Rehabilitation of clear cut and degraded forests in the Municipality of Tirana
(Green Crown/Green Belt and Parks of Tirana)

**Project Description**
The Green Crown/Belt of Tirana covers an area of over 40,000 hectares. More than 1 million people currently reside and/or visit this area annually. The implementation of this project includes planting and forestation of 50 hectares of clear-cut and degraded forest areas in the surroundings of Tirana. It will comprise the planting of shrubs to help control soil erosion, fruit-trees and steep slope works, reinforcements with stone in gabion with concrete belts and panels with stones in gabion.

**Overall Objective**
Rehabilitation of clear cut and degraded zones of the Green Crown/Belt of the Municipality of Tirana, as well as within existing parks.
Establishment of a real and functional Green Belt in the outskirts of the city enabling improved air quality and maintenance of biodiversity.
Enabling the set-up of recreational activities, including hiking, trails, mountain climbing, etc.

**Project Implementation Modality**
The Municipality of Tirana/TPRA, in close collaboration with the donor(s), will prepare the project proposal, the procedures for a public tender, establish the criteria for the evaluation of proposals, select the contractor, and issue the contract for the implementation of the project for the rehabilitation/re-forestation of clear-cut and degraded forests.

**Preliminary Impacts**
- A functional green belt in the outskirts of Tirana contributes to cleaner air, opportunities for recreational activities and maintenance of the biodiversity of the area.
- Protection of steep slopes from erosion and protection from the solid waste of the agriculture land, irrigation channels in the water basins of the area of interest.
- Re-vegetation of the clear-cut areas are reversing of the soil erosion.
- Collaborative interactions of the forest protection stakeholders including local authorities, farmers, communities and residents of the region.

**Budget**
The implementation cost for the rehabilitation of 50 hectares of forests is estimated at 1,200,000 Euro (excluding VAT).

**Municipal contribution**
The Municipality of Tirana/TPRA will cover approximately 15% of the total budget.

**Municipal sectors/directorates**
Tirana Parks and Recreation Agency (TPRA)