

## **ALBAFORESTR CENTER-PROFILE & PROGRAM ([www.albaforest.com](http://www.albaforest.com) )**

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The organization main activity is focused on:

Reforestation, Watershed Management, Natural Resources Management, Protected Areas Management, Rural Development, Check-Dam Installation, Erosion Control, Renewable Energy, Urban Greenness Installation, Environmental Education;

The Center has joined national and international organizations and its membership is as following:

1. Member of Pro Silva Europa ([www.prosilva.org](http://www.prosilva.org));
2. Member of Global water Partnership, Stockholm, Sweden;
3. Member of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), USA;
4. Member of the Eco-Movement, an Umbrella Albanian Environmental NGOs;
5. Member of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE);

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AlbaForest is the nucleus to establish a formal Pro Silva Albania organisation. Meanwhile they are guests at the international Pro Silva meetings.

### **ALBAFOREST's Projects run and ongoing (2005-2020)**

1. Demonstration-models for reducing soil erosion and enhancing biodiversity in “Bovilla’s” Watershed, through combined measures: reforestation, check-dams installation, seeding and erecting fences, Tirana district, Co-financed by REC and GEF/SGP, 2005-2007;
2. Environmental Training and Education of School Students and Teachers through topical environmental training on Environment and Nature, of Tirana’s selected high schools in the USAID/BG -Botanical Garden Information-Centre, financed from US-Embassy,2006-2007;
3. Feasibility Study on “Natural Resources and Biodiversity Management of North-Albania, and Desk Assessment of Northern Trans-Boundary Biodiversity, and protected Areas management, North-Albania (Accursed Mountains), supported from GTZ financed by UNEP, July-Nov.. 2005, 2005, Jan-May, 2006-2007;
4. Improvement of schools environments in Kameza-Bathore schools, Bathore-Kamez Schools, Japanese Embassy to Albania, Rome, 2009-2010;
5. Evaluation of the potential of natural resources and their links with the rural economy Shkodra, Dibra and Vlora regions, supported by Oxfam, 2010.
6. The role of forests in preventing floods and stabilization of Drin basin, assessment of the situation in the area of sub-Shkodra, supported by REC, 2010-2011;
7. Strengthening the Management of Natural Resources and Eco-Tourism Values for a sustainable tourism development, Shëngjini Municipality, Lezha Sub-region, supported by Regional Development Programme–Northern Albania (RDP), 2014;
8. Integrated Drini river Basin Management, natural resources and human resources management, community-based capacity building, supported & financed by CEPF (Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund, USA, 2014-2015;
9. Watershed management with focus on forestry for the Drini Cascade, supported by GIZ, under the study: “Potential of multi-purpose use of the hydro-power reservoirs of the Drini Cascade”, supported by GIZ, 2015;
10. Albania’s Forest’s Revaluation for the period 1990-2014, sponsored by REC (Regional Environmental Centre), 2015-2016;
11. Towards Zero Energy Hospitals (ZenH-Balkan, EU/IPA/Interreg Balkan-Mediterranean Program (Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Cyprus), 2017-2019);

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