



SPI ALBANIA

AN INITIATIVE FOR ALBANIA FINANCIAL SECTOR MODERNIZATION

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SPI ALBANIA PARTNERSHIP



SPI Albania partners:

Bank of Albania
Albanian Association of Banks
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy
Financial Supervision Authority

MoU Technical Partners:

Italian Banking Association
European University Tirana

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SPI ALBANIA OBJECTIVE

- SPI Albania modernization program objective: to create **new** financial intermediation opportunities through removal of market failures. It complements traditional financial work that strengthens prudential regulations on **existing** financial intermediation.
- SPI Committee vision for SPI Albania: a financial modernization hub, facilitating programmatic focus, donor coordination, local capacity-building with a strong result orientation.

SPI Albania Organizational Chart

SOLUTION ENDORSEMENT AND ENACTMENT

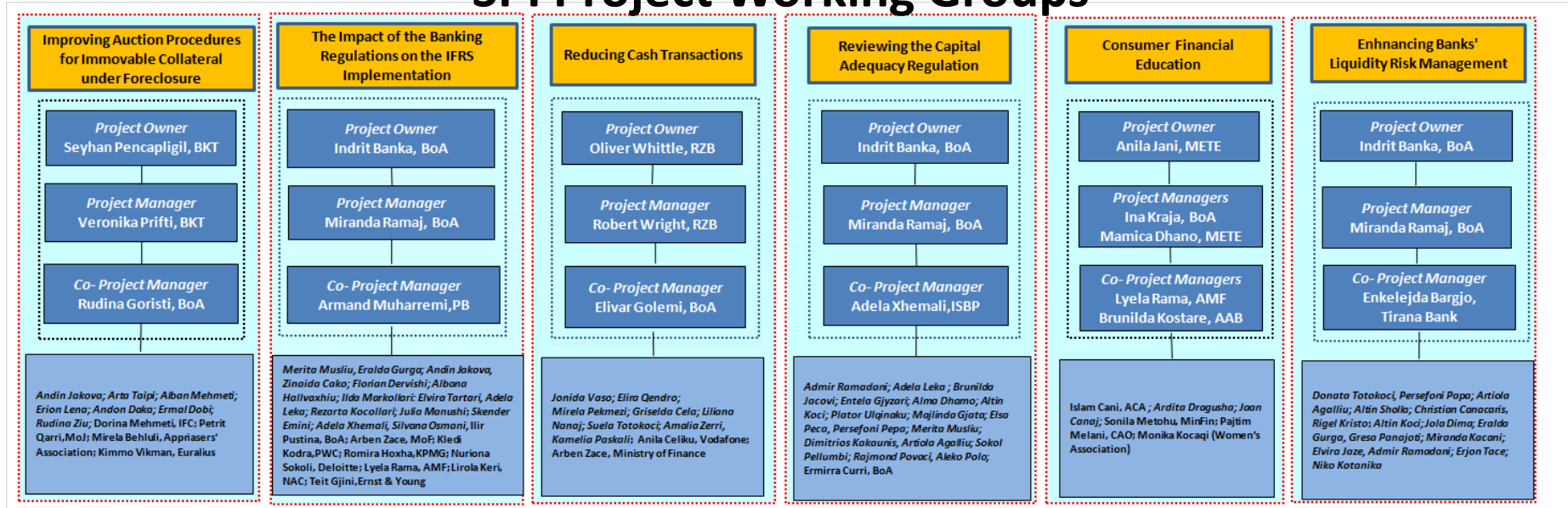


Prof. Dr. Adrian Givici, Rector, European University of Tirana

TECHNICAL CONSENSUS-BUILDING



SPI Project Working Groups



Italics: Project Working Groups Private Sector

Members

SOLUTION FINDING (Based on RIA-based public-private consultations)

SPI ALBANIA SECRETARIAT

- **Director for Financial Modernization Program and Analytics**
 - Project-related responsibilities:
 - Project ToRs drafting
 - Preparing background studies
 - Summarizing individual contributions
 - Preparing documents for PWG discussions
 - Preparing draft RIA questionnaire
 - Collecting data and performing calculations
 - Preparing draft ToRs for the expert
 - Preparing SPI Committee summary documents
- **Director for Operations**
 - Project-related responsibilities:
 - Drafting list of eligible persons/project in consultation with stakeholders
 - Drafting, getting signatures and sending invitation letters
 - Organizing PWGs meetings
 - Preparing PWG meeting minutes
 - Mobilizing International expertise
 - Other responsibilities
 - Planning and reporting
 - Organizing events
 - Taking care of logistics
 - SPI Committee secretary
- **Outputs:** About 30 documents/month and about 60 different actions/month

SPI ALBANIA – STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES

- Operating principles:
 - Local ownership
 - Programmatic focus
 - Mobilization of local expertise
 - Involvement of foreign experts to fill local knowledge gaps
 - Disciplined program management
 - Evidence-based analytical methods to search for solutions
 - Full transparency of our work
 - Strong practical impact orientation
- Operating guidelines – please see www.spi-albania.eu

SPI ALBANIA MILESTONES

January 2008	Bank of Albania and Association of Albanian Banks send Joint Commitment Letter to Convergence Program
January	SPI Seminar with banking community
Jan-Mar	Regulatory Impact Assessment Program
Feb-Mar	Consultations to build 2008 Activity Program
	SPI Secretariat recruitment

15 May	SPI Secretariat starts working
10 June	First SPI Committee meeting
	Approved SPI Albania 2008 Activity Program (6 projects)
	Approved SPI Committee Operating Guidelines
19 June	Start of first 4 projects by PO appointing
3-4 July	First PWG Meetings
4 November	Second SPI Committee meeting to approve first 3 PWG recommendations
11, 29 December	Parliament enacts the 2 laws promoted by SPI Albania
14 January 2009	Start of the consultation process for building up the 2009 activity program
15 January	MoU with European University of Tirana
23 January	Conference: SPI Albania One Year since its Inception
	Release of SPI Albania 2008 annual report
24 February	SPI platform ranked in Top Three by IFC review
9 March	MoU with Italian Banking Association
12 March	Third SPI Committee meeting to approve 2009 Activity Program

SPI ALBANIA – RESULTS

- **Enacted laws:**
 - An amendment to the Civil Procedure Code on auction procedures for immovable collateral under foreclosure
 - A new law on the private bailiff service
- **Preparatory work** in order to enable Bank of Albania's revisions of the banking regulations for IFRS implementation.
- Other 3 project initiated in 2008 will be finalized soon.
- **Infrastructure and processes** to run extensive consultations with stakeholders, to mobilize local expertise, and to assess the impact of proposed laws and regulations to help their enactment under a robust transparency framework.
- **Partnership mobilization** is significant:
 - 27 private institutions (out of which 16 banks and 9 other professional consultants and other companies) and 6 public institutions
 - 75 experts (60 experts from private institutions and 15 from public institutions)
 - Value of in-kind contribution of the local stakeholders in 2008: opportunity cost for 75 experts dedicating a total of 2,400 hours to Project Working Group meetings
 - Donor support– as technical assistance, peer reviewing and project working group membership: IFC, WB, EBRD, EURALIUS.
- **Performance:** Ranked among Top Five by IFC PPD Evaluation Review.