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Short description of university	The University of Tirana (UT), founded in 1957, is the largest university in the country. It consists of six faculties and two institutes and offers 155 programs in all three cycles of study, with 790 full-time academic staff and approximately 23,000 students. Thanks to its tradition, high level of qualification, training and certification, the University of Tirana remains the preferred choice for higher education studies in Albania. The Faculty of Economy (FE), established in 1952, became part of UT in 1957. After 1991, FE was reorganized and restructured radically in form and content. Today, as a leading academic institution, FE has enrolled a path towards sustainable development education. Our interdisciplinary research teams are engaging progressively in sustainability-related projects, from renewable energy and conservation efforts to social and economic development initiatives.
Relevant Faculty/ department	Faculty of Economics
Study programme(s) in (sustainable) tourism	Master of Science in Risk Management (subjects related to sustainable tourism are included) Master of Science in Tourism Management
Duration and ECTS of programme(s)	Master of Science in Risk Management – 2 Years, 120 ETCS Master of Science in Tourism Management – 2 Years, 120 ETCS
Language(s) of instruction	Albanian, English
Keywords describing programme(s)	Master of Science in Risk Management – risk management, sustainable development, climate change adaptation Master of Science in Tourism Management – tourism, tourism economics & marketing, sustainable tourism

(Sustainable) tourism research/transfer institute (if any)	No, but a Knowledge Hub for Climate and Sustainability Center will be funded in the academic year 2023-2024
Research/transfer topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Climate change adaptation and mitigation</li> <li>- Protected areas Valuation</li> <li>- Sustainable Finance</li> <li>- Environmental Valuation</li> <li>- Sustainable tourism</li> </ul>
Selected research projects on sustainable tourism	<p><b>JOINED For Sustainability - Building climate Resilient communities in WB and EU -1FUTURE Project (2023-2026)</b></p> <p>The 1Future project builds up on the needs and the ambition to lead climate action in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Western Balkan Region. Within the project, HEIs of the region will serve as the gear that connects different stakeholders for building climate resilient communities. Economic and social development are widely affected by the impacts of climate change. It is of critical importance that higher education system contribute to building capacities and interdisciplinary knowledge for a sustainable and resilient society, able to build back better our vulnerable economies. Investors, insurers, businesses, cities and citizens across the EU and the Balkans should be able to access data and to develop instruments to integrate climate change into their risk management practices. This project is relevant to the objectives and activities of the CBHE action within the Erasmus+ Program. The wider aim and the specific objectives of the project are in line with “Green Deal” EU overarching priority, as a project that supports action within higher education systems for creating climate resilient communities.</p> <p><b>BLUEWBC (2020-2023)</b></p> <p>This project gathers the capacities of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in program countries and partner countries to improve Blue Economies in Montenegro and Albania, through better education in innovation and entrepreneurship.</p>
Transfer activities with the tourism industry (with selected examples)	<p><b>Participant in the European knowledge alliance for sustainable tourism (TRIANGLE) (11/2016 – 10/2019)</b></p> <p>Since 2018, UT was a member of the EU-funded TRIANGLE project, participating in the network of European HEIs that are active in the field of sustainable tourism. The network developed extensive online training courses and resources as well as an internship programme for students in tourism SMEs throughout Europe. The aim was to support SMEs on their way to sustainability thus providing a transfer of academic expertise into the tourism industry.</p>
Network of partners in the field of sustainable tourism	The University of Tirana and Faculty of Economics are part of a network of institutions active in the field of sustainability, including sustainable

tourism. Most of the network was created through past of current Erasmus+ projects.

*1Future Erasmus partners (HEIs)*

*Lund University, Sweden*

*Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development, Germany*

*IUAV University of Venezia, Italy*

*University of Novi Sad, Serbia*

*Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North macedonia*

*Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania*

*Luarasi University, Albania*

*University of Tuzla, Albania*

*CEPS - Center for Business Studies, Albania*

*University of Montenegro, Albania*

*1Future Erasmus partners (Non-HEIs)*

*Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tirana, Albania*

*Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania, Albania*

*Albanian National Agency of Scientific Research and Innovation, Albania*

*Chamber of Engineers of Montenegro, Montenegro*

*Organization - Construction Science and Practice, Montenegro*

*Association for Risk Management, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

*Chamber of Economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina*