

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ALBANIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 16 October 1958
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** member (Term expires in 2017), represented by H.E. Ms Besiana Kadare, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Headquarters Committee – Vice-chairperson
4. **The Director-General's visits to Albania: 1**
 - 28-30 March 2014: official visit
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Albania: 3**
 - 3 June 2009: official visit
 - 8-10 December 2004: on the occasion of the Regional Summit on "The Development of Inter-religious and Inter-ethnic Dialogue – An Important Factor for the Stability and Progress of South-East Europe" (Tirana)
 - 17-19 September 2001: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Ms Besiana Kadare, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 14 April 2011)
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Ylljet Alicka (October 2008 - February 2011); H.E. Ms Tatiana Gjonaj (October 2001 - September 2008)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Albania is covered by the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE) Venice.
8. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 1959
 - Chairperson: Ms Lindita Nikolla, Minister of Education and Sports
 - Secretary-General: Mr Virgjil Muçi (since April 2014)
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
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: 2**
 - Butrint (1992)
 - Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra (2005, extension in 2008)
15. **Tentative List: 5 properties**
 - Les tombes de la Basse Selca (1996)

- L'amphithéâtre de Durres (1996)
 - Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region (2011)
 - The Ancient city of Apollonia (2014)
 - 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)
- 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 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)**
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: **ratified (19 March 2009)**
- 20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:** none
- 21. Participation Programme:**
- 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. Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US dollars):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	-	654	523	440	1,333

- 24. Payment of assessed membership fees 2015:** fully paid
 Assessment rate for 2014-2015: 0.010%;
 Assessed contributions for 2014-2015: US\$65,300

- 25. Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented
- 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4)