



## Project Title

Youth center building

## Project Type

Youth and Sports

## Project Location

Functional area Dajç, Blinisht, Kallmet, Ungrej, Balldre, Zejmen, Kolsh, Shen Koll, Lezhe, Shëngjin

## Total Pre-Estimated Budget

50,000 Euro

## Project Background and Analysis

The concept of functional area was at the heart of the territorial reform implemented in Albania during 2014 through which new and bigger local units were determined and great expectations toward a more consistent development and more efficient use of the public sector resources as well as utilization of the private sector energies were created.

Data of the education regional directorate of Lezha show that during 2014 in ZF operate 13 high schools providing general education and 1 professional school. The overall number of students is respectively: 9020 students following the 9 years education, 2724 students following high school education and 559 following professional high school education.

Professional education in the city of Lezha is offered by "Kolin Gjoka", school. It was first opened in september 2003. The school provides the students with education in five main profiles: (business-economy, office management, TIK, English- French and pedagogic course). 53.9% of the students are women. It can easily be verified from the chart how gender stereotypes are represented in the professional school. Accordingly in the TIK area there is only 13.9% women while in the pedagogic area women and constitute 94.6% of the students. The participation of youth in the decision making process still remains an issue at the discretion of the institution officials of the central as well as local level. It is not a legal or administrative obligation for the latter. Therefore youth is sometimes consulted during the decision making process while other times their opinion is totally disregarded.

Currently there is a special focus of local government toward revival of community based services at the benefit of different social groups through utilization of municipality assets for these services which constitute a help to the respective communities.

## Specific Objectives of the Project

The overall objective of the project is empowering local youth action groups through the construction of stable structures offering friendly services to the latter as well as encouraging them to take part in educational and awareness raising community initiatives. The following are specific objectives: Construction and implementation of a youth center offering friendly services to youth; Creation of two local action groups with the objective of increasing youth participation in the decision making process of their respective municipalities; Promoting youth participation in concrete initiatives focused on helping the municipality and the community through organization of community based activities; Encouraging local government structures for the construction and empowerment of youth services and youth inclusions in the decision making process.

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## Expected Results and Project Indicators

It is expected that all local units which are part of the functional area and their communities will benefit from this project. The project will provide:

- Build up the youth center.
- Drafting a document assessing youth situation in the area.
- Put in place friendly services for youth.
- Public information with a special focus on youth.
- 60 young people benefitting from services in each center.
- Determining the time table of the activities of the center.
- Organization of community impacting activities.

## Project Maturity

The project is harmonized with the study of the functional area of Lezha. It can start immediately after the consolidation of the new local structures and certainly it will help youth inclusion.

This project will create a link between youth and the community which through the former will be able in the future to continue to obtain information related to different local government projects in this context. Youth action groups which will be created will continue to exchange information among them making the social centers active structures of the city. The youth center will serve as a meeting point and activities center for the local unit through financial support of the local unit as well as through donations.

## Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

Due to its immediate necessity and reduced deadlines this project may be supported through grants issued by different donators such as DLDP as well as the municipality budget which will contribute by providing the building where the youth center will be located.

The project will be implemented in Lezha municipality within a time frame of 9 months according to the respective implementing time table.

## Project Cost

The total cost of the project is expected to be 50,000 euro and includes interventions, civil processing and furnishing.