

IPAI/2022/440-802 - EU4Innovation, Challenge Fund (2023-2025)

Local Contracts				
Name and locality	Title of the project	Purpose	Amount (Euro)	Website
SAN shpk, Tirane	Supply of office computers.	IT equipment	4,316.68 Euro	
Black Light sh.p.k., Tirane	Photographic and videographic services, for activities within the framework of the 2023 Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW).	Activities for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Week.	8,601.13 Euro	
Prosound sh.p.k., Tirane	Supply of audio-video and ledwall equipment and services, for the organization of activities within the framework of the 2023 Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW).	Activities for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Week.	6,805.29 euro	https://prosound-sales.al/en/
Grant Thornton sh.p.k., Tirane	Financial Audit of the Innovation Challenge Fund Grant Scheme, of EU for Innovation Project, Phase II 2023-2026.	Audit Service	54,100 Euro	https://www.grantthornton.al
Genti Beqiri, Tirane	Engagement of the Contractor as part of the Evaluation Committee assessing the applications received under the Challenge Fund -1st Call for Proposals.	Local Experts	3,700 Euro	
Klesta Hysi, Tirane	Engagement of 1 (one) National Legal Expert supporting the Startup Albania State Agency.	Local Experts	10,500 Euro	
Gledis Shehu, Tirane	Engagement of 1 (one) National Finance Expert to support the Startup Albania State Agency.	Local Experts	8,750 Euro	
Balance Center, Tirane	Preparation and delivery of training of "Doing Business - Management of the Entrepreneurship Initiative" for grantees of the 1st CfP.	Consultancy Services	3,451 Euro	https://ideabalance.al/
Ermira Repaj, Shkoder	Engagement of the Contractor as part of the Evaluation Committee assessing the applications received under the Challenge Fund -3rd Call for Proposals and the Pitching event.	Local Experts	4,250 Euro	
Genti Beqiri, Tirane	Engagement of the Contractor as part of the Evaluation Committee assessing the applications received under the Challenge Fund -3rd Call for Proposals and the Pitching event.	Local Experts	4,165 Euro	
Balance Center, Tirane	Preparation and delivery of training of "Doing Business - Management of the Entrepreneurship Initiative" for grantees of the 2nd CfP and 3rd CfP.	Consultancy Services	6,996 Euro	https://ideabalance.al/
Elona Gjika, Tirane	Preparation and delivery of the evaluation report on the feasibility of the handover process of the Challenge Fund to an Albanian institution.	Local Experts	7,450 Euro	
New Media Digital, Tirane	Production of seventeen (17) high-quality promotional videos. Sixteen (16) of these videos will present the success stories of startups supported during the second phase of the Challenge Fund implementation. In addition, one (1) documentary video will be produced to promote Albania's national innovation and startup ecosystem.	Service provider	17,000 Euro	https://www.nmd.al/
Factplus , Tirane	Engagement of 1 (one) National Company or Team of experts, in Finance and Legal Expertise, to support the Startup Albania State Agency	Consultancy Services	13,500 Euro	

