



## LOCAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT LABORATORIES in Shkodra & Vlora Regions (Albania) are offering:

A three-month professional development programme on  
“Governance of sustainable local human development”

### Objectives:

To develop the professional skills needed for:

- strategic planning of local economic development and territorial marketing;
- participatory and strategic development planning;
- promoting integrated strategies for sustainable tourism;
- facilitating dialogue among government, business and social actors;
- promoting policies and strategies for social inclusion of marginalized groups;
- project cycle management and resource mobilization, especially in the European context.

### Who should apply?

- Professionals, preferably under the age of 35, from: public administrations and institutions; research and education institutions; NGOs; private sector.
- Students who are presently enrolled in pertinent post-graduate programmes.

### Course duration:

First term: 8 June 2011 – 22 July 2011

Second term: 12 September 2011 – 15 October 2011

**Course language:** English

### Course credits:

12 European Transferable Credits (earned through 120 hours of class work and 240 hours of field work, for a total of 360 hours), to be provided for by the Ministry of Education and Science. The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs is expected to recognize the certificate for all pertinent public competitions.

**Academic coordination:** University “Pavaresia” in Vlora; University “Luigj Gurakuqi” in Shkodra

**Deadline for application:** 20 May 2011

### How to apply:

Prospective candidates must submit their curriculum vitae in English, with a cover letter explaining the motivations for their candidacy and two letters of personal reference. For currently employed candidates, one reference letter must be provided by the candidate’s institutional supervisor and must indicate the reasons why the candidate’s employer supports the application and how the candidate’s acquired skills will be used by the institution upon completion of the programme. Applications must be sent to: **Estevan Ikonomi, National Programme Officer, UNDP ART GOLD 2, e-mail: [estevan.ikonomi@undp.org](mailto:estevan.ikonomi@undp.org)**

### WHAT ARE THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT LABORATORIES?

They are a partnership among the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, UNDP ART GOLD 2 Albania Programme, UNOPS Universitas Programme, the Regions of Shkodra and Vlora, the Municipalities of Vlora and Shkodra, the local development agencies of Vlora and Shkodra and University “Pavaresia” (Vlora), the University “Ismail Qemali” (Vlora) and the University “Luigj Gurakuqi” (Shkodra).

These partners have identified innovative development experiences in the two Regions and have agreed to make them available to interested national and international students and young professionals as a context for policy-oriented research and professional development.



## COURSE STRUCTURE

### I. Students will participate in one of the following supervised field projects, in Shkodra or Vlora:

#### VLORA

1. As part of the process to strengthen the strategic role of the local economic development agency AULEDA in supporting local economic development in Vlora, laboratory participants will help systematize quantitative and qualitative information about the historical development of AULEDA, its activities and results so as to contribute to enhancing its promotion and communications strategy.
2. As part of the strategic planning process for sustainable development in Vlora, laboratory participants will take part in planning activities and help identify and develop specific projects to enhance the environmental and cultural heritage coherent with the plan in one or two municipalities. A number of laboratory participants will be involved in an ongoing research project with Pavaresia University and the Municipality of Vlora to identify the architectural and historical profile of the main buildings of the historical centre of Vlora and using GIS software as part of a territorial marketing and cultural tourism strategy.
3. As part of the process to create a network of community mental health services in Vlora as alternatives to institutionalizing people with mental health problems, laboratory participants will help develop a social enterprise for the social and work integration of formerly institutionalized patients and will also collaborate in developing community outreach activities and communication tools for the general public.

#### II. Taught modules

The programme includes six taught modules, which will provide both conceptual underpinnings through lectures and presentations and the opportunity for peer-learning through group work, exchanges of experience and practical exercises. Each module will be developed and delivered by a group of teachers which will include experts from the involved UN programmes, Albanian and international experts and academics. These modules will have the duration of 20 hours over three days and will address the following topics:

#### SHKODRA

1. As part of the process to strengthen the strategic role of the local economic development agency "TEULEDA" in supporting local economic development in Shkodra, laboratory participants will help systematize quantitative and qualitative information about the potential value chains in Shkodra, and indicate monitoring indicators.
2. As part of the strategic planning process for sustainable development in Shkodra, laboratory participants will take part in planning activities and help identify and develop specific projects coherent with the plan in one or two municipalities. A number of participants will help develop priority projects for enhancing cultural heritage for sustainable tourism in one or two municipalities, as has emerged from the strategic planning process.

**For all the projects in Vlora and Shkodra, tutoring and individual support of participants (60 hours maximum) will be organized on a "project-by-project" basis in collaboration with the Laboratory partners.**



- research and communications methods for local development;
- strategies and governance of local economic development;
- participatory and strategic development planning;
- sustainable tourism development;
- social inclusion;
- project cycle management and resource mobilization.