

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 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 (UNESCO, Paris, 1970) (term expires in 2021)
 - Chairperson of the Special Committee of the Executive Board (term expires in 2019)
 - Special Committee of the Executive Board (SP) (term expires in 2019)
 - Committee on Non-Governmental Partners (NGP) of the Executive Board (term expires in 2019)
 - Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the Executive Board (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Albania:** 0
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) and Chairperson of the Special Committee of the Executive Board (term expires in 2019)
 - 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 Sokol Gjoka (since February 2017)
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)

2 Cultural:

 - Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra (2005, extension in 2008)
 - Butrint (1992)

1 Natural:

- Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe (2007,2011,2017)

15. Tentative List: 5 properties

- The Castle of Bashtova (2017)
- 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 2016-2017: Fully paid

Assessment rate for 2016-2017: 0.008%;

Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US \$52,240

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: In balance

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