Sabina Lalaj , Tirane	Engagement of 1 (one) National Legal Expert to support the Startup Albania State Agency	Consultancy Services	10,200 Euro	
International Contracts				
Name and locality	Title of the project	Purpose	Amount (Euro)	Website
Ernest and Young - Sweden	Procurement of Audit Service.	Implementing Partner Internal Control Review	197 126 SEK	https://www.ey.com/sv_se
Marbrandt Business Intelligence AB (Anne Marbrandt), Sweden	Engagement of the Contractor as part of the Evaluation Committee assessing the applications received under the Challenge Fund -1st Call for Proposals.	International Experts	15,300 Euro	
MTI Investment SE (Nedim Efendic), Sweden	Engagement of the Contractor as part of the Evaluation Committee assessing the applications received under the Challenge Fund -1st Call for Proposals.	International Experts	15,300 Euro	https://www.mti-investment.com
Strategy Tools AS, Norway	Provision of expertise as the International Training Company supporting the Startup Albania State Agency.	International Consultancy Services	8,050 Euro	www.strategytools.io
Marbrandt Business Intelligence AB (Anne Marbrandt), Sweden	Engagement of the Contractor as part of the Evaluation Committee assessing the applications received under the Challenge Fund -2nd Call for Proposals.	International Experts	10,800 Euro	
MTI Investment SE (Nedim Efendic), Sweden	Engagement of the Contractor as part of the Evaluation Committee assessing the applications received under the Challenge Fund -2nd Call for Proposals.	International Experts	9,600 Euro	https://www.mti-investment.com
The Swedish Trade & Invest Council Sweden	Organization of a Study Visit in Sweden for Challenge Fund beneficiaries.	Service provider	11,500 Euro	https://www.business-sweden.com/
Startup Genome GmbH, Germany	Engagement of one International Company for the provision of the service of “Annual Startup Ecosystem Report 2024 for Albania	Service provider	29,250 Euro	https://startupgenome.com/
Soldiser AB(Åsa Trulsson), Sweden	Engagement of the Contractor as part of the Evaluation Committee assessing the applications received under the Challenge Fund -3rd Call for Proposals and the Pitching event.	International Experts	12,240 Euro	
Observatory Partners AB (Nedim Efendic), Sweden	Engagement of the Contractor as part of the Evaluation Committee assessing the applications received under the Challenge Fund -3rd Call for Proposals and the Pitching event.	International Experts	13,600 Euro	
Centro GlobalCAD 3.0 SL	Organization of a Study Visit in Barcelona for Challenge Fund beneficiaries.	Service provider	11,500 Euro	globalcad.org/en/
Strategy Tools AS, Norway	Provision of expertise as the International Training Company supporting the Startup Albania State Agency in strengthening the Capacity-Building Program of the Agency’s new platform.	International Consultancy Services	16,500 Euro	www.strategytools.io
1st Call Grants				
Name and locality	Title of the project	Purpose	Amount (Euro)	Website
Almanart,Tirane	Almanart	Platform which supports creative industry businesses publishing houses, bars, theaters, cinemas, art galleries, by allowing them to advertise events.	9,500 Euro	www.almanart.al
Cyber Morfosis, Tirane	Cyber Morfosis	Offers a comprehensive suite of services designed to address the pressing need for robust digital protection.	9,320 Euro	www.cybermorfosis.com

Doll'App, Tirane	Doll'App	Online platform that revolutionizes fashion consumption by creating a marketplace for buying and selling pre-loved clothing.	10,000 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/doll_app/
Dor Arta Handmade, Librazhd, Fshati Spathar	Dor Arta Handmade	Weaving carpets on a handloom and opening the door of the atelier Dor Arta into a visitor center.	9,280 Euro	www.dorartahandmade.al
Frymëmarrje, Tirane	Frymëmarrje	Designing and implementing natural green walls for interior spaces, both static and movable.	9,975 Euro	www.frymemarrje.com
Medapp, Tirane	Medapp	Online application that allows to store and manage all family's medical records in one place, with the capability to share them with healthcare providers.	10,000 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/medapp.space/
Biolive, Divjake	Biolive	Production, packaging, and wholesale/retail trade of premium olive oil.	19,920 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/biolive.oliveoil/
Foresta, Tirane	Foresta	Design hub which lies in its multifaceted integration of architecture, art, music, and culinary experimentation within a collaborative working space and coffee bar.	19,900 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/foresta_grid/
GreenBot - The Eco Friendly Educational Robot, Tirane	GreenBot - The Eco Friendly Educational Robot	An innovative educational robot which aims to enhance STEM learning in Albanian schools and beyond, addressing the need for interactive teaching tools.	19,311 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/smartkids.albania/
Patoko, Tirane	Patoko	Versatile super-app offering services such as real-time bus information, loyalty and referral programs, digital wallets, and an automated chatbot.	19,800 Euro	https://patoko.com/
Rinora, Berat Bashkia Dimal	Rinora	Loofah sponge farm to produce high-quality, eco-friendly sponges.	19,980 Euro	https://rinora.al/
Alpine Bees, Shkoder	Alpine Bees	Offering a diverse range of premium bee products renowned for their exceptional quality.	30,000 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/alpinebees/
List Albania sh.p.k, Tirane	List Albania sh.p.k.	Online marketplace where users can buy and sell new and used items, vehicles, real estate, and post job listings.	30,000 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/listalbania/
SKAITECH, Tirane	SKAITECH	Manufactures the SQ-1, the first Albanian-built drone, offering customizations, repairs, and consulting services.	30,000 Euro	www.skaitech.al

