



## Minimum Bike Grid

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### Budget

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes on urban roads inside Tirana City (21.55 Km)  
528,112,500 Leke

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes on Tirana Lake Park (5.5 Km)  
64,250,000 Leke

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes connecting City center to Tirana Lakes/Parks (30.6 Km)  
515,250,000 Leke

All Projects (89 Km)  
1,107,612,500 Leke



### Municipal contribution

Partial investor



### Municipal sectors/ directorates

Directorate of Transportation  
Road Traffic



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

While Tirana has the perfect weather and flat terrain for biking, the lack of proper infrastructure and encouragement by authorities means that this alternative mode of transportation is barely used at all. Growing awareness about pollution and health hazards associated with lack of physical activity, as well as a growing fatigue among drivers caused by traffic congestion and lack of parking places, means that there is a very receptive audience in Tirana about promoting alternative means of transport.

The Municipality of Tirana is committed to promoting biking as an alternative mean of transport and of providing Tirana with the necessary infrastructure of bicycle lanes. Studies conducted by the Municipality have suggested the need for developing a minimum grid of bicycle lanes covering the city's main road networks.

The minimum grid will follow the Inner and Middle Ring Roads of Tirana, and the main radial corridors connecting the suburbs to the city center. It will also connect urban areas to the surrounding hills and recreational parks in order to make those areas accessible by bicycle.

The implementation of the project will take place in three phases:

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- Dedicated Bicycle Lanes on Tirana Lake Park (5.5 Km)
- Dedicated Bicycle Lanes connecting City center to Tirana Lakes/Parks (30.6 Km)

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The development of dedicated bicycle lanes project on the main road network, supporting a soft mobility alternative in the City. It will reduce the travel time of bicycle users, securing speed and safety. It also aims to improve the quality of life, reducing private vehicle use and as a consequence less noise and less air pollution in the city, which is becoming ever worrying issue for the city's citizens and public authorities.

The project will develop a minimum grid necessary for the functioning and stimulation of bicycle use in the city, which until now has remained irrelevant and without any impact for the city's transport possibilities.

### PRELIMINARY IMPACTS

Tirana is a Mediterranean city, with favorable climate for cycling. Before 1990s, during the communist regime, cycling was the most common mean of transport, but nowadays with large private car ownership, parking, mobility, traffic congestions and pollution are becoming an ever worrying part of the daily life for Tirana's citizens.

With constructed bicycle lanes and a recent increase of bicycle use in the city, where citizens and NGO's consistently raise the need for larger use of bicycles, the Municipality of Tirana is working to address this issue.

The anticipated impact from the project implementation is reduction of the traffic congestion, air pollution, noise and it will also encourages the citizens to leave the private vehicle and use bicycle in order to have a better environment and healthy city.