MINISTRIES

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection
The Ministry of Agriculture financially supports activities in the area of applied research and technology transfer in fields relevant for agricultural community especially for the growth in the agriculture sector. In the centre stands the production of higher value crops, livestock, processing, and some agricultural niche markets. The Department for Extension Service and Agricultural Information in MAFCP is responsible for handling the strategy, management, organisation and coordination of advisory and extension services which include many actors such as public services, NGOs, private input dealers, various projects financed by foreign donors, etc. Five Agricultural Technology Transfer Centres (ATTC) were established in 2006 that operate under this department. Website: www.mbumk.gov.al

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy, Department of Competitiveness Policy
The Competitiveness Policy Department at METE is in charge of designing policies for investment developments, exports and SMEs. The specific objectives are linked in promoting free entrepreneurship, encouraging the development of business innovation in order to increase their competitiveness in regional and global markets. Furthermore, the department of business promotion is also responsible for strengthening the ability of the relevant Albanian institutions to develop, implement and monitor the SME policy, enabling to develop entrepreneurship and innovation programs. A Strategic Programme for Innovation and Technology Development of SMEs for the period 2011-2016 has been prepared with the assistance of the Project IPA 2007"Supporting SMEs to become more competitive in the EU market" in order to increase the competitiveness and capacity growth of Albanian enterprises and is approved with DCM No. 104, dated 9.02.2011, a new policy in compliance with EU policy. The strategy will be implemented by METE in cooperation with other stakeholders and the main objectives of national strategic programme are to develop innovation in key sectors; to initiate, import, modify and diffuse new technologies in enterprises; to increase the capacity of business supporting organisations to assist in the innovation of enterprises; to assist directly with technical information; to assist enterprises to gain external funding for innovation activities; and to enable the creation and survival of new innovative firms (METE 2011: 4). For this purpose, four main programmes / projects will be implemented in the period 2011-2016. Website: www.mete.gov.al

Ministry of Education and Science
The Ministry of Education and Science is the state authority presiding over Higher Education and Science in Albania. In terms of science, it supports the activities of the relevant state institutions and of the personnel serving in these institutions. It encourages the development of scientific and technological activities even outside the state institutions, supporting a range of private (organisations and persons), domestic and foreign entities, NGOs and agencies, which are specifically concerned with scientific research in Albania. The state policies regarding scientific research and technological development activities are considered to be an integral part of the country's general economic and social development policies. Seven National Programmes of Research and Development were drafted in order to address the entire scientific community in the country: Social Sciences and Albanology; Information Systems and Technologies; Agriculture, Food and Biotechnology; Water and Energy; Biodiversity and the Environment; Health; Materials. Website: www.mash.gov.al

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Water Administration Contact
The mission of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Water Administration(MoEFWA) is to draft and propose policies, strategies and action plans for the protection and administration of the environment, forests, waters and fisheries in order to achieve sustainable development, and to improve the quality of life and enable the country to join the European Union. The accomplishment of this mission is carried out through participation, initiation and coordination of the activities that lead to long term developments and well being, by protecting the nature and raising the awareness of the public opinion. The MoEFWA's main tasks include: Implementing relevant national policies; Defining priority environmental and forestry investments;
Development of national research programs in the environmental field; Coordinating environmental protection-related activities of the other ministries and local authorities. The MoEFWA may propose measures for the protection and preservation of the environment, forestry and water resources and is responsible for the implementation of water policy and forestry policy. Website: www.moe.gov.al

Ministry of Health
The Ministry of Health has the mission of health policy implementation of the government Programme. The ministry drafts the health policy for the national level and determines the development and planning of the health service at national level and according to the areas. Website: www.moh.gov.al

Ministry of Innovation and Information & Communication Technology
In April 2010, the Ministry for Innovation and Information and Communication Technology was established. The ministry deals with the technological innovation through which the Albanian economy is being developed, with the integration of education with scientific study and with the usage of new technologies of information and communication to prosper and grow. The focus is on policies regarding technological innovation, research and development of new technical solutions, in an environment that integrates academic productivity capacity of the country for the benefit of our community, businesses and economy. Website: www.mitik.gov.al

