

Swiss Cooperation Strategy Albania 2018-2021

At a glance



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Towards a functioning democracy, improved public services and an inclusive market economy



The **overall goal** of the Swiss Cooperation Strategy Albania 2018-2021 is to support Albania's European integration – by contributing to a functioning democracy, improved public services and to an inclusive, competitive market economy.

Switzerland and Albania have successfully built strong relations for over a quarter of a century. Since 1992 Swiss-Albanian cooperation has grown and Switzerland is today among the largest bilateral development partners.

To achieve its cooperation goal, Switzerland supports Albania for the period 2018-2021 in **four thematic areas** with an overall budget of 105 million Swiss francs (CHF).



Democratic Governance

People benefit from inclusive, effective and democratic institutions

38
million CHF



Economic Development and Employment

Sustainable growth offers more employment and better business opportunities for all

31
million CHF



Urban Infrastructure and Energy

People benefit from high-quality municipal infrastructure services and improved energy supply and efficiency

23
million CHF



Health

A more health-literate and engaged population benefits from high-performing and quality primary health care services

12
million CHF



Democratic Governance

Expected results

- **High performing municipalities:** Responsible municipalities offer inclusive and efficient services to citizens.
- **Legislative bodies:** National parliament and municipal councils improve their oversight and representative functions.
- **Citizen engagement:** Citizens and civil society engage in decision-making and hold the government accountable.



Economic Development and Employment

Expected results

- **Macro-economic stability:** National institutions improve public financial management and resource mobilisation; the financial sector is strengthened.
- **Private sector development:** Framework conditions for doing business, competitiveness of the private sector, and market systems are improved.
- **Employability:** Young people benefit from labour market-oriented vocational education and training and better job placement.



Urban Infrastructure and Energy

Expected results

- **Urban infrastructure:** People have access to reliable and affordable high-quality drinking water, wastewater and solid waste services provided by sustainably-managed public utilities.
- **Energy supply and efficiency:** Energy is supplied reliably, diversified, and used efficiently in selected municipalities.

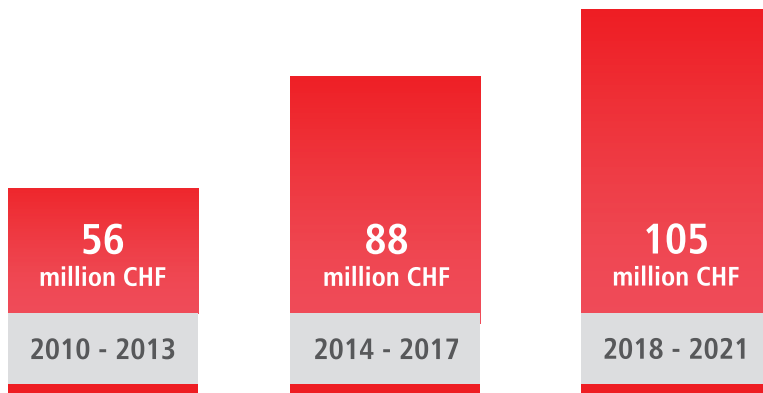


Health

Expected results

- **Health services:** Efficient primary health care institutions deliver better quality services.
- **Health literacy:** The health literacy of the population is increased; public health institutions are oriented towards health promotion and disease prevention, with a focus on non-communicable diseases.

Cooperation budget for Albania



Swiss cooperation approach

Partnerships

Promote consultations and multi-stakeholder policy dialogue; cooperate with a diversity of actors such as civil society, NGOs, government, bilateral and multi-lateral development partners.

Result orientation

Measure results and incentivise good performance.

Inclusiveness

Pay particular attention to excluded and vulnerable groups and work at different aspects of inclusion (social, economic and political).

Long-term support

Foster development with a long-term vision and engage in multi-year programmes.



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