

*United States Government
FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)*

ALBANIA

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
Commercial Law Development Program	CLDP and USAID worked together on a program designed to increase the capacity of the public and private sectors in Albania to more effectively formulate and negotiate trade policies, including the establishment of the Albanian Center for International Trade, an Albanian non-governmental organization (NGO) that will serve as a bridge between the Government of Albania (GOA) and the private sector. The NGO will educate the public and private sectors on international trade issues and conduct comprehensive economic analyses that will enable the GOA to develop an integrated approach in the formulation of Albania's trade policies. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Commercial Law Development Program.	Agreement on Agriculture	45,500
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	409,500
		Activity Total	455,000
Power Sector Institutional Capacity Building for the M&IE and KESH	As part of this activity, specific technical assistance and training activities are being implemented that would improve the overall power sector profile of Albania and prepare the country to become an integral member within the South East European Electricity Market. Assistance includes (1) eliminating subsidies in the energy sector; (2) implementing antimonopoly policies and allowing private sector participation, such as IPPs; (3) reforming government procurement to make the procedures more transparent and in accordance with international competitive bidding procedures; (4) introducing state-of-the-art power sector technology transfer to strengthen the trading posture of the utility; (5) encouraging bilateral and multilateral trade finance; (6) promoting investment protection mechanisms through the reform of policies to create a better business climate; and (7) strengthening the utility to rationalize cross-border electricity trade with Macedonia, Montenegro, and Yugoslavia. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/ENV.	Environmental Trade & Standards	25,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	25,000
		Activity Total	50,000
Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) Trade & Transportation Facilitation in Southeast Europe (TTFSE)	The primary focus of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) is the improvement of commercial processing and the reduction of delays at the borders. This includes such areas as cargo selectivity, valuation fraud, and anti-smuggling. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Customs, Office of International Affairs.	Customs Operation & Administration	270,000

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The Global Trade and Technology Network (GTN)	GTN is an international trade lead matching and technology transfer network that helps small and medium-sized enterprises build trade and business linkages, identify investment opportunities and access new technologies. GTN firms are connected by an Internet-based trade lead matching platform that facilitates trade through on-line matching of technology needs with firms that can provide the product or service requested. GTN builds the capacity of firms to engage in international trade by increasing SME access to commercial information and global markets through an all horizons trade initiative that promotes trade in any GTN country in any sector. GTN also facilitates bilateral trade and technology transfer with the United States. GTN's electronic commerce platform enables firms to establish international trade linkages such as joint ventures, direct sales and purchases, and agent or distributorships. GTN operated in 32 countries, along with a regional program for Sub-Saharan Africa, in FY 2002. In all those countries, GTN had disseminated 545 trade leads and completed 57 deals worth \$35.7 million through May 2002. For more information please see: www.usgtn.net Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/BD.	Export Promotion	62,500
		Business Services & Training	62,500
		Activity Total	125,000
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