NATIONAL AGENCIES

Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation (ARTI)
The Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation (ARTI) is a public, legal institution under the competences of the Council of Ministers. ARTI was established with the Decision of Council of Ministers and has started its activity in March 2010. ARTI aims to build a modern system of science, strengthen the research and technology, as well as their integration inside the higher education system. Furthermore, ARTI facilitates the exchange of knowledge, mutual activities and partnership within and outside the country. ARTI cooperates with institutions in the field of science and technology in line with national priorities, developing scientific and technological policies and the management of Research and Development institutes. The Agency operates as a coordinating structure for programs and projects based on national and international bilateral and multilateral cooperation between Albania and other countries. ARTI is in charge of the following programmes:

- National programmes of Research and Development: encompass three-year programmes and projects implemented in certain priority areas selected by the Council of Scientific Policy and Technological Development (CSPTD). For the period 2010-2012, there are seven programmes in the areas of Social Sciences and Albanology; Information Systems and Technologies; Agriculture, Food and Biotechnology; Water and Energy; Biodiversity and the Environment; Health; and Materials.
- International Programmes: Bilateral S&T programmes and multilateral programmes (FP7).
- Research Infrastructure Programme: The objective is to improve the equipment and facilities of public research institutes and universities in order to enable research and research projects on international standards. To this end, communities of engineering, science and technology, professional and polytechnic institutes, entrepreneurial universities and technical institutes with a focus on business incubation and community development are being created.
- Programme of Centres of Excellence in Science (CES): This programme should implement the objective of the national strategy of science, technology and innovation 2009-2015 to establish 4-5 Centres of Excellence in Science.
- Programme for Technology Transfer and Innovation: The main purpose is to promote the linkage between science and private sector to foster the development of the Albanian economy.
- Programme for Young Researchers: This programme aims to address the Albanian government’s goal to double the number of researchers (DSCS 2009: 16) by financing researchers to conduct PhD studies in Albania, to attend PhD trainings in the EU; and providing grants to researchers returning to Albania.
- Brain Gain Programme: The purpose is to motivate talented scholars to return to Albania by supporting universities and public administration to employ persons with higher qualifications.

Website: www.akti.gov.al

Academy of Sciences of Albania (ASH)
The Academy of Sciences of Albania, founded in 1972, is the most important scientific institution in the Republic of Albania. It includes the most distinguished scientists, academicians, who develop scientific
activities in the institutes and research centres, and other scientific organizations at home and abroad. The Academy has 28 members, academicians, 11 members, 26 associate and academic members honour. The Academy has two sections: Section of Social Sciences and Albanological and Section of Natural Sciences and Tech. In its structure are also included, Unit of Research Project-Technological Development and Innovation, Department of External Affairs and Public, Scientific Publications Library. Website: www.akad.edu.al

Agency of Environment and Forestry (AEF)
The Agency of Environment and Forestry was set up through the restructuring of two institutes directly dependent upon the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Water Administration (MEFWA). The structure was approved by Order of the Albanian Prime Minister. The duties and scope of activities of the AEF are stipulated in Albania's environmental legislation. The Agency is envisaged to act as the central focus for environmental monitoring and to provide high quality reference and general laboratory services. Website: www.aefalbania.org

Albanian Agency for Business and Investment (AIDA)
The Government of Albania through the Law no. 10303, dated 15.07.2010 “On creation and organization and functioning of the Albanian Investment Development Agency” that entered into force on 26 August 2010, creates AIDA as an investment promotion agency, and as a key player for attracting FDIs in the country. The Agency, in view of its activities, performs all acts and undertakes all the necessary initiatives to support private sector development and improving business climate, pursuing and helping private commercial entities in all phases of their economic activity as well as by intermediating and cooperating with investors and state authorities. The new Albanian Investment Development Agency (AIDA) is established replacing the former Albanian Agency of Investment and Business (Alb invest) and has three main mandates: facilitation and support to direct investments in Albania; increasing competitiveness of small and medium enterprises in Albania; and promotion of export of goods and services. Within AIDA, a specific Division, denominated Business Relay and Innovation Centre (BRIC), will have the express role of implementing the Business Innovation and Technology Strategy (BITS) and Business Innovation Technology Action Plan. Website: www.aida.gov.al

National Agency for Information Society (NAIS)
The National Agency on Information Society (NAIS) was established by the Albanian Council of Ministers in 2007 and became fully operational in 2008. Its mission is to coordinate all of the Government of Albania’s activities in the field of Information and Communication. The object of National Agency of Information Society (NAIS): Implementation of strategies for the development of IS sector and especially ICT; Co-ordination of programs in the field of IS and especially ICT; Promotion of investment in the field of IS; Compilation of practices of minister competencies regarding to the electronic communications legislation framework; Promotion of new technologies in the field of IS; Contribute in education and promotion of ICT use by the public. Website: www.akshi.gov.al; www.ealbania.

