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Dear reader,

As we approach the conclusion of the RisiAlbania project on October 31st, 2025, we take a moment to reflect with deep gratitude on the journey we've shared. Since its inception in 2013, RisiAlbania—a project of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)—has been a catalyst for change in youth employment across Albania.

Together with our partners, collaborators, and supporters, we have enabled over 19,000 young women and men to secure meaningful employment in ICT, Tourism, and Agribusiness, trained 12,000 youth in market-relevant skills, and improved career counseling services for more than 100,000 users. Through innovative approaches and strong partnerships, we've also helped generate €3.9 million in net additional income, demonstrating the power of systemic change when driven by shared vision and commitment.

The legacy of RisiAlbania is one of impact, inclusion, and transformation. It has not only changed lives but also reshaped systems to better serve Albania's youth. While this chapter comes to an end, Helvetas Albania remains committed to continuing this mission through ongoing initiatives such as [Bashki të Forta](#), [MATRA](#), [RECONOMY](#), [Bio-Waste Innovation Challenge](#), and many more to come. As we await new results and opportunities, we carry forward the spirit and achievements of RisiAlbania with pride, hope, and renewed determination.

Let's stay connected!
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Legacy of RisiAlbania



Reflecting on 12 Years of Impact: RisiAlbania's Journey Comes Full Circle

On the 11th of June we celebrated the culmination of the RisiAlbania project, a 12-year journey of innovation, collaboration, and transformation. Initiated by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Helvetas and Partners Albania for Change and Development, the project has worked tirelessly to shape a more inclusive, innovative, and sustainable future for Albania.

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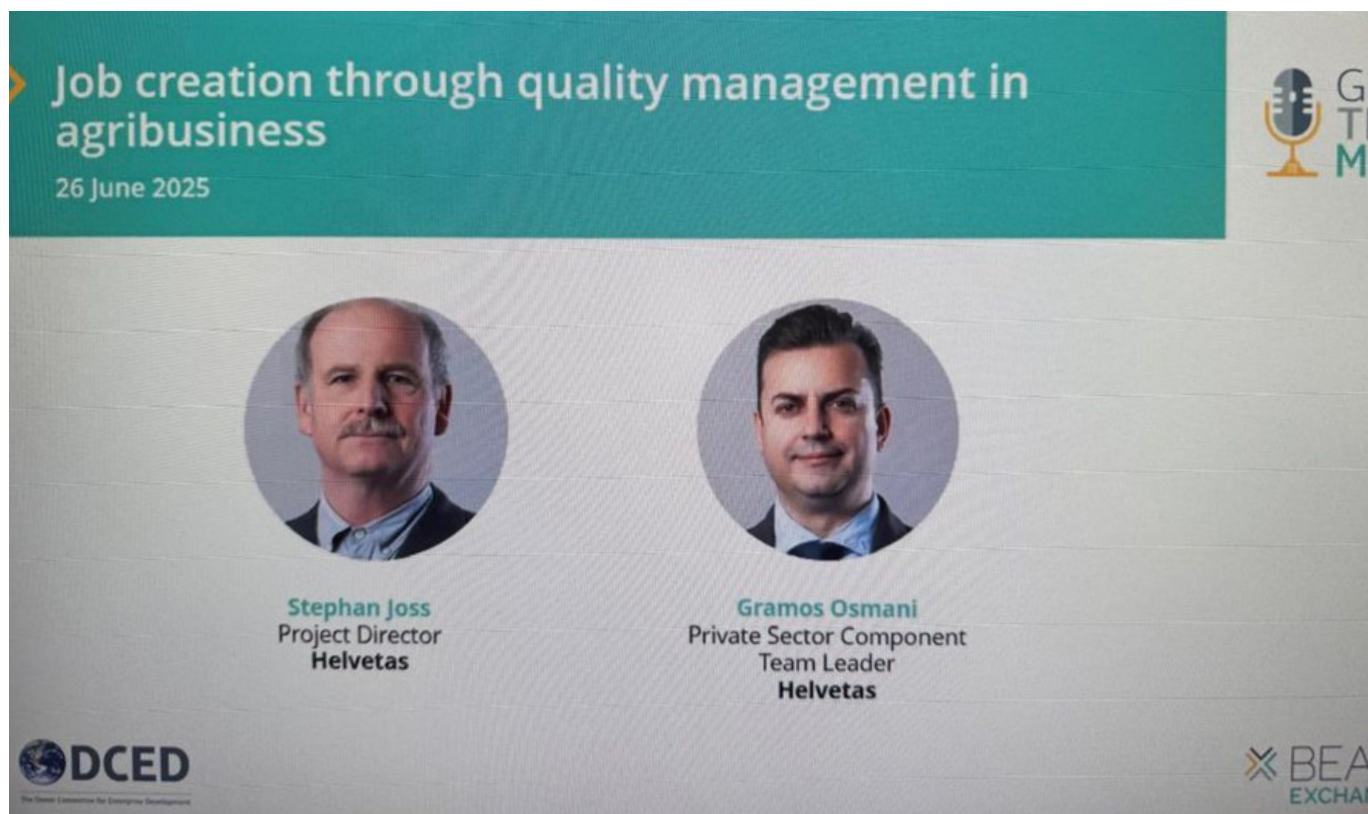


