

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ALBANIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 16 October 1958.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (2013-2021)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (term expires in 2021)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Albania:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Albania:** 1
 - 28-30 March 2014: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Ms Venera Domi, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 29 June 2016), member of the Executive Board and Chairperson of the Special Committee of the Executive Board (term expires in 2019)
 - Staff: Mrs Eriona Haxhia, Second Secretary
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Besiana Kadare (April 2011 – June 2016)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Albania is covered by the UNESCO Venice Office.
8. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 1959
 - Chairperson: Ms Lindita Nikolla, Minister of Education and Sports
 - Secretary-General: Mr Sokol Gjoka
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1
 - UNESCO Chair on Multiculturalism, Intercultural Dialogue and Human Rights in the Balkans, Marin Barleti University (2016)
10. **Associated Schools:** 20 (1 nursery and pre-school, 2 primary, 16 secondary schools, and 1 teacher-training institution). Albania joined the ASP Network in 1990.
11. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
 - Ohrid-Prespa Transboundary Reserve (2014), jointly with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
14. **World Heritage Sites:** 3 (2 cultural and 1 natural)
 - Cultural*
 - Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra (2005, extension in 2008)
 - Butrint (1992)
 - Natural*
 - Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and the Ancient Beech Forests of Germany (2007, extensions in 2011 and in 2017), (jointly with Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Ukraine)

- 15. Tentative List:** 5 properties
- Extension to the Joint World Heritage Property "Primeval Beech forests of the Carpathians (Slovak Republic and Ukraine) and the Ancient Beech forests of Germany (Germany)" (2015)
 - The Ancient city of Apollonia (2014)
 - Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region (2011)
 - Les tombes de la Basse Selca (1996)
 - L'amphithéâtre de Durres (1996)
- 16. Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists:** 1 element
- Albanian Folk Iso-polyphony (originally proclaimed in 2005 and inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2008).
- 17. Memory of the World Register:** 1 inscription
- Codex Purpureus Beratinus (2005)
- 18. Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
- 19. Legal instruments:** 18 ratified and 22 non-ratified
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified (19 March 2009)
 - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (4 April 2006)
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (17 November 2006)
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (31 December 2006).
- 20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019:** none
- 21. Participation Programme:**
- 2016-2017: 5 projects approved for a total amount of US\$75,000.
 - 2014-2015: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 45,200
 - 2012-2013: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 34,000
 - 2010-2011: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 100,300
 - 2008-2009: 6 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 113,000
- 22. Fellowships:** 1 fellowship awarded since 2004, for US\$ 10,000
- 23. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** none
- 24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018:**
- Assessment rate for 2018: 0.008%
 - Contributions assessed for 2018: US \$26,120
- 25. Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US dollars):
- | Year | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Total | 56,706 | 66,246 | - | 654 | 523 | 440 | 1,333 |
- 26. Representation within the Secretariat:** Normally represented
- 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4)