National Agency of Natural Resources (AKBN)
The National Agency for Natural Resources protects and manages the interests of Albania in hydrocarbon, mining and energy field. The scope of AKBN is the development and supervision of the rational exploitation of natural resources based on Government policies, and the monitoring of their post exploitation in the sectors of mining, hydrocarbons and hydropower with these tasks and responsibilities: The agency consults and cooperates with the relevant government structures for the development of policies in the area of mining, hydrocarbons and energy; It implements government policies in the area of mining, hydrocarbons and energy; It provides within its scope, the government critical opinion on studies and projects in the areas of mining, hydrocarbons and energy that have been presented by government or private entities from the country or abroad. In special cases it asks for specialized assistance. Website: www.akbn.gov.al

REASEARCH CENTERS AND UNIVERSITIES

University of Tirana
Agricultural University of Tirana, Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Biotechnology, Centre of Food Research, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tirana; Polytechnic University of Tirana, Department of Textile and Fashion
Geology Service of Albania (GSA)
Research Institute. The Geology Service of Albania is a public institution funded by the state budget which aims to collect and study data in the Republic of Albania in the field of geosciences. Website: www.gsa.gov.al

Institute of Biologic Agriculture (IBB)
Research Institute. The IBB was established as NGO in 2008 but has a long experience in the field of bio agriculture products since 1996. The institute has its network in Vlora, Shkodra, and Korca. Website: www.ibb.al

Institute of Food and Veterinary Security/Protection (ISUV)
Research Institute The Institute of Food Safety and Veterinary (ISUV) is a public institution that depends on the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection (Ministry of Agriculture). Website: www.isuv.al

Institute of Geosciences (IGEO)
Research Institute. The Institute of GeoSciences is presently the only governmental body that focuses on scientific issues related to the management and usage of geo-information in Albania. Website: www.geo.edu.al

Institute of Military Geography (IGJU)
Website: www.supcom.mil.al

Institute of Public Health (ISHP)
Research Institute. Started in 1935 as the National Laboratory of Anti-rabies Vaccine Production, in 1994 its name changed to Institute of Public Health. Its essential role is in scientific research of preventive medicine, as the main concept of public health. Website: www.ishp.gov.al

Institute of Research on Medicine in the Military (IKMU)
Research Institute. Website: www.supcom.mil.al

COOPERATION PROGRAMMES

National and international donors and institutions are aware of the significance of innovation for the competitiveness and development of national economies. Therefore, different key programmes and instruments have been created to support activities that initiate and foster innovation and development.

Business Environment Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project / World Bank (BERIS)

Central European Initiative Know-how Exchange Programme (CEI KEP)
Created in 2004, the Know-how Exchange Programme (KEP) of the Central European Initiative (CEI) is a grant facility supporting the transfer of best practice and transformation experience from CEI EU to non-EU Member States. The CEI member states are currently: Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, FYR of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine. In order to achieve its objectives, KEP finances capacity building and technical assistance in its non-EU member countries carried out by experts from the CEI EU member states. The programme mainly aims to: Strengthen the economic and social advancement of the CEI non-EU Member States; Help the recent EU members in their transformation from recipients to donors (emerging donors) of development assistance; Promote the principles of foreign development aid and support international collaboration among institutions in CEI member countries. Website: http://www.ceinet.org/KEP

Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)
The EU’s Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) aims to encourage the competitiveness of European enterprises. With small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as its main
target, CIP supports innovation activities (including eco-innovation), provides better access to finance and delivers business support services in the regions. It encourages a better take-up and use of information and communication technologies (ICT) and helps to develop the information society. Website: http://ec.europa.eu/cip

