



# Institute of Transport (IT) Albania

## WHO WE ARE:

The Institute of Transport (IT) is experienced and carries out mid and long-term studies on all modes of transport. It provides consultancy and expertise and has been an active partner in regional projects for more than 25 years. In the frame of the Albanian Government process for reformation of the Research Institutions, Decision No.861, dated 28.06.2006, IT was defined as operating as a "Service Unit" under the structure of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT). The mission of IT is:

- To maintain and update the Albanian National Transport Plan (ANTP).
- To establish and update a transport sector database: to function as a central repository of transport sector information and provide the ministry in charge of the transport sector with data and analytical instruments for the development of policies and strategies for the sector.
- To assist and advise the MPWT in transport sector policies, strategies and institutional reforms.
- To provide other services and research activities for third parties for all modes of transport.
- To participate as a project coordinator or local partner in regional and international projects in the field of transport.

## COLLABORATION INTERESTS:

Interests for collaboration include: project management and coordination in transport research; transport economics for statistics and data analysis, including the soft users in TransCAD and HDM4; transport modeling and planning; projects in road, rail, maritime and air transport modes; projects in surface transport logistics and freight transport infrastructures; expertise in Project Cost Estimation; expertise in GIS for import-export freight matrix designing; project partner and sub-contractor in regional projects.

## AREAS FOR R&D COLLABORATION:

The most important areas for R&D collaboration include:

- Transport Planning: transport modelling and review of the National Transport Plan of Albania (ANTP). Developing, maintaining, reviewing and updating a national transport modelling strategy for Albania, which covers the needs of all modes of transport. Traffic account survey management and data elaborating in TransCAD and HDM4.
- Transport information and data base design for all modes of transport, storage, processing and updating the information collected from all transport information sources.
- Policy and legislation for harmonisation of Albanian legislation for the transport sector with EU legislation, conventions and agreements.
- Projects and research for transport issues, infrastructures, Urban Plan of Traffic and Signalling for cities up to 2000 inhabitants, safety and security, including environmental and cost – benefit analysis.

- Support for specific services to the MPWT and for third parties.

## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS:

In more than 25 years of activity, the Albanian Institute of Transport has accomplished some 90 pre-feasibility and feasibility studies for all modes of transport, covering the issues on transport planning and infrastructure, traffic accounting and engineering, transport policies and legislation. A considerable part of the activities and projects are performed in cooperation with international consultants and are financed from European Commission Programmes such as PHARE, the World Bank, etc.

Part of the project team, in particular the staff of the Institute of Transport and the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, are collaborators with much experience in the transport field. It includes academics and lecturers from the Polytechnic University of Tirana who contribute with specific expertise on specific issues within projects.

The Institute of Transport has established a national and international network for cooperation in transport research activities. It has access to some European websites where it is registered for periodic information (such as SEETO, ETNA, ECTRI, ITS for UK, WBC Inco-NET, FP7). IT is active and present in many international events for transport, organised at local and international level.

IT is in the current partner search tools of the European Commission programs and calls for transport themes and is continuously in search for partners to collaborate on the preparation of applications and participate as local partner in EU projects.

## WHAT MAKES US A GOOD PARTNER?

- IT is the unique national public institute for transport research in Albania;
- Almost 25 years of experience in research and projects in the field of transport;
- Works in close collaboration with the MPWT, central and local public transport agencies, statistical institutions, universities and freelance experts;
- In charge of managing and updating the national database for transport information, which is part of the network of all transport institutions in Albania;
- Experienced in formulation of methodologies and Terms of Reference (ToR) for transport;
- Professional staff that is trained and qualified in transport issues;
- Author or/and local subcontractor in European funds projects (PHARE, CARDS, etc).

## EU PROJECTS:

- Survey and Information System of Adriatic Roads (SISA), INTERREG III A Adriatic Cross-border European Commission



Programme, 2004-2006.

- Technical Assistance in Developing and Training Network for Human Resources in the Logistics and Transport Sector (ADRIAFORM), New Adriatic Neighbourhood Programme INETREG/CARDS-PHARE, 2007-2008.
- Cooperating for mobility Demand management Enhancement (CODE), New Adriatic Neighbourhood Programme INTERREG/CARDS-PHARE, 2007 – 2008.
- Transport EU-Western Balkan Network for Training, Support and Promotion of Cooperation in FP7 research

activities (TRANSBONUS), FP7, 2009-2010

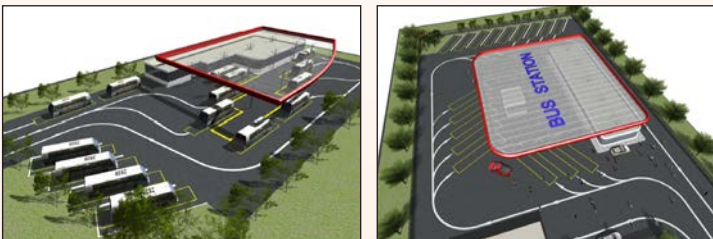
- ERA-NET MARitime TEChnologies II, MARTEC, 2009-2012.
- MOBALB: “Program for Mobility Management in Albania, including the demo Shkodra” with the support of Flemish Government, Belgium, 2010-2012.

