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2004 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)*

**ALBANIA**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
<b>Albanian Center for International Trade</b>	The Albanian Center for International Trade (ACIT) is a three-year program started in September 2003 by the Institute for Contemporary Studies through a cooperative agreement with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The main objective of ACIT is to improve the quality of trade policies as important instruments for growth and development, as well as for increasing the economic benefit from trade opportunities created by globalization trends and integration processes. ACIT serves as: (1) a research center for improvement of trade policies and their implementation, (2) a forum for informed public debates and dialogue between different actors and stakeholders to promote formulation and implementation of sound trade and fiscal policies, (3) a resource center, and (4) a capacity-building center for strengthening the professional capacities of the government, private businesses and civil society in dealing with trade-related international trade issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	WTO Awareness	60,000
		Agreements on Trade in Goods	30,000
		Agreement on SPS	10,000
		Agreement on TBT	15,000
		Agreement on Anti-Dumping	10,000
		Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	10,000
		Agreement on Safeguards	10,000
		General Agreement on Trade in Services	10,000
		Agreement on TRIPs	10,000
		Agreement on Disputes Settlement	10,000
		Agreement on TPRM	15,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	25,000
		E-Commerce & IT	25,000
		Export Promotion	60,000
		Business Services & Training	40,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	35,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	10,000
		Financial Sector Development & Good Governance	15,000
Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	15,000		
Trade-Related Agriculture	35,000		
Tourism Sector Development	15,000		
Governance/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coordination	35,000		
<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>		
<b>Albanian Congressional Delegation to the United States</b>	The Trade and Investment Program conducted an 8-day executive overview of both the science and current issues related to agricultural biotechnology. The focus was helping lawmakers –from the Albanian Parliament’s Environmental and Agricultural Committees- understand both risks and benefits of agricultural biotechnology from a science-based perspective. Key topics were environmental impact, co-existence and the benefits of biotechnology products/crops. January 18 – 24, 2004. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>52,000</b>

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<b>Enterprise Development and Export Market Services</b>	The Enterprise Development and Export Market Services (EDEM) project is a three-year activity initiated in October 2003. It aims to promote the competitiveness of Albanian businesses in the domestic and foreign markets and boost the export capability of Albanian firms while at the same time supporting their efforts to capture more of the domestic market. Working with industry clusters, EDEM helps selected industries design and implement strategies for removing obstacles to competitiveness in the markets and taking advantage of market opportunities. These obstacles include- unsound trade and investment policies, administrative barriers, and corruption which increase the cost of doing business. EDEM also assist s Albanian enterprises in upgrading the quality of their products to meet the standards established for the U.S. and the European Union. To date, clusters have been formed around three industry groups: meat processing, herb/spices processing and exporting, and specialty tourism. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	E-Commerce & IT	100,000
		Export Promotion	1,000,000
		Business Services & Training	300,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	200,000
		Tourism Sector Development	200,000
		Governance/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coordination	200,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>
<b>Livestock Service Centers and Dairy Marketing</b>	This five-year program aims to revitalize the domestic dairy industry by providing technical assistance to thousands of small dairy farmers and processors in Albania. The program focuses on improvement of the dairy production, the development of dairy markets, strengthening the capacity of milk producers and dairy processors, and development of quality standards for locally produced dairy products. The program currently helps develop voluntary quality standards that will generate premium quality products for domestic and eventually export markets. It also supports the livestock sector in developing consumer demand through advertising and facilitates a strong, working relationship between the livestock sector and the Ministry of Agriculture, by designing and implementing official mandatory quality standards and industry compliance. In addition, the project is expected to bring about an increase in quantity and quality of locally produced milks and in gross sales by target processing firms. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	Business Services & Training	200,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	300,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Trade Capacity Building-Albania</b>	Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) supports the Ministry of Economy in its mission to implement its World Trade Organization (WTO) commitments and include the private sector in the trade policy process. Funded by USAID and implemented by Department of Commerce/CLDP.	WTO Awareness	150,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	150,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance-Enforcement Program</b>	The Enforcement Team from the Treasury Department is providing advisors to the Government of Albania. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/IATA.	Financial Sector Development & Good Governance	<b>37,351</b>
<b>Total FY 04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Albania</b>			<b>3,389,351</b>