

dldp's Learning and Experience Sharing Initiative in Public Finance Management: What It's About and How You Can Join In!

OBJECTIVES

The aim is to build LGUs' capacities in Public Finance Management based on good local and national practices as well as international standards. . The overall policy framework is based on the three part SDPeMTBP approach (Strategic Development Plans, Financial Planning Tool and Medium Term Budget Program). This approach is fully compliant with the legal budgeting requirements of Albania, especially taking into account law No. 9936, "On the management of budgetary system in the republic of Albania" (2008).

EXPECTED RESULTS

Through strengthening the technical capacities of LGU staff, we expect that our partner LGUs will achieve the following results:

- Financial resources are planned, communicated, spent and controlled to enable and influence efficient, effective, transparent and socially sensitive public service delivery
- Strategic development planning instruments and methodology are linked to annual and Medium Term Budget Program.
- Increased awareness and use among LGU staff of advanced tools and methodologies applicable in Public Finance Management.
- Transparency of groups of interest and citizens in policy planning and budgeting are increased
- Harmonization between local and national level as well as exchange takes place

METHODOLOGY

The implementation of the knowledge package will proceed through strengthening the technical capacities of LGU staff through a sequenced training approach based on tested and validated tools developed by dldp. These trainings will also include exposure visits in the form of study tours as well as online learning and policy discussion.



SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES

"the local government units in dldp programme area are moving towards standardized processes of strategic planning in the field of PFM, whose results seem to point to qualitative decision making for achievable programmes and activities".

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MAIN ACTIVITIES

The main activities planned to take place through an inter-LGU expert group are:

- Implement a comprehensive sequenced training package on Public Finance Management (PFM) combined with the elaboration of strategic plans, fiscal packages, annual and medium term budgets in selected LGUs
- Bring lessons learned from improved local PFM processes into national guidelines and policy, as well as research discussion, in close collaboration with national experts and key agencies.
- Engage in dialogue on enhanced fiscal decentralisation, in close cooperation with other actors and programmes
- Participate in study tours and workshops on developing and exchanging good practices in Public Finance Management and fiscal decentralisation
- Competition on PFM performance on budget support for a selected number of LGUs

INPUTS FROM PARTNER LGUS

- Capitalize your experiences and contribute in sharing them
- Participate in e-discussions on policy issues through the knowledge management platform
- Cover related costs of participation in trainings and workshops within Albania
- Regularly attend events organized by the Public Finance Management Inter-LGU expert group
- Pilot suggested tools for use in implementing LGU work and provide feedback for further improvements
- Mobilize support from political leadership (mayor and council)

EXAMPLES OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES

A wide range of manuals, how-to guides, training materials, good practices, samples and templates are available at www.dldp.al/PFM including

- Long and medium term strategic and financial planning. A manual for local government units in Albania. (Alb+Eng)
- Strategic development planning and performance based budgeting in the medium term. A 5 day training course. (Alb+Eng)
- Medium-term financial planning for local governments in the context of Albania. Manual for the excel based Financial Planning Tool FPT. (Alb+Eng)
- Strategic development plans linked to Medium Term Budget Programs, Financial planning tools, fiscal packages of several LGUs (Alb+Eng)
- Good practices, samples and templates in Public Finance Management from Shkodra and Lezha Regions, National Level and International Level (Alb+Eng)

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES

There are positive and successful cases of local government units. A considerable contribution in this direction has been made by foreign donor who through there different projects have treated the budget as a key problem assisting to local government units in drafting of the project-budget. ...which operate in local government units in Lezha and Shkodra regions is Decentralization and Local Development Program (dldp).

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