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Partner for Growth

Working together with partners from the private, public and the civil society sectors in promoting job creation and effective job intermediation, RisiAlbania intends to make the labour market work for the young people in Albania

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Improving the post-harvest handling of MAPs

Medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) is one of Albania's major export products. The sector provides a livelihood to thousands of families who collect or cultivate MAPs. However, one key obstacle to strengthening the export potential of MAPs is the lack of an efficient post-harvest handling system: presently, farmers dry MAPs themselves, often under conditions where adequate hygiene cannot be guaranteed. This causes serious quality losses and thereby hampers the export revenue generated from MAPs.

In response, RisiAlbania partnered with CIBUKU Ltd, one of the main MAPs consolidators and exporters in Albania, to introduce drying racks. Instead of the farmers drying MAPs themselves, they deliver fresh MAPs to CIBUKU, who then ensures that MAPs are dried under the appropriate conditions. This takes off the farmers' burden to dry MAPs themselves – a time-consuming activity. Instead, they can devote time to collecting more fresh MAPs, allowing them to increase the quantities collected and their income.

Albanian Tourist Guides – second phase of certification

Following the need of the tourism market for tourist guides in Albania, during April – May 2017, the Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade & Entrepreneurship (MoEDTTE), launched an examination process for aspiring tourist guides in Albania. This second phase of the certification for 52 tourist guides in Albania was concluded in a ceremony organized in the premises of the MoEDTTE.

National Association of Tourist Guides in Albania supported by Risi was again, one of the key partners of the Ministry along the process of selection through the testing of 69 applications. From June 2017, Albania counts a total of 211 certified tourist guides, who are part of the market and can offer their services to the visitors. This very new process in country has given to the tourist guides the right authority to do their job properly.

Upcoming events

End of July – Margarita Artisanal Center will inaugurate the artisans market which was established with the support of RisiAlbania and other stakeholders.

Bridging Swiss and Albanian IT business on outsourcing

RisiAlbania facilitated the exploratory visit during 26-27 April 2017 of two representatives from the Swiss VET organisation for ICT in Albania aiming to establish links with Albanian IT Association and IT businesses on outsourcing. After this first visit, it was decided that a B2B event between Swiss and Albanian IT companies will be organized in beginning of 2018 in Albania, with the aim to identify potentials for joint business co-operation. More information about this initiative can be found on https://www.swissict-on-tour.ch/.

"Do you have an idea", a successful entrepreneurial TV Show

"Do you have an idea", an entrepreneurial TV Programme launched in late February by Vizion Plus, and supported by RisiAlbania was closed very successfully after 14 episodes. Around 50 individuals presented their innovative products and business ideas to a panel of experts and businesspeople. The three winners together with other 19 participants were provided support by members of the jury to launch their businesses.

Hospitality and Tourism Academy celebrates the success in training and employment of young people

Graduation Ceremony to celebrate the training and employment of around 180 young people in high class hotels and restaurants of Tirana, brought together young people, businesses and main institutions supporting the Academy in a festive event on 20th of April at Plazza Hotel. As guests of honour the Mayor of Tirana, Mr. Erion Veliaj, the Minister of Youth and Social Welfare Mrs. Olta Xhacka and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Switzerland in Albania Mr. Philipp Keller celebrated together with the participants.

RisiAlbania, has supported Hospitality and Tourism Academy to train and employ unemployed young people in different areas of Tourism and Hospitality sector, and to motivate other young people to join the academy courses and get a job afterwards.

The employment rate of the graduates is 98% and the demand from the businesses is large.