

Development of Broadband Atlas for Albania

Project Financing

WBIF	Grant	WB23-ALB-DII-01	€ 251,250
AFD	Loan		€ 2,750,000
Beneficiary Contribution	Own Contribution		€ 1,000,000
Anticipated WBIF INV Grant	External Grant		€ 2,000,000
Total			€ 6,001,250
Total Grants			€ 251,250
Total Loans			€ 2,750,000

Project Description

Albania has the lowest fixed broadband penetration in the WB6 and it is an urgent necessity to take all necessary measures to improve the situation for matching European standards and bringing clear benefits to the citizens from digital infrastructure.

Broadband connectivity and ICT access are prominent needs to ensure economic growth and competitiveness and to create an investment-friendly environment for the private sector. Digital Transition is also a pillar for low carbon transition trajectories. Western Balkan countries are aware of the necessity to develop the broadband infrastructure to connect rural, less densely populated areas.

The project proposal is to support Albania in the development, upgrading of the broadband atlas in order to include information of last-mile connectivity for infrastructure mapping to have information on the end-user, service mapping, demand and investment mapping, information on the use of broadband internet in Albania, information on the bandwidth available, white dots, network providers in the area and mobile services coverage, based on international best practices and models.

The overall objective of the project is to address and rectify inequalities in socio-economic development in the country and in relation with other countries in the region by bridging the digital gap and improving digital cohesion. The project will raise opportunities of the business in all economic sectors, in the social inclusion of all participants, and community through ICT access.

Results and Benefits

- 20 white zones covered with broadband
- establishing service mapping, demand mapping, and investment demand mapping
- 200 telecom companies from the private sector will have access in broadband mapping, service mapping, investment demand
- 61 municipalities will have access in broadband mapping, service mapping, investment demand

- **Countries:** Albania
- **Code:** PRJ-ALB-DII-016
- **Sector:** Digital infrastructure
- **Lead IFI:** AFD
- **Status:** Preparation
- **Beneficiary:**