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***Agency for Research Technology and Innovation - ARTI***

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The Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation, by its name and the function it was created for, can function even as the main coordination structure for helping the sustainable human development in Albania. It cooperates with the institutions on the field of science, technology and innovation in regards to the national priorities on the development of scientific and technologic policies and for financing and managing the research and development in promoting science and technology.

As such, the Albanian Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation – ARTI – took the leading role of the coordinating institution in the process of creating the First Albanian National Innovation Catalogue for Human Development.

The strategy of building up this catalogue went through a process of cooperation between BAZH NGO, ARTI, IDEASS in the framework of UNDP ART GOLD 2 in Albania as well as many Albanian institutions, and innovation actors for the human development. As a result of this fruitful cooperation, we are pleased to present this publication of the first 12 initiatives.

The first Albanian Catalogue of Innovations for Human Development aims to encourage the contribution of social innovations with territorial impact for the reduction of poverty, exclusion and job creation as well as for the dissemination of innovations to improve the processes of territorial development in the country.

Practice has shown that if effectively promoted the contribution of innovations practiced by local actors in the field of social policies and economic practices, food, public health, environment, etc., they can transform the conditions of people's lives, by contributing to increase the level of their welfare as well as the development of opportunities in the global level.

ARTI, among others, aims to strengthen the integrated territorial development processes by using increasing innovation. It aims to enhance the capacity of local, regional, private and public actors, to meet the needs of the population, through innovative methods and tools. The promotion of science and technology is one of our aims, and as such, we would be very proud if through this catalogue we have somehow contributed in the field of the Albanian innovation, which is still being searched.

ARTI Executive Director

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