

PREVENTING UNSAFE MIGRATION FROM ALBANIA TOWARDS THE EU- ROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES

*Igjidhni
mundësitë,
jo migracionin
e parregullt!*



An information campaign on prevention of irregular migration from Albania to European Union member states was designed and implemented by the IOM mission in Albania with the support of the Albanian authorities. The campaign responded to the priorities of the Albanian Government to ensure an effective response to migration management from Albania through better control of borders and respect of the visa liberalization regime between Albania and the European Union (Schengen zone). The information campaign had the following objectives:

- Increase understanding of rights and responsibilities of travel to European Union member states under the visa free regime among youth in Albania.
- Increase awareness about the fact that asylum is not an instrument for regular/economic migration to European Union member states
- Increase awareness about the consequences of irregular migration (human trafficking, smuggling and exploitation) among youth.
- Increase information about regular migration opportunities (through employment and study) and self-development opportunities in Albania.

KEY PROJECT DATA

Project type: Return Assistance to Migrants & Government (RT)

Geographical coverage: 12 regions in Albania (Tirane, Durres, Shkoder, Fier, Vlore, Berat, Korce, Elbasan, Lezhe, Kukës, Diber, Gjirokaster)

Executing agency: IOM Mission in Albania

Beneficiaries: Potential migrants, unaccompanied minors and their families, general population

Partner(s): Ministry of Internal Affairs (Directorate for Border and Migration, Anti Trafficking and Asylum Directorate); Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth (State Social Service, Public Vocational Training Centers, Migration Counters in the Regional Employment Offices); Ministry of Education and Sports (Regional Directorates of Education); local authorities; Repatriation and Departure Service of the Netherlands, Belgian Immigration Office, the Netherlands Embassy in Tirana, civil society organizations.

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