

Annex B. Development co-operation projects on the circular economy in Albania

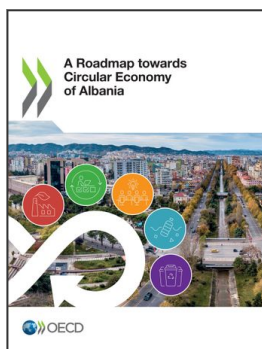
Table B.1. International development co-operation projects on the circular economy in Albania

Organisation	Project title	Project details	Budget
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation)	Solid Waste Management in Berat – Phase II (2021-2026)	Integrated Solid Waste Management Programme (in partnership with the KfW). Further develop sustainable and climate-friendly solid waste management services in Albania. Planned to be the biggest waste programme in the country, covering at least half the territory.	Swiss budget: CHF 9 651 104 (EUR 10 018 084) Budget inclusive project partner: CHF 73 577 820 (EUR 76 375 591)
European Union (IPA III – Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance)	EU 4 Circular Economy and Green Growth programme in Albania (2023)	The project's objective is to improve environmental protection and foster a circular economy and sustainable green growth in Albania. Different components are given in the four rows below (GIZ, AFD, UBA).	EUR 30.9 million
1. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	EU 4 Circular Economy and Green Growth (2023-2027)	The technical assistance component, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a feasibility study on hazardous waste • waste prevention activities • support for extended producer responsibility – implementation for packaging waste and e-waste • data management. Fifteen municipalities have been selected to implement circular economy initiatives.	EUR 14.6 million
2. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	EU 4 Circular Economy and Green Growth (2023-2027)	Implementation of the forthcoming Gender Agenda on Circular Economy (with a focus on the waste sector) prepared under the EU4Circular Economy and the Circular Economy for Sustainable Urban Development project. It aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilitate the collection of gender-disaggregated data and gender-sensitive policies • support women's entrepreneurship within the circular economy. 	TBD
3. French Development Agency (AFD)	EU 4 Circular Economy and Green Growth (2023-TBC)	The component on the construction of landfills in municipalities in the Kukës and Gjirokastra/South Vloa	EUR 19 million (EU grant)

			<p>regions, includes activities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase recycling and reduce waste volumes • establish European Union (EU)-compliant landfills and waste facilities • assist Albanian authorities in further aligning Albania's solid waste management with EU standards. <p>Investments will materialise from 2024-25 over a four-year period.</p>	
	4. Environment Agency Austria (UBA)	EU 4 Green project (2022-2025)	<p>Aims to help the Western Balkans move towards a sustainable, climate-resilient future by enhancing the region's Green Agenda governance and tackling environmental challenges in line with EU accession. The project team, working with regional partners, is building implementation strategies and focusing on enhancing monitoring and reporting. Furthermore, a regional office has been set up in Albania.</p> <p>On the circular economy, the focus is on the local level in Albania, aimed at training municipal staff in practical circular economy measures.</p>	<p>EUR 11 million</p> <p><i>Of which EUR 10 million from the European Union and EUR 1 million from the Austrian Development Agency</i></p>
GIZ		Modernized, Climate-friendly Solid Waste and Recycling Management in Albania (2020-2023)	<p>Focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an improved data management system, inspection and regulation processes • recovery and trade in secondary resources and treatment of special waste • upgrading/rehabilitating six existing waste disposal sites. 	EUR 1.2 million
GIZ		Integrated Waste Management and Marine Litter Prevention in the Western Balkans (2022-2025)	<p>Regional project covering Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and Montenegro.</p> <p>Supports partners to improve the implementation of co-ordinated strategies and approaches to reduce marine litter.</p> <p>Promotes co-ordination processes between governmental and non-governmental actors at the regional, national and local levels.</p>	<i>Not available</i>
United Nations Development Programme		Support Albania's obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2016-2022)	<p>Assists Albania in the preparation and submission of its First Biennial Update Report and its Fourth National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.</p> <p>Assists the Ministry of Tourism and Environment to revise the country's Nationally Determined Contribution</p>	USD 1 080 097 (EUR 1 million)

		(NDC). The main scope is: the recalculation of the NDC baseline, under which updated data and new information will be provided; adding of new sectors with regards to climate change mitigation, i.e. agriculture, forestry and land use; and informing on climate change adaptation in the tourism, settlements and population sectors along the coast of Albania.	
United Nations Environment Programme	Strengthening Sound Chemicals and Pharmaceutical Waste Management (2019-2022)	Strengthened the institutional framework and national capacity of key stakeholders in Albania to address issues relating to waste and chemical management. Focused on pharmaceutical waste and obsolete chemicals by strengthening the capacity of the National Agency for Medicines & Medical Devices as the lead government agency for the management of pharmaceutical products and medical devices and strengthening the existing structure in the Ministry of Tourism and Environment (Chemical and Waste Office).	USD 318 789 (EUR 288 280)
United Nations Industrial Development Organization	Country Programme for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (2020-2024)	Aims to strengthen the government's effort towards sustainable and inclusive growth through 20 project proposals in 3 priority areas, one of which is sustainable energy for productive uses and environmental management. Some projects aim to boost the circular economy, such as through the development of eco-industrial parks.	<i>To be defined with donors</i>
World Bank	Country Partnership Framework for Albania (2023-2027)	The objective is to: strengthen the resilience of the government sector and households; strengthen the energy market framework and scale up renewable energy and energy efficiency; and protect the environment and reduce the country's carbon footprint. The umbrella project consists of four sub-projects, one of which is the Climate Resilience and Agriculture Development Project. This project aims to increase competitiveness and climate resilience of priority agri-food value chains by focusing on improving innovation in agriculture, enhancing smart irrigation, and access to local and EU markets.	USD 900 million (EUR 837 million) <i>indicative</i>

Notes: TBC: to be confirmed. The list is non-exhaustive.



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