



Water games and sailing in the lakes of Tirana

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Budget

EUR 200,000 (Ex. VAT)



Municipal contribution

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Municipal sectors/ directorates

Tirana Parks and Recreation Agency (TPRA)



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Water sports and/or other activities in the lakes of Kashar, Farka and the Tirana Artificial lake are entirely lacking despite earlier traditions of using the lakes. Drawing on the campaign recently undertaken by the Municipality of Tirana to clean all water resources of the city, the proposed project aims to build public infrastructure and offer services through the use of amphibious vehicles, boats, kayaks, pedaling boats, sail boat and small motor operated boats or jet skis. It is anticipated that this investment will provide residents and visitors with the opportunity to view and enjoy the local landscape and nature around these lakes, ultimately increasing the attractiveness and touristic offer of these areas.

A series of preconditions are however necessary prior to the implementation of the proposed intervention such as improving the water quality, designating areas within the lakes for these activities and establishing visitor friendly areas around them.

The project envisions training of lifeguards (Lake-Watch Guards) who will be part of the team of Tirana park rangers.

An information campaign will be carried out, while My Outdoor Tirana will promote activities and services continuously. Additional information and ticketing services will be available through Info Points at each of the Parks.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The objective of this project is twofold: to raise awareness and educate the communities around the lake areas, especially the younger generation on these activities while at the same time protecting and using responsibly the natural resources of these regions.

Our motto will be: Act together for a more sustainable future through:

- Increasing and improving the tourist facilities
- Awareness on the need to clean and manage water resources better
- Offering recreation services, education, individual and team sports through 9 months of the year at an affordable for all cost.
- Creating a new model of entertainment for children and adults
- Creating the safest conditions for these activities.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION MODALITY

The project will be managed by the TPRA with initial financial assistance from donors and the Municipality itself. In this manner it would be possible to have more affordable prices and eventually lead to positive benefits as a public agency. The Tirana Municipality/TPRA have forecasted to cover all operational and administrative costs related to the maintenance of the equipment, parking and storage for the equipment, maintenance related to the security and safety infrastructure, promotional costs through the Agency's website and the "My Outdoor Tirana" platform, and other online applications.

Due to the surface area of all three lakes the following distribution is proposed:

- The big lake of Tirana, surface area 36,000 square meters (60% of the equipment)
- The lake of Farka, surface area 72,000 square meters (25% of the equipment)
- The lake of Kashar, surface area 26,000square meters (15% of the equipment)



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The fleet will be made of 30 rowing boats, 10 sail boats, 10 pedaling boats, 1 panoramic amphibious vehicle, 10 plastic canoes, and 5 motor boats. Auxiliary equipment will include life vests, ropes, steel ropes, floats, signaling equipment, communication devices, protective head gear, tool boxes, anchors, etc.

PRELIMINARY IMPACTS

Increase in the number of local visitors and tourist in the lakes of Tirana Bringing to outdoor activities people of all age groups and promoting an active lifestyle.

Increasing the profits and income of the businesses that operate within the parks' territory. Increasing the Agency's income through providing authorizations, permits, or leasing to private entities that will offer services within the areas while at the same time improving the quality of their management and maintenance.

Bringing life to the lake areas in Farka, Tirana and Kashar through frequent entertaining activities.

