



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT IN ALBANIA: OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

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Outline

- Institutional framework;
- Policy framework:
- Challenges and opportunities in achieving sustainable transport;
- Good practices: improving sustainable public transport.



Institutional framework

Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, responsible for transport policy, as well as energy issues, electricity, water, wastewater services in Albania.

Ministry of Tourism and Environment, in charge of policy making for environmental protection, sustainable use of natural resources, promotion of renewable resources, protection of nature and biodiversity, sustainable development, and also of water quality monitoring.

Various subordinate institutions and agencies, at central & local level.

- The National Strategy for Development and Integration 2015-2020 (NSDI-II)
- Vision: An efficient transport system, integrated in the region & in the EU network, which promotes economic development and the quality of citizen life.
- Transport Objectives:
 - Accelerate the integration of the transport system;
 - Establish an integrated market of land, sea and inland transport infrastructure, that efficiently supports transport demand.



National Transport Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2020

DCM No. 811/16.11.2016

- SP1. Increase transport sector governance to provide **better transport services** to citizens and businesses alike;
- SP2. Develop and implement measures to **improve** the utilization rate of **transport infrastructure** by removal of physical and non-physical bottlenecks and unnecessary technical cross border barriers;
- SP3. Ensure **harmonization** with **EU transport regulatory framework** to create common market conditions and safety standards at national level and within the neighboring region;
- SP4. Develop **co-modal solutions** by optimization of individual transport modes and focus **on energy- efficient and environmentally friendly transport modes**;
- SP5. Introduce measures for **reducing energy consumption** and costs per unit of transport service;
- SP6. Put forward measures to improve the share of **railway and waterborne transport**, foster liberalization of **railway** services and open rail transport market to competition;
- SP7. Enhance **aviation transport activities** and air traffic cooperation in the region and implement the JSPA initiative to facilitate air transport (strongest air carriers taking advantage of using Tirana airport as a regional hub for air transport in the South East Europe);
- SP8. Increase the use of **Intelligent Transport Systems** in the transport sector.
- **Sustainable Transport Plan, EBRD**



NTSAP Long-Term Outcomes

Albania's Transport Strategy and Action Plan: Long-Term Outcomes

Social Outcomes	Economic Outcomes	Environmental Outcomes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Improve access to healthcare</i> 2. <i>Improve access to education, training and lifelong learning</i> 3. <i>Improve access to shopping and leisure facilities</i> 4. <i>Encourage healthy lifestyles</i> 5. <i>Improve actual and perceived safety of travel</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Improve access to employment opportunities</i> 2. <i>Improve connectivity within Albania and internationally</i> 3. <i>Improve efficient, reliable and sustainable movement of people</i> 4. <i>Improve efficient, reliable and sustainable movement of freight</i> 5. <i>Improve access to visitor attractions</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Increase the use of more sustainable materials and reduce the contribution of transport to greenhouse gas emissions</i> 2. <i>Adapt to the impacts of climate change</i> 3. <i>Reduce the contribution of transport to air pollution and other harmful emissions</i> 4. <i>Improve the impact of transport on the local environment</i> 5. <i>Improve the impact of transport on Albania's heritage</i> 6. <i>Improve the impact of transport on biodiversity</i>



Sustainable Transport: Challenges & Opportunities

- ❑ October 2017 - inter-institutional working group monitors NTSAP implementation;
- ❑ First monitoring report ANTP3 June 2018; second review of the national transport plan is expected to be adopted during the second quarter of 2019;
- ❑ *Legislative*: approximation of the national transport legislation with EU *acquis* – railway sector, public-service obligations, public-service contracts, qualification of road transport operators, inspectors and road safety audits, maritime sector, aviation, combined transport legislation, passenger rights, etc.;
- ❑ Transport Community Treaty signed in July 2017 – Western Balkans Summit 6, Trieste – ratified in February 2018; - additional instrument to enhance national efforts;
- ❑ Financial costs: Berlin Process, Connectivity Agenda; WBIF, WB, EBRD, international partners;
- ❑ Administrative Capacities;
- ❑ Effective Coordination among institutions.



Good practices: Investing in Railway

- ❑ **Tirana-Durrës-Rinas** railway line is one of the most important investment project, supported by EBRD and WBIF. The construction works have already been tendered;
- ❑ The rehabilitation of the existing railway and the new section are foreseen to end by 2020;
- ❑ The total value of the project is approx. 92 mil Euros;
- ❑ The upgraded railway is expected to increase the efficiency and safety of freight and passenger transport between Tirana, Durrës, and Rinas Airport. At the same time, it will contribute to the economic development of the economic zone of Durrës, Tirana and the whole region.



Good practices: Urban Transport

Environmentally friendly transport projects in Tirana Municipality:

- Green Taxis, Say Taxis – have been operating for a few years now;
- Electric vehicles: State Police in 2016, Albanian Mail in April 2019; and charging stations;
- Ecovolis – Rent your Bike stations across the city; bicycle lanes;
- New fleet of public buses; 16 bus lines: increased number;
- 5 May – Tirana Car Free Day;
- European Mobility Week and Car Free day, 16 – 22 September.





Fast charger electric car station in Tirana

Thank You for your attention!

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