

The Internationalisation Strategy of University of Medicine, Tirana



Information about University of Medicine, Tirana (UMT)

- The UMT is a public Higher Education Institution in full compliance with the criteria of Bologna system.
- The UMT offers study programs in three academic levels:
 - Bachelor
 - Master of Sciences/Professional
 - Integrated Master of Sciences
 - Doctoral Studies

History of UMT

- Higher Medical Institute since 1952.
- On 1957 was joint to University of Tirana as Faculty of Medicine.
- University of Medicine, Tirana (UMT) was created in 2013, as a continuity of Faculty of Medicine, separating from University of Tirana.
- The UMT has three faculties:
 - Faculty of Medicine
 - Faculty of Dental Medicine
 - Faculty of Technical Medical Sciences





Vision

The University of Medicine Tirana is the most important academic and research center of national medical sciences and aims at maintaining this position. This key and guiding role in education, scientific research and health care will be performed through reformation and modernization of the institution, transforming it into an academic, scientific research and medical institution that:

- inspires and promotes university and cross-university cooperation approaches;
- supports the academic staff and students;
- recognizes, supports and promotes excellence;
- understands, follows up and supports the society's needs;
- provides orientation and models to be followed;
- educates, appreciates, creates and maintains leadership, relying on best traditional and future values;
- cultivates excellence and collegiality within an inclusive community.

Mission

The University of Medicine, Tirana is a public higher education institution of medical sciences in the Republic of Albania, which:

- prepares and educates health professionals based on three study cycles, in line with the highest professional standards;
 - applies and stimulates scientific research;
 - inspires and promotes innovation in the medical sciences field;
 - educates and inspires the future leaders in the field of medicine.
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- The University, in cooperation with students, government, health services and civil society, transmits knowledge and prepares health professionals that practice optimal care to patients, with the aim of preventing and treating diseases, as well as advancing scientific research to the benefit of health.

Aim

The University of Medicine, Tirana, as the only public institution of medical sciences aims to maintain its guiding role in coping with future challenges of health care, while aiming at preparing future health professionals, orientated towards:

- health care based on facts;
- assessment of health care quality and performance;
- transition from hospital medical care to ambulatory medical care and home-based medical care;
- integrated proactive and preventive medicine;
- health care provision by professional multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary teams;
- an ethical partnership between health professionals and patients

Academic information

- 294 full time Academic staff:
 - 87 Professors
 - 97 Associated Professors
 - 94 Doctor of Sciences
 - 16 master lectors
- About 8000 students
- 23 departments
- 6 programs of Bachelor degree
- 3 programs of Integrated Diploma Master of Sciences
- 7 programs of Master of Sciences
- 12 programs of Master of Professional Studies
- 38 programs of specialization
- 26 programs Doctorate studies



Students of Excellence Network

- A strength point of University of Medicine, Tirana (UMT) are Students of Network of Excellence. A group of students from this Network have participated in last years in the International Competition for Clinical Cases. In VI International Medical Tournament 2019, they have prepared with professionalism the medical cases and were evaluated from the Jury of Tournament with 3^d position in pre-eliminary phase and 8th position in final phase between 92 teams from 43 Universities).





The internationalization of UMT

- During last years, UMT has made all its efforts into the internationalization, signing 80 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with other Higher Education Institutions (HEI), and promotion of cooperation with them in the academic, scientific research and medical field.

International relations

- The UMT has implemented various Credit Mobility Projects in the framework of Erasmus+ Program with various Universities in Europe such as in Italy, Turkey, Romania, Germany, Hungary, Austria, Spain, Greece, Poland, Estonia, Slovenia, etc.



- Recently, UMT has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with University of Bologna, University of Budapest Semmelweis, University La Sapienza, Rome, about Erasmus+ Mobilities, Capacity Building Projects, Joint Programs and Scientific Degrees.



Projects for UMT



Erasmus +
Horizon 2020

Quality of project design and cooperation arrangements

- Our University has implemented the calls for mobilities, based on the rules of Erasmus+ and on Institutional Agreement with every University.
- Through Mobility our students and staff will have the chance to pursue courses and gained fruitful experience. These grantees will develop their personal, academic and social skills. This means more qualified students and staff. The courses of foreign languages offered by Host University will enable grantees to benefit linguistically. The students will benefit culturally, which will contribute in the development of open-minded and internationally experienced young people as future professionals.