Economic Development and Employment Promotion Programme, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) focuses on two priority areas in Albania: sustainable economic development; water supply in Albania. To this end, GIZ conducts an economic development and employment promotion programme (2007-2013) in Albania. The programme's objectives are to increase the competitiveness of SMEs and improve the investment environment through supporting Albanian economic promotion institutions and the implementation of the national rural development strategy (2011-2013) as well as by promoting businesses chambers and associations. Website: www.gtz.de/en/weltweit/europa-kaukasus-zentralasien/albanien/18172.htm

Turn Around Management (TAM) and Business Advisory Services (BAS) Programme in Albania
The TurnAround Management (TAM) and Business Advisory Services (BAS) Programme of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) are complementary technical assistance programmes that combine direct assistance at the enterprise level to viable micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) across a broad range of industry sectors. Website: www.bas-albania.org

USAID Albania
Operating in Albania since 1992, assistance programme of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is aimed to support peace, stability and prosperity in the country and enhance economic growth, poverty reduction, democratic institutions and civil society. To this end, USAID programmes are focused on four areas: economic growth & trade, democracy & rule of law, health, and ant trafficking. Website: www.albania.usaid.gov

Albanian Agriculture Competitiveness (AAC) Program
The AAC program supports three main areas: (1) Strengthening producer capacity for commercial farming; (2) Strengthening capability for market development and (3) increasing access to and utilization of timely and reliable market information. The program provided technical assistance and training to producers in improved technologies, good farm management practices, and appropriate marketing strategy.

Competitive Enterprise Development (CED)-"Rritje Albania"

Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF)

7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7)
Website: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

ADRA
The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is an international humanitarian aid agency. ADRA Trans-Europe is a regional office, part of the global ADRA Network. The office supports 16 country offices in the Trans-Europe Region. ADRA Albania are currently working with partners in the Netherlands to sponsor the renovation of two schools.

INNOVATION SYSTEM

Technology/Innovation Centres (TICs)
A Technology/Innovation Centre (TIC) is an institution established in order to facilitate technology transfer as well as to promote research uptake and innovation by linking researchers and universities with SMEs. TICs enable the industry to exploit new and emerging technologies by providing linkages between research and SMEs.

Business Relay and Innovation Centre (BRIC) within the Albanian Agency for Business and Investment (AIDA)
Website: www.aida.gov.al
Centres of Agricultural Technology Transfer (QTTB)

- Centre of Agricultural Technology Transfer, Fushë-Krujë: Forage cultivation, legume (white beans), bovine, swine (pigs), poultry and integrated management of farm; services for soil and water; needs and other priorities of the region
- Centre of Agricultural Technology Transfer, Lushnjë: Vegetables in greenhouses and open field; wheat; needs and other priorities of the region
- Centre of Agricultural Technology Transfer, Vlorë: Nuclei fruit trees, olive trees, vineyards, citrus; needs and other priorities of the region
- Centre of Agricultural Technology Transfer, Korçë: Small ruminants, Seedy fruit trees (apples), potatoes, barley; needs and other priorities of the region
- Centre of Agricultural Technology Transfer, Shkodër: Maize; needs and other priorities of the region

Clusters

Another crucial element of national innovation systems are clusters that can be defined “as a group of firms, related economic actors, and institutions that are located near each other and have reached a sufficient scale to develop specialised expertise, services, resources, suppliers and skills” In this way, interactions, the exchange of knowledge, and the presence of a skilled labour force are facilitated and enable clusters to be important drivers for competitiveness and innovation

Albanian Software Cluster (ASC)

The Albanian Software Cluster is a non profit organization established on November 22nd, 2010 in Tirana. ASC was created to answer the demand of national and international enterprises. The cluster is composed of twelve members that operate in the field of Information Technology, Software, Information Consultancy Services, Business Applications Solutions, Training and Education etc. The Albanian Software Cluster is a non profit organization established on November 22nd, 2010 in Tirana. Website: www.albaniansoftwarecluster.com

Leather Goods/Shoe Production Industry Cluster

It was agreed by the ACIT, EDEM and USAID that implementation of the Leather Goods/Shoe Production Industry Cluster will be a combined effort of ACIT and EDEM. ACIT has accepted responsibility for managing the activity and will direct much of the assistance activities. Website: www.acit-al.org; www.ftdb.acit-al.info

Business Start-Up Centres/ Technology Incubators

Business start-up centres and technology incubators are facilities designed to support entrepreneurship and help start-up companies to survive and flourish through the use of shared resources, management expertise, counselling, training, the provision of services (administrative support, office equipment, marketing etc.) and networks for potential business partners, etc.

