



# PROJECT FACTSHEET

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## FOSTERING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN ALBANIA



A civil gathering in Tirana, Albania. ©FDFA

**Civic engagement in Albania is low. The relationship between citizens and local authorities is still not based on accountability, transparency and participation. Corruption is pervasive while checks and balances are weak and under utilised.**

To this end, the LëvizAlbania Project aims to enhance local democracy by activating drivers of change such as media, civil society and citizen groups. Civic engagement and demand for accountability develop through a bottom-up and genuine process. LëvizAlbania enables civil society actors - including marginalised citizens - to have a voice, to exercise control over and engage in dialogue with local authorities thereby increasing the latter's responsiveness and accountability.

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- 1) Increase the influence of civil actors in local priority setting, decision making, and oversight of local authorities
- 2) Establish mechanisms and factors that foster local democracy

### THE PROJECT IN BRIEF

#### NAME

LëvizAlbania Project

#### THEME

Local governance / democratisation

#### COUNTRY

Albania

#### PARTNERS

Civil Society Organizations  
Media  
Associations  
Citizens  
Local Government Units

#### PROJECT OBJECTIVE

To enhance democracy at local level by supporting different drivers of change.

#### TARGET GROUPS

Local communities  
Citizens

#### PHASE DURATION

October 2013 – September 2018

#### PHASE BUDGET

CHF 6'600'000

#### FUNDING

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