Pigi, Durres	Pigi	Mobile app that addresses the gap of a global demand for child-focused financial education.	9,500 Euro	www.pigi.al/pigi-app
Albaponik, Fshati Mustafa Kocaj (Baldushk)	Albaponik	Growing high-quality hydroponic leafy greens without soil, using nutrient-rich water solutions.	19,840 Euro	www.albaponik.com
Chocolab Albania, Tirane	Chocolab Albania	Artisan chocolate lab which combines the finest handmade chocolate with unique Albanian flavors sourced from local producers.	20,000 Euro	www.chocoalb.al
Heritage Personalized Explorer, Tirane	Heritage Personalized Explorer	AI-powered platform to revolutionize how visitors experience Albania's rich heritage sites.	9,778.52 Euro	https://app.heritage.al/
Crystal Team, Berat	Crystal Team	Provides comprehensive cleaning, gardening, and elderly care services, while promoting economic independence among marginalized communities, particularly mothers from Roma-segregated areas.	9,490 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/crystal_team.1
Ekofunji, Tirane, Komuna Baldushk	Ekofunji	BioLab in rural areas of Tirana for mushroom production using circular economy.	9,412 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/eko_funji_albania/

2nd Call Grants

Name and locality	Title of the project	Purpose	Amount (Euro)	Website
Funky Cabins, Tirane	Funky Cabins	A 5-star glamping facility offering eco-friendly, self-sustained cabins in remote locations, blending hotel comfort with camping.	30,000 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/funkycabin2021/
TOGO SHPK, Tirane	TOGO SHPK	A pioneering service platform called "BID Albania" that connects users with providers through secure, transparent transactions, real-time availability, and a user-friendly interface.	29,000 Euro	www.togo.al
Gjelber, Tirane	Gjelber	A healthy startup centered on circular economy, sustainability, nutrition, and environmentalism, by offering an innovative 3-in-1 model which integrates a restaurant, packaged goods, and fresh produce sales, offering fresh, in-house made dishes.	30,000 Euro	https://gjelber.al/
Panja, Tirane	Panja	Bakery and dairy shop offering 100% gluten- and lactose-free products.	27,822 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/panjatirana/

RentX, Tirane	RentX	A platform that connects local car rental businesses with travelers in Albania.	24,100 Euro	https://rentx.al/
T-Blocks, Tirane	T-Blocks	A blockchain-powered real estate tokenization platform addressing the lack of capital markets and underdeveloped financial technology in Albania and the Balkans, bridging local asset owners with global investors through secure, compliant, and transparent tokenized investments.	30,000 Euro	https://tblocks.io/
Upfront Albania, Tirane	Upfront Albania	A digital taxi app called "VrapOn", offering a simple, secure, and efficient way to order taxis, track rides, and view trip details in real-time.	29,806 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/vrapon.al/
Bezhe sh.p.k., Tirane	Bezhe sh.p.k.	Design company specialized in upcycling discarded construction materials into high-quality, eco-friendly products like lamps, promoting waste reduction and innovative design.	20,000 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/bezhedesignstudio/
Bliss, Tirane	Bliss	An online therapy platform that connects adults with licensed therapists through a secure, user-friendly space, offering affordable, culturally relevant, and stigma-free mental health care.	20,000 Euro	https://bliss.al/
Ankand Albania, Tirane	Ankand Albania	An e-commerce platform, combining bidding and auction features.	9,950 Euro	https://ankandalbania.al/
Goat Land, Durres Kruje	Goat Land	A sustainable goat farm, integrated into a hazelnut plantation, that combines organic practices, rotational grazing, and innovative farm management to produce high-quality goat milk and meat.	19,855 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/goatland.al/
Happy Farmers, Malesi e Madhe	Happy Farmers	A sustainable farm specializing in cultivating sage, lavender, and thyme.	9,999 Euro	https://www.happyfarmersalbania.com
N' fjetore te Mjedrat e Danjes, Vau i Dejes	N' fjetore te Mjedrat e Danjes	Unique wooden farm accommodations in Narac village's only raspberry farm.	9,500 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/mjedrat.e.danjes/

Harnex, Tirane	Harnex	Web platform revolutionizing vehicle searches in Albania, North Macedonia, and Kosovo by providing a seamless, smartphone-accessible experience.	9,500 Euro	www.harnex.io
FastPayroll, Shkoder	FastPayroll	Offers a secure, automated, and user-friendly platform that streamlines payroll processing, by revolutionizing the payroll management in Albania.	9,500 Euro	https://app.fastpayroll.al/
KonsultoPT, Tirane	KonsultoPT	AI-driven online physiotherapy platform, transforming rehabilitation with real-time feedback, personalized exercise plans, and virtual consultations from certified physiotherapists.	9,205.5 Euro	www.konsultopt.com
Copza, Kamez	Copza	A glass recycling system, transforming glass waste into cullets for reuse in various industries.	9,808 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/copza_shpk/
Timeless Tirana Studio, Tirane	Timeless Tirana Studio	Professional photo shoots featuring traditional Albanian costumes and settings, allowing the customers to immerse themselves in the rich heritage of Albania by dressing in authentic traditional attire.	9,500 Euro	https://timelesstudio.al/

