

*United States Government*  
*2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)*  
**ALBANIA**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 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 the 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 benefits 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 for trade information, and (4) a capacity-building center for strengthening the professional capacities of the government, private businesses and civil society in dealing with trade-related 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	50,000
		Business Services & Training	50,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	35,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	10,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	15,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	15,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	35,000
Tourism Sector Development	15,000		
Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	35,000		
<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>		

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<b>Enterprise Development and Export Market Services</b>	The Enterprise Development and Export Market Services project (EDEM) 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 Albania 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 assists Albanian enterprises in improving efficiency and upgrading product quality to meet the standards established for the U.S. and the EU. EDEM has been working primarily with four industry groups: meat processing, herb and spices, specialty tourism, and leather goods and shoes. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	E-Commerce & IT	82,342
		Export Promotion	823,417
		Business Services & Training	247,025
		Trade-Related Agriculture	164,683
		Tourism Sector Development	164,683
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	164,683
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>1,646,834</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 Dev. & Good Governance	<b>211,493</b>
<b>Total FY05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Albania</b>			<b>2,358,327</b>