



Strengthening Dual Higher Education in Albania

The DUALBA project (**Strengthening capacities for the implementation of dual education in Albanian higher education**, Erasmus +, KA2, strand 3, project no. 101179734) is set to promote and strengthen Dual Higher Education (DHE) in Albania. Through international cooperation, capacity-building activities, and knowledge exchange with European partners, the project aims to establish sustainable dual education models that better connect higher education institutions with the labour market.



DUALBA PARTNERS



UNIVERSITIES

University of Novi Sad
(project coordinator)
FH JOANNEUM
University Business Academy
Mondragon University
University of New York Tirana
Tirana Business University
U. "Aleksander Moisiu" Durres
University of Vlora
European University of Tirana
Tirana College of Technology



GOVERNMENT

Ministry of Education & Sport
Agency for Quality Assurance in HE



INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Vlora Directorate of Cultural Heritage
Balkan Finance Investment Group
Kalo & Associates
Halimi Foundation Institute
Omega AL
Erled Shpk Durres

Activities & Target groups

Structured around 7 Work Packages the DUALBA project will see partners involved in many activities aimed at creating the DUALBA dual education model and mapping key stakeholders and their tailored communication channels.



MAIN PROJECT ACTIVITIES (7 WPS)

- 01 / Practice Analysis & Study Visits**
Review of European dual higher education practices and experiences, supported by study visits.
- 02 / Needs Assessment Survey**
Identifying company specific requirements and training needs for dual study structures in Albania.
- 03 / Generic DUALBA Model**
Conceptual development of the model and organizing dedicated industry discussion forums.
- 04 / Legislative & Policy Frameworks**
Drafting amendments to the National HE, Labour, and dual accreditation standards.
- 05 / Definition of Specific Dual Models**
Tailoring dual programs for local needs, and executing participation agreements with companies.
- 06 / Implementation Toolkit & HEI Support**
Formulating recommendations and actionable practice-documentation toolkits for HEIs.
- 07 / Pilot Testing & Launch**
Deploying real-world pilot runs of specific dual programs with local industry partners.

TARGET GROUPS & COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

ST	Students Social media, website, live presentations, fairs
UN	Higher Education Institutions Personal contact, conferences, printed materials
CO	Companies & Industry Direct engagement, workshops, social networks
GO	Ministry of Education & Sport Workshops, conferences, live presentations
PB	General Public Project website, press releases, TV/Radio
MS	Measurement Tracking website visits, event attendance, active stakeholder engagement

Project kick-off meeting successfully held in Tirana

3-4 FEBRUARY 2025 / UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TIRANA, ALBANIA



The DUALBA project officially commenced with a highly successful Kick-off Meeting held on 3-4 February 2025 at the University of New York Tirana, Albania. This key event brought together over 40 representatives from all project partner institutions.

During the dynamic two-day agenda, participants collaboratively established the framework for the project's success. Detailed sessions covered the implementation roadmap, management structures, financial procedures, dissemination and quality assurance guidelines. This pivotal event marked an important milestone in building a unified vision to implement a robust Dual Higher Education system in Albanian HE.

40+

REPRESENTATIVES

Attended from all DUALBA partner institutions to present the project goals, activities, and plan for future activities.

2-DAY EVENT

Of intensive sessions, roadmap mapping & strategic planning.

First International Study Visit in Austria

14–16 APRIL 2025 / FH JOANNEUM, GRAZ, AUSTRIA



From 14–16 April 2025, DUALBA partners participated in the first study visit hosted by FH JOANNEUM in Graz, Austria. This immersive visit offered participants an outstanding platform for international knowledge sharing and professional collaboration.

The study visit focused on strengthening institutional capacities for implementing Dual Higher Education. Partners gained valuable first-hand insights into Austria's refined dual education models, industry-academic integration practices, and effective work-based learning pathways.

The exchange established a firm foundation for adapting successful European frameworks to Albanian higher education institutions.

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STUDY VISIT

Successfully conducted to review and analyse Austrian models of dual higher education.

3-DAY PROGRAMME

Focused on curriculum design, mentoring structures, and industry contracts.

DUALBA Presented at International Erasmus+ Projects

During the reporting period, the DUALBA project was showcased at several international higher education initiatives, increasing its visibility and fostering international collaboration.



BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

RDBIH Meeting in Sarajevo

12–13 February 2025

At the RDBIH project consortium meeting, representatives of the University of Novi Sad presented DUALBA to universities, ministries, and industry stakeholders. Discussions focused on building active synergies and exchanging dual education practices.

EL SALVADOR

DUALELS Meeting in San Salvador

18–20 February 2025

DUALBA was featured during the DUALELS consortium meeting hosted by UTEC and UES. Bringing together European and Salvadoran HEIs, industry, and the Ministry, UNS shared core objectives, emphasizing opportunities for collaborative exchange.

GEORGIA

DUGEOR Meeting in Telavi

11–12 June 2025

Presented during the DUGEOR consortium meeting in Telavi, gathering European and Georgian HEIs and industry stakeholders. The session highlighted DUALBA's ongoing activities and expected impact on dual education modernisation in Albania.

Key deliverables & project achievements

MAJOR DELIVERABLE D2.1

Depth Study on EU DHE Practices

This report analyses established Dual Higher Education (DHE) models across Europe to lay a strategic foundation for Albania's system.

COUNTRY INSIGHTS

- Austria: A mature model integrated within universities of applied sciences, ensuring exceptionally high graduate employability.
- Spain: Rapid expansion driven by a flexible regulatory approach and active university-industry labor contracts.
- Serbia: Early-stage framework bolstered by a dedicated dual education law, strengthening institutional tie-ins.

SUCCESS FACTORS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Key factors include robust legal structures, continuous industry trust, sustainable co-funding, and custom QA tools.

Recommendations for Albania outline clear actions: establish tailored legal standards, build structured partnerships with public-private employer incentives, and introduce student stipends with rigorous QA tracking.

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• ON TRACK

PROJECT DELIVERABLES ON SCHEDULE



OTHER TIMELY SUBMITTED DELIVERABLES

DP

D7.1 / WORK PACKAGE 7 Dissemination & Exploitation Plan

Outlines the DUALBA strategy, detailing partner roles, promotional materials, and events like roundtables and conferences to maximise impact.

QA

D6.1 / WORK PACKAGE 6 Quality Assurance & Evaluation Plan

Sets the minimum control requirements, planning processes, and standard templates needed to ensure high-quality execution.

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D7.5 / WORK PACKAGE 7 Project Website

Serves as our primary digital gateway, featuring complete project details, work package updates, deliverables, and news.

Contacts & Outreach

Connect with the DUALBA project and follow our digital channels to stay updated on the latest developments in dual higher education.

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