**OTHER PROJECTS:**

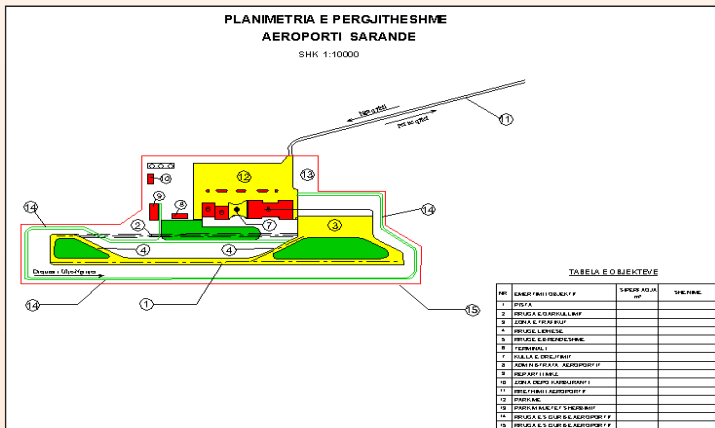
1. Urban Plan of Traffic and Signalling of Vlora City;
2. The study on National Air Passengers Transport;
3. Study of Rail Connection between Shkoder-Bajza.

**VIEWS FROM VARIOUS STUDIES ACCOMPLISHED IN IT**

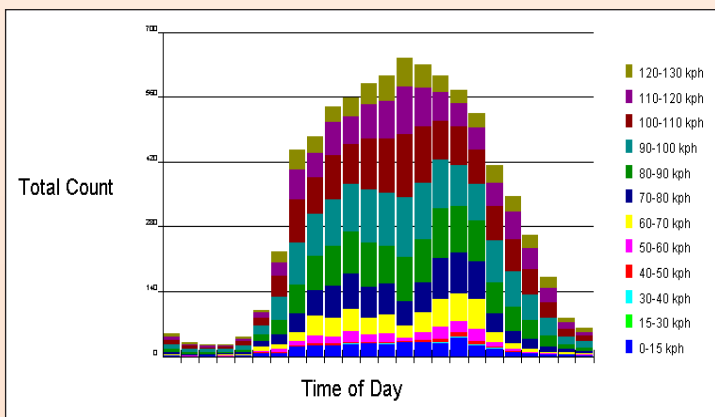
**1. Study on the Inter-Cities Passenger’s Transport Lines**



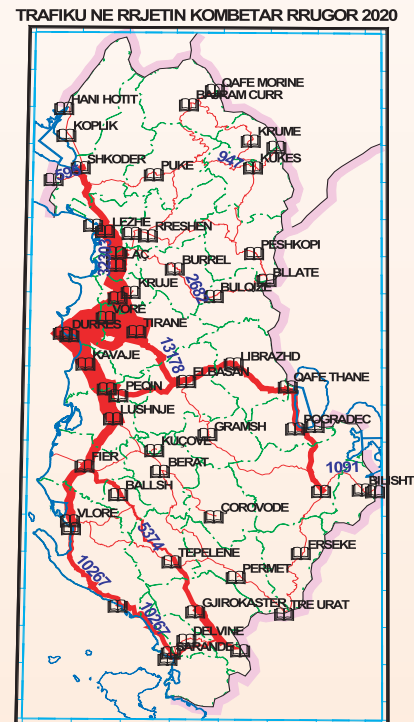
**2. Study on the Construction of Airoport of Saranda in South Albania**



**3. Study on National Road Traffic Planning**



**4. Map on the Forecast of road traffic growth in the core Albanian road network on 2020**



**OTHER INFORMATION:**

**Name of the organisation:** Institute of Transport

**Organisation type:** Public institution

**Names of the research departments:**

- Transport Planning Unit
- Transport Information Unit
- Policy and Legislation Unit
- Projects and Studies Unit
- Supporting Services Unit

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