

PROJECT NEWSLETTER

2nd Edition



ALLIANCE

Advancing Learning and Linking Institutions for
EU Projects and Networking Cooperation



TOP NEWS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mapping VET needs in Albania and Kosovo | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer Learning Schemes connecting EU and WB partners |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study visits in Athens and Brussels | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methodology and operational guidebook completed |

ABOUT ALLIANCE

ALLIANCE is a 36-month Erasmus+ Capacity Building project that strengthens VET institutions in Albania and Kosovo by establishing International Offices and fostering international cooperation, mobility, capacity building and stronger links with European partners.

FEATURED ARTICLE

WP2 – Building the Foundations for Internationalisation

WP2 is the preparatory phase of ALLIANCE. It provides the evidence base, methods and operational guidance needed for the later capacity-building and pilot phases. The work focuses on understanding the needs of VET institutions in Albania and Kosovo, strengthening staff capabilities in project management, R&D and networking, and preparing the structures required for effective International Offices.

 From diagnosis → peer learning → operational tools



T2.1 – Needs and Resource Mapping & Assessment

Task 2.1 mapped the current VET environment and the needs of partner institutions. Activities included a common research methodology, literature review of national, regional and European frameworks, Training Needs Analysis interviews, and a catalogue of relevant EU-funded projects and internationalisation initiatives.

Needs Monitoring and Analysis Report

The WP2 analysis brings together the main gaps, needs, issues and challenges faced by VET schools in Albania and Kosovo in relation to European projects, funding, international partnerships, innovation and research. This evidence base informs the capacity-building content of WP3 and the operational planning of WP4.

Key figures

- Training Needs Analysis interviews/workshops with WB partners
- Mapping of European and regional VET frameworks
- Catalogue of relevant projects and international-office models
- 40-page Needs Monitoring and Analysis Report foreseen in the proposal

Research / mapping



REPORTS · ANALYSIS · NETWORK

ALBANIA ——— EU

KOSOVO ——— EU

● Partner evidence connected across national, regional and European frameworks.

Exchange & Operational Tools



T2.2 – Peer Learning, Knowledge Exchange & Operational Tools

WP2 created a structured bridge between EU and Western Balkan partners. Peer Learning Schemes paired organisations from Greece and Germany with partners in Albania and Kosovo, enabling continuous knowledge exchange throughout the project.

Study Visits: Learning from Practice

Two study visits supported hands-on exchange of know-how: Athens focused on project management and R&D practices, while Brussels focused on dissemination, networking and international cooperation. The study visits provided direct exposure to working methods, tools and procedures that can be adapted by Western Balkan VET institutions.

Key WP2 Outputs

Needs Monitoring & Analysis Report

Albania and Kosovo; gaps, needs and challenges in EU projects, funding and international partnerships.

Comprehensive Methodology

Practical methods and tools for effective Project Management, R&D, and International Networking & Cooperation.

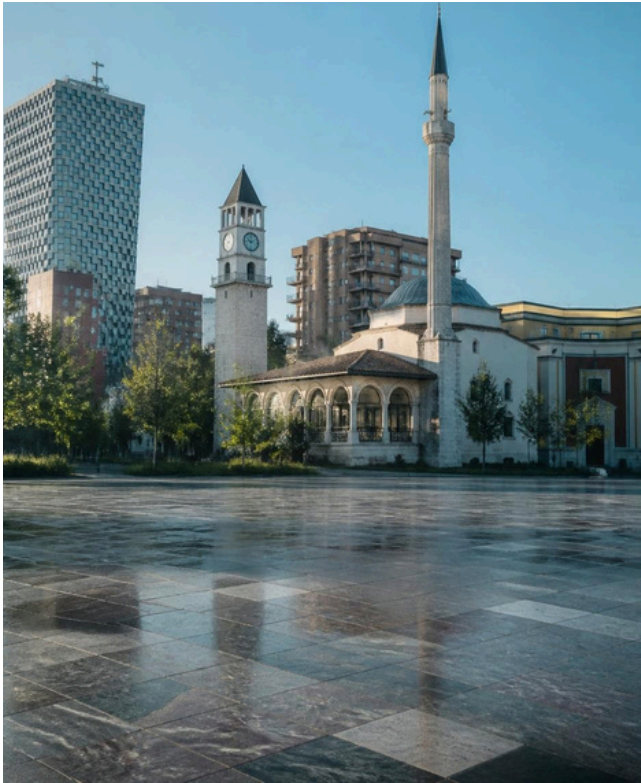
Guidebook for Set-Up & Operation of International Offices

Protocols covering communication, tools, finance, HR, management, sustainability, cultural sensitivity and technology.

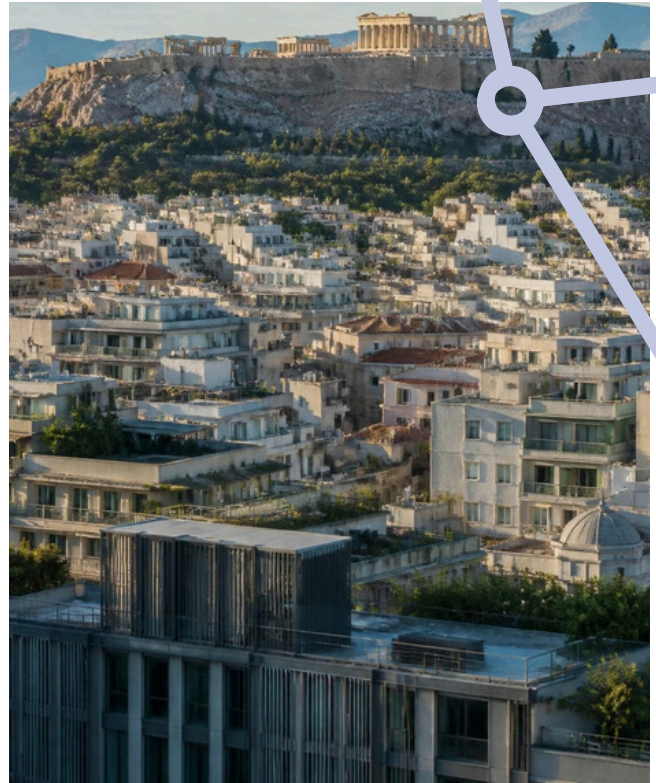
MS4 – Study Visits completed

MS5 – Comprehensive Methodology completed

MS6 – Operational Protocols / Guidebook completed



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