



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

UMT 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.
- 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







Internationalization of UMT

- For the University of Medicine, Tirana (UMT), internationalization is an integral part of our development strategy, encompassing education, innovation, research, and collaboration with global academic and scientific communities. A key priority of our strategy is to promote open science practices, enhancing transparency, accessibility, and collaboration in research.
- UMT is actively involved in international partnerships, with a particular focus on European Union programs such as Erasmus+.
- UMT is a member of various international networks, including UNIADRION, BUA, and AUF.

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- Over the years, UMT has signed more than 100 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), promoting cooperation in academic, scientific research, and medical fields, including open science initiatives that ensure broader dissemination of research findings.
- We aim to expand for the following years our relationship with European countries, giving our students and staff the possibility of teaching and training to gain more experience. The participation in some International projects last years has helped us to increase our international footprint and provided our students and Faculties with exposure to European education system.

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- The University of Medicine, Tirana (UMT) makes all efforts to increase in a higher level the collaboration with EU countries in order:
 - to improve the quality of higher education;
 - to develop new and innovative education programs;
 - to modernize higher education systems through a systematic collaboration with different regions of the world through joint initiatives.
 - To share the best practices, improving the forms and methods of organizing the teaching process, introducing the latest technologies in the teaching process.
 - To conduct the joint analysis of materials (scientific, methodological, textbooks, educational aids, courses, lectures, etc.) in written and electronic form.

International relations

- Actually, 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 and Slovenia.



Relevance of strategy

- 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.
- Building institutional capacities for international projects.

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



Projects for UMT



**Erasmus +
Horizon 2020**

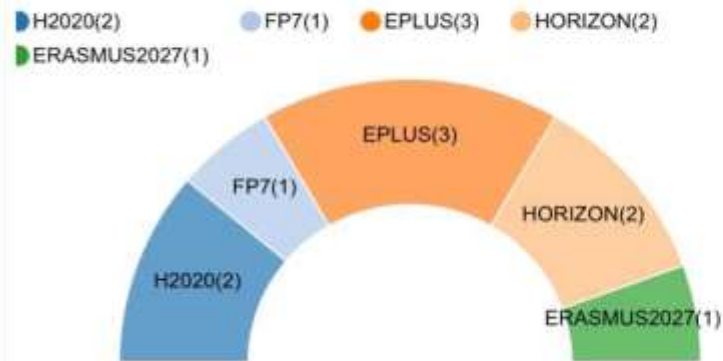


European Projects

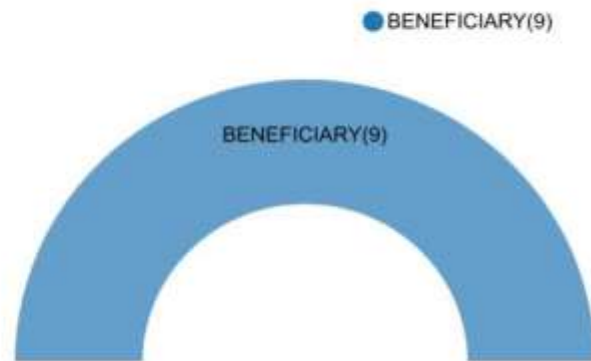
- **MEDIGENE** - Genetic and environmental factors of insulin resistance syndrome and its long-term complications in immigrant Mediterranean populations (FP7)
- **EUSCREEN** – Implementation of cost-optimized childhood vision and hearing screening programmes in middle-income countries in Europe (Horizon 2020)
- **DigiCare4You** - An intersectoral innovative solution involving DIGItal tools, empowering families and integrating community CARE services for the prevention and management of type 2 diabetes and hypertension (Horizon 2020)
- **PIECES** - Towards large-scale adaption and tailored implementation of evidence-based primary cancer prevention programmes in Europe and beyond (Horizon-RIA)
- **EARLY** - Evaluating, Identifying and Reducing determinants MHC in Youth (Horizon HLTH)

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Programmes

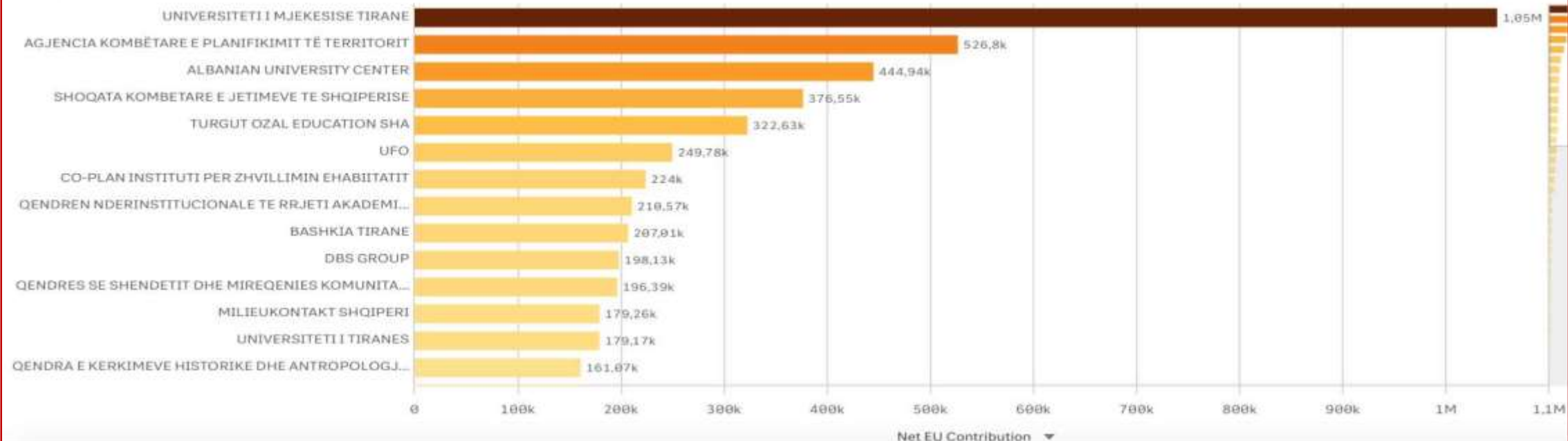


Roles



Key Figures - Albania

Top organisations



Projects CBHE

Title	Role of UMT
GRADUA (Capacity Building) - GRaduates Advancement and Development of University capacities in Albania.	Partner
QUADIC (Capacity Building) - Quality development of international cooperation and project management.	Partner
IDEA (Capacity Building) - Inclusive tertiary EDucation in the West BalkanS.	Partner
BIOSINT (Capacity Building) - Strengthening capacities and digital competences in biomedical education through internationalization at home.	Partner





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