

Climate Stories

Increasing Public Participation in Climate Change Adaptation in Albania

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Project Goal

To **collect and share the climate stories** of Albanian individuals among the identified key stakeholders regarding floods in Shkodër and heat waves in Tirana...



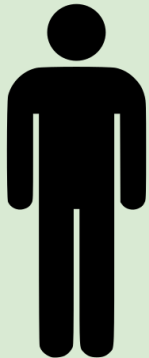


...to help residents connect extreme weather events to climate change and increase public participation in flooding and heat wave adaptation in Albania.

Project Objectives

Objective 1

Identify
representatives



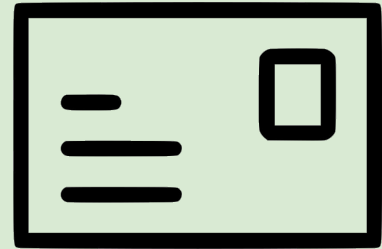
Objective 2

Document
strategies



Objective 3

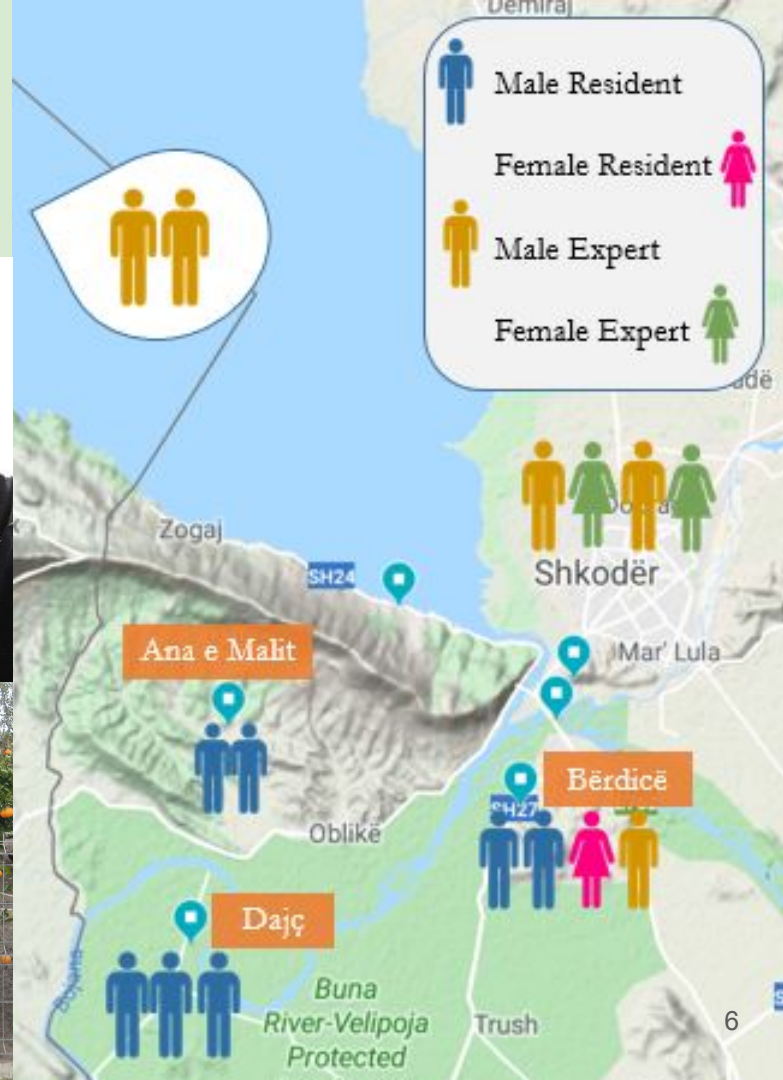
Develop Climate
Cards



A photograph of a flooded street in Shkodër, Albania. The street is filled with murky water, reflecting the sky and the surrounding buildings. On the right, a person is standing on a stone wall, looking down at the water. The background features a large, rocky hill with a castle or fortress on top. The sky is cloudy. A semi-transparent green banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title text.

Floods in Shkodër

Shkodër Interviews





Challenges with Flooding Adaptations



A woman with dark hair and a red flower in it is running barefoot through a public fountain. She is wearing a dark blue tank top and light-colored shorts. Water is spraying upwards from the fountain, creating a misty atmosphere. In the background, there is a large orange construction barrier with white and red diagonal stripes. The scene is set outdoors on a paved area with greenery in the distance.

Heat Waves in Tirana

Tirana Interviews





Challenges to Heat Wave Adaptation



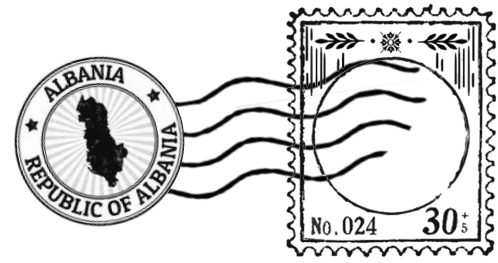


Climate Card Examples

Ana e Malit

Shkodër, Albania





Climate change projections display a decrease in annual rainfall but an increase of intensive rain episodes.

I am the lead of the village for 16 years...I was distributing the bread for the families on the boat, the [flood] flow was very rapid and quick, and [it] overthrew my boat, and I was saved [by] a miracle... If the army would not be here supporting and helping us, the whole village would have drowned.

- Village Leader of Ana e Malit

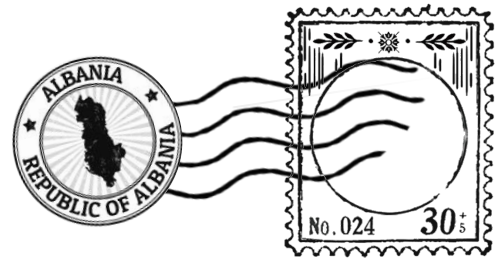
A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several modern, multi-story apartment buildings in Tirana, Albania. The buildings are light-colored with prominent horizontal red stripes and balconies with metal railings. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue. The word "Tirana" is written in a large, white, cursive font with a blue outline, and "Albania" is written in a smaller, white, cursive font below it.

Tirana

Albania

I was born in Tirana, and I grown up here, so I am familiar with the city. Tirana is a big city that was developed so fast and it was a lack of planning in this period of time because the need of building was so big and the people just build it as they needed, or as they thought this will be important for those people. But as you can see in Tirana are not a lot of public spaces and the green spaces are not a lot. This fact is very important for the community because many many people must go outside of the city in the surrounding.

- Urban Planner in Tirana



The phenomenon called urban heat island effect is caused by lots of concrete and big buildings that can significantly change the heat hazard of that area, generally inducing higher temperatures.

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Climate Card Activity

Thank you!