Albanian Association of Business Incubators

The association is newly established.

Business Incubator in Shkoder


Business Incubator in Tirana (BIT)

In addition to the above presented main innovation infrastructures, other organisations exist such as regional development agencies, banks and business support centres, etc. which provide special services which foster innovation and have positive impact on innovative entrepreneurship.

Albanian Agribusiness Council (KASH)

Association/ NGO The Albanian Agribusiness Council represents 21 agribusiness trade associations. KASH mission is advocacy and promotion of the business that operates in agriculture. Advocacy is done through lobbying on legislative and executive organisms. This is realized through the representation of members of KASH in the Business Advisory Council, Work Committee, AKU, Fair Board, MADA Project, ProMali and other projects. Through this representative KASH proposes and observes to protect the interests of the membership. KASH has Memorandums of Understanding with MBUMK with UBT and is preparing several collaborative projects with other institutions. KASH encourages its member to take part in conferences,
seminars, training both inside and outside of the state for advanced experience and expanding businesses. KASH implements promotion of agribusiness through fairs on national and local levels. Website: http://www.kash.org.al

Albanian Association of Constructors (SHNSH)
Association/NGO. It promotes the development of buildings, modern and innovative techniques and technologies of construction and production of construction materials. Website: www.shnsh.org

Albanian Association of Information Technology in Agriculture, Food and Environment (AITA)
Association/NGO. The mission of AITA is to facilitate the exchange of information and experience, development of knowledge in the ICT area in agriculture, food and environment in order to strengthen the competitiveness of these sectors in Albania and elsewhere and to promote awareness of ICT in agriculture, food and environment.

Albanian Business Information Centre (ALBIC)
Online business support web-portal. The Albanian Business Information Centre is supported by the SOROS Foundation and contains business information including practical information in all the fields related to business: Fiscal system; Legislation; Financial system; Public procurement and Licensing; Online materials about business. Website: www.albic.net

Albanian Centre for Competitiveness and International Trade (ACIT)
Association/NGO. The Albanian Centre for Competitiveness and International Trade (ACIT), a joint programme of the USAID and the Institute for Contemporary Studies (ICS) was established in 2002. Website: http://www.acit-al.org

Albanian Centre for Economic Research (ACER)
Association/NGO. The Albanian Centre for Economic Research (ACER) was the first non-profit organisation to emerge in Albania after the political changes in 1991. Founded and incorporated by a group of university professors, economists and bankers, ACER was registered in the Tirana District Law Court of Tirana in June 1993. Website: www.acer.org.al

Albanian Confederation of Industry (SHK)
Association/NGO. Established in 2005, the Albanian Confederation of Industry is a voluntary and independent non-profit organization gathering businesses with different profiles that are currently operating in Albania. Website: www.konfindustria.org.al

Albanian Information Technology Association (AITA)
Acronym: AITA. Association/NGO. AITA Association was founded in January 2007 in Tirana and represents the interests of most of IT companies in Albania. Website: www.aita-al.org

American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham)
Association/NGO. As an organization dedicated to the development of the business relations between US and Albania, AmCham considers the establishment of high standards of conducting business and principals of good cooperate citizenship as one of its most significant goals. Website: www.amcham.com.al

Business Advisory Council (BAC)
Several attempts have been made by the Government to increase the participation of the SME stakeholders in a Government-business consultative process. Website: www.kkb.gov.al

Business Albania
Association/NGO. This association has arisen from the need to restart correctly, to solve problems concerning private companies with the state.

