

Promoting a National Service for human development innovation

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The [Albanian Catalogue for Human Development](#) is being diffused in the Country and is having a great interest.

The Albanian Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation AKTI, the national institution responsible for promoting science, technology and innovation that has coordinated the work for the catalogue production has received the documentation for six more innovations, by the respective authors. Works are underway on the validity of such innovations in view of their inclusion in the National Catalogue.



The activities for the organization of the National Conference to present the Catalogue of the Albanian Innovations for Human Development, proposed by the Albanian Institutions, have been reactivated after the pause generated by the national elections and the appointment of the new Government.

During the last months the B.A.ZH NGO, which acts as the operating arm of AKTI, has also consult a number of significant institutions and actors in the country to test their interest to implement a permanent Service in Albania, to promote the use of the innovative methodologies and technologies of the National Catalogue and the International IDEASS Catalogue, and bring information and technical assistance to interested Albanian actors. The National Service is intended to give continuity to the fruitful cooperation established between the Albanian Agency AKTI, BAZH NGO and the IDEASS International Program.



B.A.ZH NGO is already working in this perspective. The IDEASS innovation of [Territorial Bio-districts](#), for example, has been largely diffused in the Country, attracting the interest of specialist and experts of Crop Production Department, General Directory of Agricultural Policies of Albanian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection. The agriculture sector is economically important in Albania (17% of GDP), and employs large part of the active population (around 48%), but is still suffering from low technological level: poor marketing of products, limited investments, small size and scarce organization of producer's associations, high level of migration from rural areas. The Albanian national institutions are focusing the idea of transferring the Bio-districts methodologies on [Përmet District](#) within the frame of the National Service activities in Albania. Përmet is located in the southeast of Albania with an area of 929 square kilometers and



local actors already work together in the framework of different productive districts.

The perspective of building this permanent National Service to promote innovations for human development was very well received by all the involved actors. The Albanian Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation AKTI has therefore decided to launch an intensive research of the possible technical and financial partnerships for the implementation of this service, with the collaboration of B.A.ZH and the Albanian institutions more involved in the activities of the National Catalogue.



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