



Project Title

Road construction for pedestrians and bikes along the shore of Shkodra Lake

Project Type

Public services/tourism strategic sector/Service Sector

Project Location

Shore line of Shkodra Lake in the Functional Area-Malësi e Madhe LGUs of Qendër, Kastrat, Koplik, Gruemirë

Total Pre-Estimated Budget

N/A

Project Background and Analysis

Among the findings derived from the economic analysis of the functional area program on the current state of the tourism sector in the field part of the functional area of Malësi e Madhe, there is a clear lack of road infrastructure in coastal villages of the Lake of Shkodër, as well as lack of entertainment activities nearby. Accordingly, the draft concept for building a pedestrian path and bike lane along the shore of Lake responds to the need to promote lake tourism and beyond. In combination with visitors' attraction, construction of this road may encourage trading of local products, restaurants, camping and other forms of development of the service sector, while it is operational and improvement of public services to the next local unit.

Specific Objectives of the Project

The objective of the project is to provide development of the lake tourism in the field of functional area by increasing opportunities for activities and entertainment for the residents and visitors. The project can bring benefits primarily to the residents of local units to have access to the lake, respectively the Municipality Qendër, Kastrat, Gruemirë and Koplik, through economic development, but also improvement of road infrastructure in the surrounding areas.

Expected Results and Project Indicators

The following are the expected results:

1. A footpath and bike lane lightened along the coast of Lake of Shkodër in Malësi e Madhe (about 30 km);
2. Increased access to the lake, given that to date this road is missing in the highest length of the coast line;
3. Increased number of visitors and the service sector development.

The number of residents of four local units that have access to the lake, thus being direct beneficiaries from the road construction, is about 42,000 (approximately 77% of the individuals of the entire functional area).

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Project Activities

The project can be developed according to the following phases of work:

1. Reconstruction of the road layers, placing asphalt layers;
2. Construction of sidewalks;
3. Construction of a bike lane;
4. Electric works for street lightning.

For a road length of about 30 km long construction works will take about 3 years.

Project Maturity

The project is a concept based on the needs of economic and infrastructure development, resulting from the analysis of the functional area program.

A technical study of the entire coast line of the lake along which the road is more suitable to pass through is the key activity needed. This activity will make the project sustainable.

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

Potential donors for the project have been identified the following: central government budget, local government budget, Albanian Development Fund and the EU.

Project Cost

Based on investments made to the road national infrastructure funded by the Albanian Development Fund during 2005-2013 (referring specifically to the construction of a road similar to the segment Shkodër-Shirokë), we can make an estimate on the cost for building a footpath and bike lane of 33,800,000 ALL / km, or 245,000 Euro / km.