Relevance of strategy

UMT makes all efforts into:

- increasing opportunities for mobility for UMT students and staff;
- international promotion and recognition of research carried out by UMT staff;
- demonstrating the international dimension of activities in research, development and transfer of knowledge and technologies carried out at UMT;
- deepening international cooperation through links with the Albanian Diaspora;
- greater participation in scientific activities and research and development projects.

Impact and dissemination

Impact for our University:

- The increase of inter-institutional agreements signed under Erasmus + components and international other programmes.
- The reinforce of efficient structure of administrative support services for project implementation and external relations.
- The improvement of programmes in response to the international experience.
- The increase of the intercultural awareness of the administrative staff.
- Training administrative staff to support academic staff in writing project proposals.
- Recruitment of qualified staff in international relations and writing project proposals.

Completed Projects

DEEP (Deferipone evaluation in Paediatrics) The programme- FP7/ Horizon 2020

MEDIGENE (Genetic and environmental factors of insulin resistance syndrome and its long-term complications in immigrant Mediterranean populations)

BIR (Balcan Registry of Immunotherapy)

EUSCAPE (European Survey on Carbapenemase-producing Bacteria.

ISHAM (Cryptococcus working group Genotyping of Cryptococcus neoformans and Cryptococcus gattii).

GLOBAL PPS (The Global Point Prevalence Survey of Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance)

TAMIGA (MO28347) – Roche international study in France.

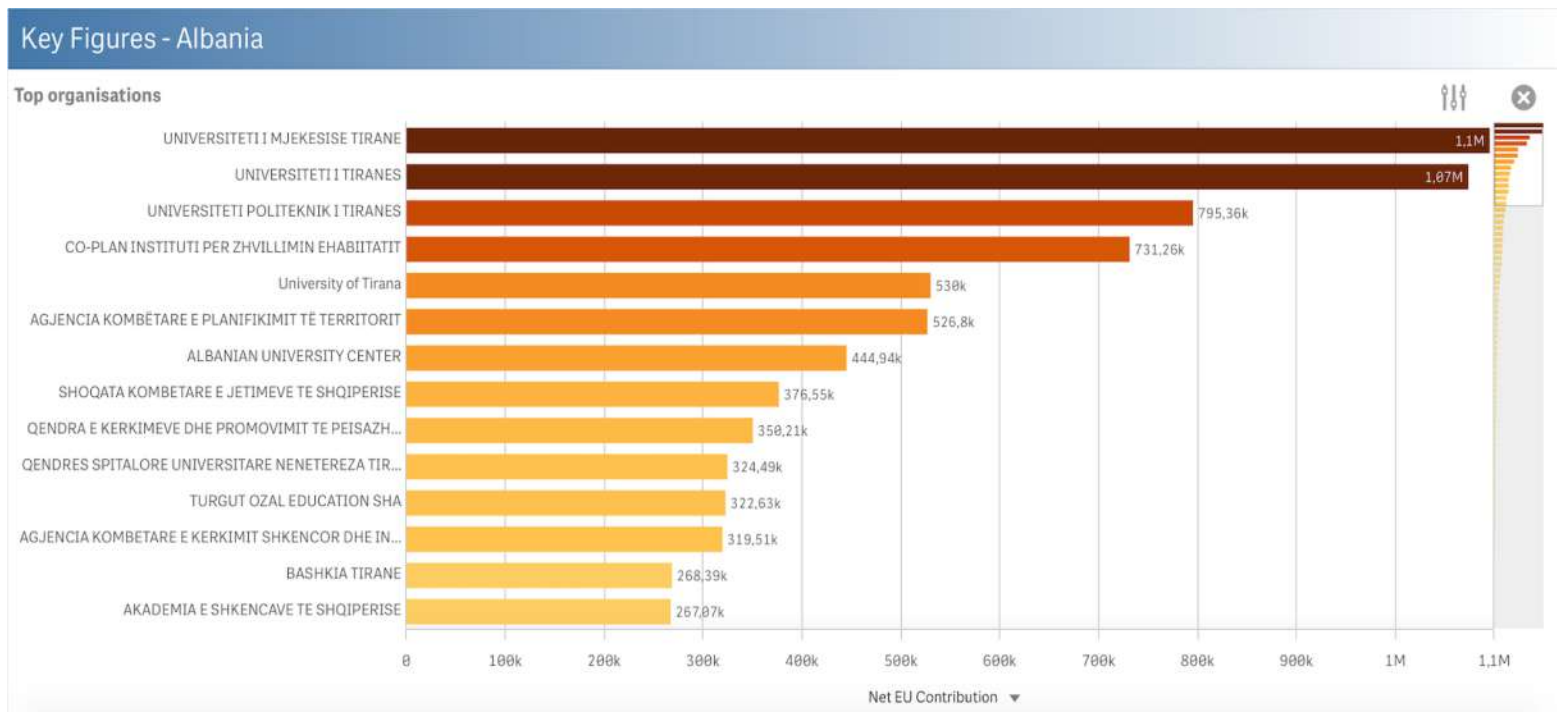
EDENext- Biology and control of vector-borne infections in Europe) The programme- FP7 .

