



RESILIENCE



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RESILIENCE goes BALKANS

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Albanian University

Albanian University (AU) is a private institution of higher education, located in Tirana, the capital of Albania.

Composed of 3 Faculties:

- **Faculty of Social Sciences**
- Faculty of Applied and Economic Sciences
- Faculty of Medical Sciences

AU offers 39 courses in three cycles of study (Bachelor, Master & PhD)



RELIGIOUS
COMMUNITIES MANAGE
114 EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS,
INCLUDING
UNIVERSITIES, PRIMARY
AND SECONDARY
SCHOOLS, PRESCHOOLS,
KINDERGARTENS,
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS,
AND ORPHANAGES.

Education and Religion

- Public schools are secular, and the law prohibits religious instruction, but not the teaching of religion as part of a humanities curriculum;
- Private schools may offer religious instruction (Logos University funded by the Orthodox Church; Beder University funded by the Muslim Community)

Religious situation and religious demography

- The constitution guarantees freedom of conscience and religion
- No official religion; All religions are equal
- Official holidays include holy days from all predominant faiths
- Sunni Muslims constitute nearly 57 % of the population; Roman Catholics 10 %; Members of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Albania nearly 7 %; Members of the Bektashi Order 2%; Other groups: Protestant denominations, Baha'is, Jehovah's Witnesses, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and a small Jewish community.

Religious studies community

- Referring to the ISCED fields of education, “Religion and Theology” is part of the dominion of “Social Sciences and Humanities”.
- Other proximate scientific fields are: political science, history and philology, social and cultural studies, philosophy, law etc.
- Full-time scientific staff at universities in SSH including Theologies
- Researchers in closely related subjects
- PhD students in humanities

Albanian University in RESILIENCE

- AU will invest facilities, infrastructure and team experience in project management in fulfilling project tasks;
- Especially AUs contribution will be in the dissemination of project activities and promotional materials specific to the relevant area, including neighboring countries like Kosovo and Macedonia.

Progress for the 1st year of RESILIENCE

- Further development of existing partnerships: The General Directorate of Archives
- Attracting new partners: The State Committee of Cults
- Involving not only academics but also other stakeholders based on the WP5 matrix (decision makers, business world etc)
- Communicated to an estimated target audience of 5000 people through activities planned in WP5 and referring to the partner matrix

Thank you for your attention!