

Albania

Improvement Plan

Thematic window: Culture & Development

Programme Title: Culture and Heritage for Social and Economic Development

c) File for the Joint Programme Improvement Plan

After the interim evaluation is complete, the phase of incorporating its recommendations shall begin. This file is to be used as the basis for establishing an improvement plan for the joint programme, which will bring together all the recommendations, actions to be carried out by programme management.

Evaluation Recommendation No. 1 (5.2) Future joint programming should have a direct link to defined culture objectives and indicators in order to trace directly the contribution of UN assistance towards Albania's goals and should contribute to the strengthening of the poverty/economic benefits orientation.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management Come up with follow up activities with immediately visible achievements and improvements that can provide models suitable for straightforward replication.						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
			Comments	Status	Comments	Status
1.1 Jointly prioritize the projects/activities that are clearly linked to defined cultural objectives and indicators within the forthcoming 'GoA – UN Cooperation Program 2012-2016'.	October – December 2011	GoA-UNESCO-UNDP	The selected projects/activities will build upon concrete results/activities of the Joint Program and MoTCYS priorities.			
1.2 Fundraise for the implementation of selected projects/activities in the approved GoA-UN Cooperation Program 2012-2016 .	September-December 2011 –	GoA-UNESCO-UNDP	GoA – UN Cooperation Program 2012-2016 to be endorsed by October 2011, as a good basis to start. Other donors will be approached.	Ongoing		
Evaluation Recommendation No. 2 (5.3) GoA accelerates its efforts to adopt strategies and recommendations from the various policy papers prepared with the help of the JP (national strategy on culture, cultural marketing strategy, fiscal management and governance structure of the archaeological park system, fiscal mechanisms to support the financing of culture and heritage, cultural diplomacy strategy).						
Response from the Joint Programme Management GoA prepares a detailed report on the adoption of the various policy documents and the pertaining Government decisions as to how the individual strategies/recommendations will be progressed.						

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2.1 GoA endorses the strategies and policy papers.	October 2011 – March 2012	MoTCYS; MoFA				
2.2 GoA sets up working groups in order to mainstream the key recommendations into the related legal and institutional framework.	January – March 2012	MoTCYS; MoFA;				
2.3 Implementation of the new policy papers/ new legal and institutional framework becomes operational.	March 2012 onwards	MoTCYS; MoFA;				
Evaluation Recommendation No. 3 (5.3) In line with the provisions given in the cultural marketing strategy, the MoTCYS should immediately start implementing some of the recommendations made, focusing on: (i) streamlining the role of the MoTCYS; (ii) developing inter-departmental and inter- institutional coordination; and (iii) strengthening the role and capacities of the National Tourism Agency.						
Response from the Joint Programme Management The MoTCYS role is streamlined and the capacities of the National Tourism Agency and other key cultural institutions are strengthened.						
Key actions	Time frame	Person responsible	Follow-up		Secretariat	
			Comments	Status	Comments	Status
3.1 Initiate the implementation of the JP recommendations related to the institutional set-up of the MoTCYS.	January 2012 onwards	MoTCYS	Refer to the concepts produced by the Joint Programme and shared with national counterparts.			
3.2 NTA institutional role and capacities brought up to the recommended int'l standards.	January 2012 onwards	MoTCYS	Refer to the concept produced by the Joint Program on "Institutional and Organizational Structures for [Cultural Marketing]			

			Strategy Implementation".			
3.3 NHM institutional role and capacities brought up to the recommended int'l standards.	September 2011 onward	MoTCYS NHM UNESCO UNDP	Refer to the NHM AB documents in the framework of the Joint Program: "Recommendations and proposed next Steps by the Advisory Board" as well as other specific NHM related papers shared with NHM and MoTCYS.			
3.3.1 Building a joint action plan of MoTCYS-UNESCO-UNDP-NHM for accelerating the progress of works in the NHM	September-October 2011	MoTCYS NHM UNESCO UNDP				
3.3.2 An evaluation of professional skills of NHM staff using the available assessment tool developed by UNESCO Consultant during the JP implementation phase.	Until the end of 2011	MoTCYS (NHM)				
3.3.3 Using the overall concept document that has been developed under the JP, create a Plan to improve the physical needs of the moment and to identify future needs of the NHM.	October - November 2011	MoTCYS NHM UNESCO UNDP				