Helvetas as a Knowledge Broker and Connector for Growth and Development in Albania

Helvetas will continue to play a key role in Albania as a knowledge broker and connector among public institutions, private sector actors, and civil society. Building on years of experience and a strong network of partners, Helvetas aims to foster collaboration that delivers sustainable solutions to economic and social development challenges—especially those affecting youth, women, and the digital transition.

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Agribusiness



Job creation through quality management in agribusiness

Beam Exchange's recent webinar explored how SDC's innovative youth employment programme, implemented by Helvetas and Partners Albania, is helping transform Albania's fresh fruit and vegetable sector into a driver of opportunity.

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Tourism



Empowering Regional Partnerships for Sustainable Tourism in Berat

In Berat, Helvetas and Partners Albania for Change and Development hosted the roundtable “Empowering Regional Partnerships and DMOs”, a strategic event aimed at fostering sustainable tourism development in the Berat region. The gathering brought together representatives from public institutions, local municipalities, and tourism experts to explore the role of Destination Management Organizations (DMOs) in shaping innovative and integrated tourism models.

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Sustainable Tourism: A Path for Albania's Future

A recent study visit to Slovenia offered an inspiring glimpse into how sustainable tourism can shape the future of Albania.

Participants from Korça, Gjirokastra, and Saranda, representing local institutions, tourism operators, and Destination Management Organisations (DMOs), gathered in Ljubljana and Bohinj to exchange knowledge and best practices

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ICT



Helvetas and National Authority on Cyber Security as part of Western Balkans Cybersecurity Conference 2025

Helvetas Albania continues to play a key role in supporting digital transformation and data protection in Albania. In close partnership with the National Authority for Cyber Security (AKSK), Helvetas is working to advance cybersecurity standards and implement ISO 27701, the international standard for privacy information management.

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Career Guidance



Youth Talks 3.0: Paths with Purpose

The Career Counseling Office at the Municipality of Tirana buzzed with energy, creativity, and ambition as it hosted the third edition of Youth Talks — a platform that has become a tradition for peer-to-peer inspiration and knowledge sharing among high school students.

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Hosting the final Networking Meeting with the Community of Albanian Career Counselors

During our final networking activity, we had the privilege of joining the now well-established community of career advisers from universities and municipalities across the country. This gathering served as a valuable space for reflection on our shared journey and for strengthening the professional connections built throughout the implementation of the youth employment project

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Skills Development



GreenPacting 2025: Paving the Way for a Sustainable Future

GreenPacting 2025 brought together innovators, educators, and business leaders to explore practical strategies for green innovation and sustainable business practices. Organized by Helvetas and the Innovation Management Academy Albania, the event served as a platform for dialogue on how different sectors can collaborate to accelerate the green transition in Albania.

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Skills for the Future, Power for Change: A National Dialogue on Albania's Skills Ecosystem

On 17 October 2025, key stakeholders from across Albania gathered at Hotel Tirana for the national conference “Skills for the Future, Power for Change.” The event served as a platform to explore the evolving demands of the labor market and the role of education and vocational training in preparing individuals for a rapidly changing world.

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Helvetas Albania at the 8th International VET Congress

The 8th International Congress on Vocational Education and Training (VET), held in Switzerland, brought together global leaders to explore the evolving landscape of career development. The event focused on three key themes: the transformative power of work-study alternation, navigating career choices in a rapidly changing labor market, and the adaptability of the Swiss dual education model across diverse international contexts.

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Get in the Ring Albania 2025: A Celebration of Innovation and Global Ambition

On September 17–18, 2025, Tirana became the epicenter of entrepreneurial energy as Get in the Ring Albania 2025, organized by ASDO, brought together startups, investors, mentors, and innovation leaders in a dynamic two-day event. Hosted at the Innovation Hub near the Pyramid, the competition featured a unique format where startups pitched their ideas in a boxing-style ring, battling head-to-head for a chance to represent Albania on the global stage.

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RisiAlbania in the media



Creating jobs in Fruits-Vegetables Sector

Market-driven approaches to agricultural development have yielded significant results. SDC youth employment program, implemented by Helvetas has been supporting these initiatives by connecting farmers to exports networks.

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More on RisiAlbania:

RisiAlbania is an innovative youth employment project that focuses on achieving systemic changes in the Albanian labour market in order to improve access to employment and income opportunities for young women and men in an inclusive and sustainable way.

RisiAlbania is a project of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, in cooperation with Ministry of Economy, Culture and Innovation implemented by Helvetas and Partners Albania

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