know-how and skills transfer.** The mapping and profiling of diaspora, foreseen to take place as part of this process, will contribute to the creation of a repository of Albanian diaspora skills and knowledge. In addition, the Programme will provide fellowships to increase the capacities of the Albanian Institutions involved in diaspora engagement.

The third process will **facilitate the engagement of diaspora into country development by innovative investment boosting.** This will be achieved by developing "Connect Albania", an investment-boosting platform. Through this platform, the Albanian diaspora will have the means to engage as development agent for referring businesses from abroad, subsequently supporting employment generation in Albania.

KEY PROJECT DATA

Project Type: Migration and Development

Geographical Coverage: Albania, Italy, other selected countries for the mapping of Diaspora

Executing Agency: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Beneficiaries: Government of Albania; Albanian Diaspora Communities

Partners: State Minister for Diaspora, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Finance and Economy

Management Site: Tirana, Albania

Project Start: February 2018

Project Duration: 36 months

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