ALBANIAN THERMAL MUDS WITH INNOVATIVE BIOLOGICAL METHODOLOGIES



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The preparatory work of the project <u>Support developing hydrothermal</u> resources in Albania through innovative methodologies, coordinated by the Association B.A.ZH NGO with the technical support of the Permanent Thermal Observatory (PTO) of the University of Padova, reached its concluding phase. From 7-14 June a new mission of the Technical Director of PTO, Davide Rossi was carried out in Albania in order to meet the Albanian Scientific Working Group of the Project and define in a participatory way the role of each actor within the project.

The Albanian Scientific Working Group of the Project is currently composed by the Department of Earth Sciences, Faculty of Geology, Polytechnic University of Tirana, the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine of the University of Tirana, and the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the University of Tirana.

Furthermore, in the framework of the Project, B.A.ZH NGO established a new partnership with the Albanian Dairy & Meat Association, ADAMA. This Association was founded and registered as a gal 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. ADAMA cooperates with state institutions and collaborates with different projects in Albania, providing consultancy and services. The Mission of ADAMA is focused to the 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.





The Project is framed in the Albanian national strategies of sustainable development, for sustainable territorial tourism and specifically for the thermal tourism. The project methodology implementation intends to identify, support and involve Albanian potential stakeholders, involving the academic and research institutions, public, civil society organizations, associative and private social actors as well as representatives of central institutions, and the local offices which can potentially contribute in the project implementation.

During the mission a technical work was carried out with the institutions participant in the Working Group, to define in details the technical contribution to the project development. At the mission conclusion a Working Group meeting was held, in order to approve the final project document

This activity will be implemented in Albania by the Non Governmental Organization B.A.ZH, which gives continuity to the IDEASS initiatives in the country.

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