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TEULEDA

**(LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE SHKODRA
REGION - ALBANIA)**



GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of establishment: 2001

Territory: TEUEDA cover the region of Shkodra, with an extension of 3,561.25 square kilometers, and a population of 334,045 inhabitants. Its headquarters are located in the city of Shkodra.

During many different epochs, it has retained its status as a major city in the Western Balkans, due to its geostrategic positioning, close to the Adriatic and the Italian ports, but also to its land-routes connecting with other important cities and towns in neighboring regions.

The city and the surrounding areas are characterized by a large variety of natural and cultural elements.

Lake of Shkodër is the biggest lake of the Balkans peninsula; it is a major summer attraction for tourists and local inhabitants.

Members: Public sector (Prefecture, Shkodra Region, local administrations, regional directorates of agriculture and labor, chamber of commerce, university), private sector (associations).

Main objectives: To enhance social and economic conditions in SHKODRA Region, promoting local resources mobilization and civil society development. Within this scope, the core objective of TEULEDA is the identification, analysis and implementation of initiatives favoring the development of economic activities and the creation of employment opportunities, within a framework that combines poverty reduction and the promotion of an integrated and sustainable territorial development.

IMPACTS

Economic Impact

During the last 5 years, TEULEDA has been creating more than 300 new employments and 28 micro and small enterprises; moreover, it has been supporting 60 micro and small business.

Strategic Impact

TEULEDA is a territorial leader structure for coordinating and leading strategic plans, with particular reference to the strategic plan for sustainable tourism at the regional level; in particular, TEULEDA has partially executed the touristic strategic plan, facilitating the coordination of the various actions and projects.

Social Impact

TEULEDA has created and promoted the "Report and Save" national sensitizing campaign against the Roma people trafficking, in cooperation with the Ministry of Intern and the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth. The main target of the campaign have been Roma children and women.

Financial Impact

In 2004, TEULEDA established a Guarantee Fund, in agreement with a local financial institution CREDINS Bank, which has a capital of 500,000 USD, and is able to provide credit up to 1,500,000 USD, mainly to people who cannot dispose of collaterals. Through this Guarantee Fund, TEULEDA has facilitated the access to credit for 40 micro and small enterprises, for an amount of 1,500,000 USD, ad a return rate of 95%.



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Institutional Impact

In 2004, TEULEDA has created the Union of Shkoder Enterprises (BBSH), a structure that provides technical and financial services to strengthen small and medium entrepreneurship.

OTHER

Projects

During the last 5 years, thanks to the cooperation of more than 10 national and international organizations (European Union, United Nations Development Program, different European organizations and public bodies etc.), the LEDA has executed 11 projects, for an amount of 500.000 USD. In particular, TEULEDA has been supporting the development of prioritized sectors such as tourism, agriculture, with a value chain approach, realizing territorial marketing, promoting the cultural heritage of Shkodra, improving the quality control laboratory of regional directorate of agriculture, promoting important cultural patrimony of SHKODRA in different European Capitals, promoting social inclusion of Roma people, improving the tourists accessibility in national ports and hinterland, and developing a National Info Mobility system.

Networking

TEULEDA is part of the ILS LEDA International Network.

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