

SNV in Albania provides advisory services to Albanian government institutions, civil society organisations and private stakeholders, to help make them more effective in what they do. Our goal is sustainable local development.

SNV enhances their capacity through

- advisory services
- knowledge development, brokering and networking
- active involvement of Local Capacity Builders *local organisations that provide technical assistance, advisory, consulting and capacity building services locally to the same client group served by SNV*

SNV started its work in Albania in 1993 and operates with funding from the Netherlands Government and other bilateral or multilateral donors.

#### National Strategy for Development and Integration (NSDI)

Within this broader framework and its sectoral and cross-cutting strategies, SNV advice leads to increased sustainable and equitable production, employment and income for men and women in rural areas.

#### EU Integration

As this is one of the key pillars of Albania's Development Approaches, SNV builds capacities that help the country align with the EU standards and requirements, as well as preparing the country for the effective absorption of funding and investments from IPA and other EU funding instruments.

#### Rural Development

SNV in Albania focuses its services for impact in three sectors: **Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism**, which correspond well with EU and national development agendas. Throughout this programme and especially in rural development SNV has a focus on governance, gender and social inclusion as cross cutting issues.

#### Local presence • international experience

To date SNV in Albania operates with four teams of advisors based in Tirane/Shkoder, Diber/Kukes, Korca and Fier. In 2007 the organization operates with a budget of €2.2 million, funded by the Netherlands Government, SIDA and the World Bank. SNV in Albania has 35 professional staff; 80% of these advisers are Albanian nationals. In addition SNV in Albania can draw from nearly 50 years of SNV international development experience and a pool of expertise of over 1500 professional advisers worldwide.

#### Clients and beneficiary organisations

The Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration (MEFWA), the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS), the National Tourism Administration (NTA); Diber, Korca, Fier and Elbasan Regional Governments; Municipalities and Communes in Diber, Kukes, Korca, Fier and Elbasan; Forest Users Associations and Federations; Association of rural producers; Chambers of Commerce.

#### Co-operation for results

SNV in Albania cooperates with numerous local, national and International partners. Corporate partnerships with UNDP, UNWTO, Agriterro have supported SNV work in Albania. SNV also cooperates with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands Embassy in Tirana, SIDA, World Bank, other International Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations.