



## Project Title

Building tourist paths/routes in the region of Tropoja

## Project Type

Economic Development/ Public Services/Quick Start Projects

## Project Location

Bujan, Tropojë, Lekbibaj Communes

## Total Pre-Estimated Budget

3,700,000 ALL

## Project Background and Analysis

Analysis of the economic development of Tropojë functional area has identified a great tourism potential of the area and the beauty and natural resources making Tropoja an important destination of mountain tourism. At the same time, it stressed that Valbona Valley is one of the main attractions of Tropoje, but also all over Albania and in the region. Further, it noted that Tropojë has many other unused tourist attractions, which should be in the focus of local and central decision-makers such as Ceremi, Curraj i Epërm, Ponar Lake, Bjeshke Mountain Range etc. It is important for these destinations to promote and develop the infrastructure (roads, tourism, etc) in these destinations. The project proposes the construction of tourist paths/routes from Bujan to Maja e Hekurave and Curraj e Epërm, from Lekbibaj to Curraj e Epërm and from Tropoja to Cerem. Currently, tourist paths/routes have inadequate tourist infrastructure (signposts, information boards, visitor safety interventions etc.).

## Specific Objectives of the Project

1. Improvement of tourist infrastructure in the area of Tropoja.
2. Increase of tourist attractions to be visited in the area of Tropoja.
3. Increase of the number of visitors and days of their stay in Tropoja.

## Expected Results and Project Indicators

1. Tourist paths/routes with improved and promoted infrastructure for potential tourists.
2. The number of tourists who visit areas of Bujan, Tropojë and Lekbibaj is increased.
3. The number of tourists' days of stay when they visit Tropojë is increased.
4. Development of mountain tourism in Bujan, Tropojë and Lekbibaj and consequently income of local families in these municipalities is increased.

Population of the municipalities of Bujan, Tropojë and Lekbibaj, representing approximately 45% of the functional area surface of Tropojë and its population will be direct beneficiaries. The residents and businesses of the municipality of Bajram Curri will be indirect beneficiaries.



## Project Activities

1. Design of tourist paths:
    - Bujan-Markaj-Cervena-Cukal-Maja e Hekurave
    - Bujan-Markaj-Velesht-Qafa e Kolshit-Qereq-Mulaj-Curraj i Epërm
    - Lekbibaj-Vrana-Qafa e Mrrisë-Curraj i Epërm
    - Lekbibaj-Shëngjergj-Btoshë-Qereq-Mulaj-Curraj i Epërm
    - Lekbibaj-Curraj i Poshtëm-Curraj i Epërm (Lekbibaj river shore)
    - Tropojë-Sulbicë-Dobërdol-Valbonë-Cerem
  1. Implementation of works for tourist paths/routes
    - Placement of orientation signs / boards (100 signboards)
    - Design of tourist maps for each path/route (6 tourist paths/routes)
    - Placement of information boards with corresponding maps at the beginning of each path/route (6 tourist paths/routes).
    - Building of observation/contemplation areas (3 locations - at Maja e Hekurave, Cukal, Curraj i Epërm)
    - Construction of small bridges and protective fences in hazardous areas for tourists (10 interventions).
  2. Community awareness for preservation and improvement of tourism infrastructure and promotion of mountain tourism.
- The duration for the project implementation is 8 months.

## Project Maturity

This project is in its phase of inception. There is no project or intervention regarding the establishment of tourist infrastructure in these areas (toward "Curraj i Epërm", "Qeremi" and "Maja e Hekurave").

## Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

Potential funders of the project may be different projects implemented by local and foreign organizations (such as cross-border ones with Kosovo and Montenegro) or the local government unit.

## Project Cost

- Total cost of the project is 3,500,000 ALL, including:
1. Design of tourist paths/routes (6 tourist paths/routes 300,000 ALL)
  2. Implementation of works for tourist paths/routes.
    - Placement of orientation signs/billboards (100 signboards, 800,000 ALL)
    - Design of tourist maps for each path/route and their printing (6 tourist paths/routes, 360,000 ALL)
    - Placement of information boards with corresponding maps at the beginning of each path/route (6 tourist paths/routes, 540,000 ALL).
    - Building of observation/contemplation areas (3 locations, 900,000 ALL)
    - Construction of small bridges and protective fences in hazardous areas for tourists (10 interventions, 600,000 ALL).
  3. Community awareness for the preservation and improvement of tourist infrastructure and promotion of mountain tourism (preparation and printing of leaflets, 200,000 ALL).