Chamber of Façon of Albania
Association/NGO. The Chamber of Façon of Albania is dedicated to improve the sector’s position in Albania and abroad. Website: www.albania-textile.com

Development Solutions Associates (DSA)
Agency/Fund. DSA is a business development agency providing consulting and research to businesses and donors implementing projects to foster economic growth in Albania. Website: www.dsaconsult.com

Directorate of Accreditation (DPA)
The Albanian Accreditation Directorate (DA) is a public authority under the Minister of Economy, Trade and Energy, recognized by the Albanian Government as the single National Accreditation Body to assess, against internationally agreed standards, organizations that provide certification, testing, inspection and calibration services. Website: www.albanianaccreditation.gov.al

General Directorate of Metrology (DPMK)
Research Institute. The General Directorate of Metrology is a legal public entity specialized for metrology, with its head office in Tirana and organized on national level in 4 Regional Centres subordinate to the minister responsible of economy. Website: www.dpmk.gov.al

General Directory of Patents and Trade Marks (DPPM)
Government/Ministry. The Albanian Directorate of Patents and Trade Marks is a government institution under the Ministry of Economy Trade and Energy, which provides grant and protection for Patents for Inventions and Utility Models, Industrial Designs, Trademarks & service marks, Geographical indications, and Topography of Integrated Circuits. DPPM is member of EPO since May 2010. Website: www.alpto.gov.al

General Directorate of Standardization (DPS)
Government/Ministry. The General Directorate of Standardization (DPS) is a public authority under the Minister of Economy Trade and Energy. It is the National Standards Body in Albania, established about 60 years ago. Website: www.dps.gov.al

Albanian Dairy And Meat Association ADAMA
The ADAMA was founded and registered as a legal body in February 1997. It is a non profit organization which represents the interests of agro-processing businesses. ADAMA has been the support of the Land O’Lakes Project funded by USAID. Its establishment was a natural evolution of the private dairy and meat processing industry in Albania related to milk and meat processing and marketing. The Mission of ADAMA is development and strengthening of dairy and meat industry businesses through: Training and technical assistance; Introduction of new technologies; Enforcement of up-to-date standards; Increasing business competitiveness; Market information; Business plan development; Policy improvement for the agro processing industry; Implementation of international standard and food safety system ISO series & HACCP; Cooperation with organizations and institutions in this sector.

Local Economic Development Agencies (LEDAs)
Agency/Fund. The Local Economic Development Agencies are independent foundations, established with the support of the UNOPS-PASARP Programme and owned by local public and private member institutions in the region.

AULEDA (Vlorë County) Website: www.auleda.org
TEULEDA (Shkodra County) Website: www.teuleda.org.al

National Chamber of Garment Producers (DKPV)
Association/NGO. This association works in the field of garment making and is supported by the project of “Rritje Albania” with USAID and GIZ and is being consolidated as a cluster.

Networking of Regional Development Agencies (Net RDA)
Agency/Fund. The NetRDA’s mission is to provide its professional assistance to accomplish short and long term projects related to economic, social and cultural development on local and broader level, and, based on the experience, to realise or support improvements of activities carried out from pre-selected target groups. Website: www.netrda.com

Professional Businesswomen and Handcrafters Association
Association/NGO. SHGPAZ was founded in 1992 de facto and registered on 16 May 1994 as NGO, non-governmental, independent association which operates in the whole territory of Albania, to assist women in business through information, training, lobbying for the improvement of policy-making in all levels, as well as to facilitate the creation of public opinion and have a status as group of interest. Website: www.shgpa.best-alb.org

Regional Development Agencies (RDA)
Agency/Fund. Initially ten Regional Development Agencies were founded in 1992 with the mission of improving the business environment and encouraging economic development in the region. Their main areas of activity are supporting the regional development of SMEs, building democratic institutions and promoting good governance, and fostering civil society. RDA services encompass:

- Regional Development Agency (SME) - Tirana. Website: http://www.gjikondi.com/rdatirana.net/index.php
- Regional Development Agency (SME) - Korce Phone/Fax: + 355 824 2626
- Regional Development Agency (SME) - Vlore
- Regional Development Agency (SME) - Gjirokaster
- Regional Development Agency (SME) - Fier
- Regional Development Agency (SME) – Durres

Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry
Association/NGO. Website: www.uccial.al

Chamber of Commerce & Industry - Tirana
Association/NGO. Website: www.cci.al

Chamber of Commerce & Industry - Shkoder
Association/NGO. Website: www.cci-shkodra.org