

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)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
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 Venera Domi, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 29 June 2016)
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Ms Besiana Kadare (April 2011 – June 2016); 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 Venice Office.
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: 1**
 - UNESCO Chair on Multiculturalism, Intercultural dialogue and Human Rights in the Balkans (1129), 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: 2**
 - Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra (2005, extension in 2008)
 - Butrint (1992)
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 2016-2017: 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	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	66,246	-	654	523	440	1,333

24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016: fully paid

Assessment rate: 0.008%;

Contributions assessed for 2016: US \$26,120.

25. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented

- 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4)