CCH Fever - Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever, Modern Approaches to Diagnostics, Surveillance, Prevention, Therapy and Preparedness

Central European Initiative (CEI), in cooperation with Regio Emilia, Italy and Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Albania

Projects Horizon 2020

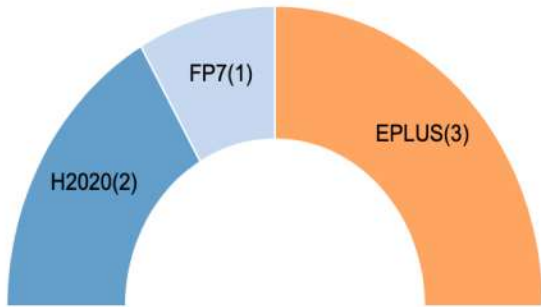
- **EUSCREEN – (completed)** (Implementation of cost-optimized childhood vision and hearing screening programmes in middle-income countries in Europe).
- **DigiCare4You - ongoing**



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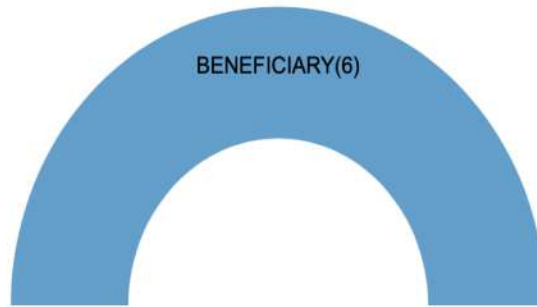
Programmes

● H2020(2) ● FP7(1) ● EPLUS(3)



Roles

● BENEFICIARY(6)



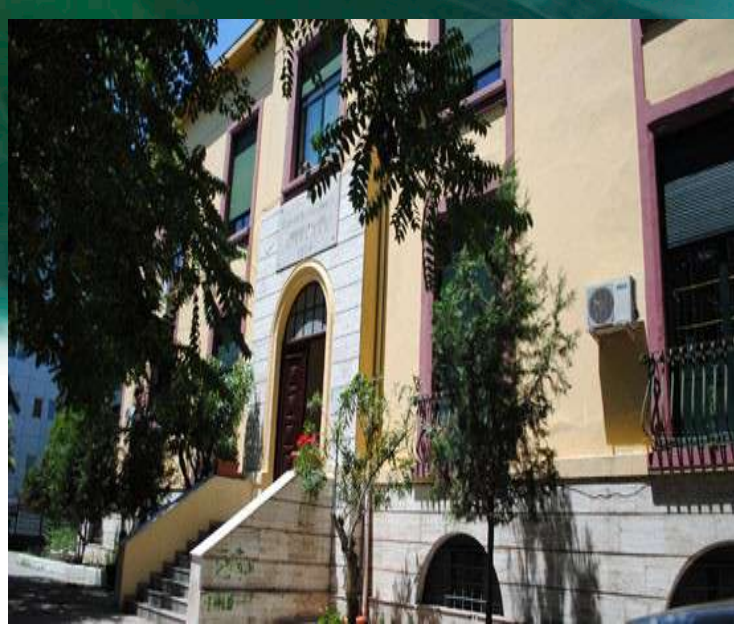
Main collaboration partners



Projects CBHE

Nr.	Title	Role of UMT
1	GRADUA (Capacity Building) - GRaduates Advancement and Development of University capacities in Albania. No: 585961-EPP-1-2017-1-AL-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP	Partner
2	QUADIC (Capacity Building) - Quality development of international cooperation and project management. No: 609786-EPP-1-2019-1-XK-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP	Partner
3	IDEA (Capacity Building) - Inclusive tertiary EDucation in the West BalkanS. Project Reference Number: 618859-EPP-1-2020-1-AL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP	Partner





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