

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ALBANIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

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 Eriona Haxhia, Second Secretary
 - Ms Ermira Godo, Executive Assistant
 - 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 Others 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-ployphony

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

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified (19 March 2009)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (31 December 2006)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (17 November 2006)
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (4 April 2006)

21. Anniversaries UNESCO is associated with in 2018-2019 and 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

25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019: paid

- Assessment rate: 0.010%
- Contributions assessed: US\$ 25,327

26. Voluntary contributions (in US\$):

Year	Jan.-June 2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total	261	117,395	-	56,706	66,246	-	654	523

27. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented (min. 2, max. 4) with 2 professional staff in geographical posts at Headquarters