

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ALBANIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

I. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

1. **Membership** since 16 October 1958
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2021)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions** (by year of end of term):
 - 2021: 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
 - Permanent membership: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
4. **Director-General's visits:** none
5. **Former Director-General's visits:** 1 in 2014
6. **Permanent Delegation:**
 - H.E. Mr Ferit Hoxha, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 6 April 2018)
 - Ms Brizida Nina, Counselor, Deputy Permanent Delegate to UNESCO
 - Ms Ermira Godo, Chargée de Mission
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Venera Domi (2016-2018)
7. **National Commission:**
 - Creation: 1959
 - Chairperson: Ms Besa Shahini (since January 2019)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Sokol Gjoka (since February 2017)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Mr Auron Tare, member of the STAB (Advisory Body for the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage) since 2015
9. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks:** 1 UNESCO Chair
 - 2016: UNESCO Chair on Multiculturalism, Intercultural Dialogue and Human Rights in the Balkans, Marin Barleti University
10. **Associated Schools:** 20 institutions
 - 1 pre-primary, 2 primary, 16 secondary and 1 teacher training institution
 - Joined the ASP Network in 1990
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
12. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
 - 2014: Ohrid-Prespa, jointly with North Macedonia
14. **Global Geoparks:** none
15. **World Heritage Sites:** 4 (2 cultural, 1 natural and 1 mixed)

Cultural:

 - 2005: Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra (extension in 2008)
 - 1992: Butrint (extension in 1999)

Natural:

 - 2017: Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe, jointly with Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Ukraine (inscription in 2007 and extension in 2011 and 2017 into a number of countries including Albania)

Mixed:

- 2019: Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region, jointly with North Macedonia (inscription in 1979 and extension into Albania in 2019)

16. Tentative List: 4 properties

- 2017: The Castle of Bashtova
- 2014: The Ancient City of Apollonia
- 1996: The Amphitheatre of Durres
- 1996: The tombs of the Lower Selca

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 1 element on the Representative List

- 2008: Albanian folk iso-polyphony

18. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription

- 2005: Codex Purpureus Beratinus

19. Creative Cities: none

20. Legal instruments: 18 ratified and 22 non-ratified

<i>Ratified Conventions:</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Type</i>
Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	20/12/1960	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	20/12/1960	Accession
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	21/11/1963	Ratification
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	10/07/1989	Ratification
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	31/10/1995	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	01/09/2000	Ratification
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	26/03/2001	Accession
Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997.	06/03/2002	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	13/06/2002	Acceptance
Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	04/11/2003	Accession
Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	04/11/2003	Accession
Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.	04/11/2003	Accession
Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to work of stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.	04/11/2003	Accession
Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.	04/11/2003	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	04/04/2006	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	17/11/2006	Accession
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	31/12/2006	Accession
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	19/03/2009	Ratification

Non-Ratified Conventions:

Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural character with Protocol of Signature and model form of certificate provided for in Article IV of the above-mentioned Agreement. Beirut, 10 December 1948.

Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950.

Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.

Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.

Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.

Protocol to amend articles 6 and 7 of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Regina, Canada, 28 May 1987.

Convention on Technical and Vocational Education. Paris, 10 November 1989.

Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas, and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific. Bangkok, 16 December 1983.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.

Protocol to amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Paris, 3 December 1982.

Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976.

International Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States bordering on the Mediterranean. Nice, 17 December 1976.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States. Arusha, 5 December 1981.

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab States. Paris, 22 December 1978.

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region. Paris, 21 December 1979.

Multilateral Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation of Copyright Royalties, with model bilateral agreement and additional Protocol. Madrid, 13 December 1979.

Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999.

Revised Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education. Tokyo, 26 November 2011

Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States. Addis Ababa, 12 December 2014

21. **Anniversaries UNESCO is associated within 2020-2021:** none
22. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** none
23. **Participation Programme:** no requests submitted since 2018
24. **Fellowships:** no requests submitted since 2018
27. **Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented (min. 2, max. 4) with 2 professional staff in geographical posts at Headquarters