3rd Call Grants

Name and locality	Title of the project	Purpose	Amount (Euro)	Website
Albania Authentic Tours, Tirane	Albania Authentic Tours	First digital marketplace for outdoor tourism, connecting adventure travelers with local guides, tours, stays, and transport to explore Albania's remote nature.	29,750 Euro	https://albaniamyway.com/
Alkest Shehu pf - Zhapokika Farm, Berat, Polican, Fshati Zhapokike	Alkest Shehu pf - Zhapokika Farm	Premium artisanal wild apple cider vinegar made from hand-picked mountain apples using traditional natural fermentation.	20,000 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/fermazhapokikaberat
Artizantet e Tropojes, Tropoje	Artizantet e Tropojes	An artisan collective in Tropoja preserving cultural heritage through handmade products while empowering local women.	20,000 Euro	https://www.artizantetropojes.com/
Artizani Shpk, Tirane	Artizani Shpk, Tirane	Albania's first fully organic sourdough bakery, producing additive-free wholegrain bread through natural fermentation.	30,000 Euro	www.artizani.al

Cakalli Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Vuno, Himare	Cakalli Extra Virgin Olive Oil	A premium Albanian brand producing 100% organic, hand-bottled olive oil using traditional methods, supporting local farmers and preserving olive-growing heritage.	9,400 Euro	https://cakallioliveoil.al/
Drury, Tirane	Drury	An Albanian brand upcycling second-hand furniture into unique, high-quality pieces with a circular-economy approach.	10,000 Euro	https://drury-studio.com/
InsectIntel, Tirane	InsectIntel	An agri-tech company addressing pest management with a solar-powered, AI-enabled smart trap that monitors insects in real time and alerts farmers for precise, non-invasive control.	30,000 Euro	https://insectintel.eu/
Ko-living (Saranda Co-living & Co-working), Sarande	Ko-living (Saranda Co-living & Co-working)	Converting a South Albania residence into a co-living and co-working hub for digital nomads.	9,500 Euro	
MASA Studio, Tirane	MASA Studio	A creative workshop in Tirana offering arts and crafts classes—textile upcycling, sewing, weaving, and embroidery—for locals and tourists.	9,922 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/masastudiotirana/
NenHarmoni, Tirane	NenHarmoni	Albania's first prenatal and postpartum education platform, supporting parents with evidence-based guidance, recovery programs, and mental health support.	9,500 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/nen_harmoni/
Pambuk, Tirane	Pambuk	An Albanian startup producing eco-friendly, biodegradable non-woven bags as alternatives to single-use plastics.	20,000 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/pambuk_al/
Speleotours, Vlore	Speleotours	Albania's first tourism agency offering guided cave (speleological) tours that showcase geological, historical, and archaeological heritage.	9,990 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/speleotours/
Sugo.al, Kuc, Berat	Sugo.al	Producing premium tomato-based products and ready-made sauces with locally sourced ingredients, combining traditional taste with modern convenience.	19,990 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/sugo.al

Thurje Handmade, Korce	Thurje Handmade, Korce	An Albanian brand blending traditional rug-weaving with contemporary design, specializing in custom rugs for local and international clients.	25,184 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/thurjehandmade/
Tika Studios Shpk, Tirane	Tika Studios Shpk,	An Albanian game studio developing Fatebound: Blood of Shtriga, showcasing Albanian and Southeast European folklore through reconstructed medieval worlds and regional combat mechanics.	19,200 Euro	https://tikastudios.al/
Toka Fermentary, Tirane	Toka Fermentary	A producer of fermented foods—kombucha, kimchi, and sauces—using local ingredients and promoting fermentation in Albania's specialty food market.	30,000 Euro	https://www.instagram.com/toka.fermentary
walkingtourstirana, Tirane	walkingtourstirana	An online platform connecting local guides with travelers for authentic small-group walking tours, promoting sustainable tourism and thematic city experiences.	9,500 Euro	https://www.walkingtourstirana.com/