

# Thinking Governance



15 years



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Inform, Develop, Motivate  
for a democratic and prosperous society

**Institute for Democracy and Mediation**  
Instituti për Demokraci dhe Ndërmjetësim

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## About IDM

The Institute for Democracy and Mediation

The Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) is an independent non-governmental organization founded in November 1999 in Tirana, Albania.

### Vision

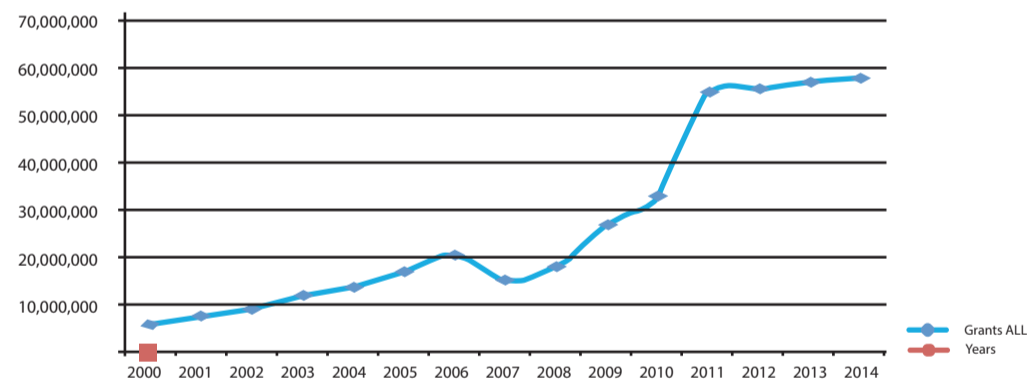
Inform, Develop, Motivate for a democratic and prosperous society. IDM provides expertise, policy analysis, applied research, and capacity building for key societal actors to drive reforms and engage in evidence-based policy processes.

Our choice of activities to achieve the strategic objectives is an effort to go beyond one time delivery projects. They form part of a continuing struggle to strengthen shared values and efficient interactions across the broad spectrum of societal stakeholders.

### Mission

Our mission is to advance societal capacities, generate and provide knowledge, skills and expertise for inclusive policy making and evidence-based alternatives to bolster democracy and sustainable development. Organization's budget over the years

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## CESA

Center for European and Security Affairs

CESA aims to improve governance and reform processes, to advance European and security studies, research and analysis related to key reforming processes.

CESA generates and shares knowledge on security, regional cooperation and European affairs through comprehensive research, advocacy, capacity building and through encouraging critical thinking.

The Centre pays particular attention to national and regional processes aiming to develop institutional and societal capacities that serve to advance knowledge and reforms.

### EU Enlargement

- ▶ Evaluation, advocacy and expertise on EU's enlargement policy, accession reforms in Albania and WB region
- ▶ Strengthen capacities and involvement of civil society and other non-state actors in the EU integration process
- ▶ Improve institutional capacities to cope with accession challenges and meet EU membership criteria

### Regional Cooperation

- ▶ Promote cooperation and develop exchange on shared regional challenges
- ▶ Strengthen civil society networks in the Western Balkans
- ▶ Generate and share knowledge on security sector reforms in the region

### Security Sector Governance

- ▶ Monitoring and evaluation of security sector reforms in Albania
- ▶ Promote democratic control and oversight of the security sector
- ▶ Strengthen access to information, integrity and anticorruption mechanisms
- ▶ Promote gender mainstreaming in security sector

### Influence policy change

- ▶ Engage key societal stakeholders in promoting participatory policy-making
- ▶ Present alternatives and advice based on assessment of legal and policy framework's implementation
- ▶ Advocate change and efficient reforms through raising awareness, informing and improving capacities

## LGID

Local Governance & Integrated Development

LGID is committed on promoting sustainable and inclusive development and social cohesion by supporting good governance, at all levels, as a means towards a consolidated democracy and empowered local communities based on European and international best practices.

In 15 years of our activity we have contributed to improve accountability and efficiency of local governance, increase capacities and elaborate alternatives for community-led socio-economic development.

### Local Governance

- ▶ Monitoring, advocacy and technical expertise on the decentralization process in Albania
- ▶ Support civil society and other relevant community stakeholders in holding the local governments accountable
- ▶ Provide technical expertise to local government units for strategic development & planning
- ▶ Promote policy analysis and development
- ▶ Empower civil society and community stakeholders and facilitate their participation in policy and decision-making at the local level
- ▶ Promote national, cross-border and regional cooperation among public sector entities, civil society and the private sector

### Integrated Development

- ▶ Contribute to strengthening the role of community liaison structures in Albania as a tool for community empowerment
- ▶ Promote Community-Led Local Development as a mean to ensure growth that is inclusive and sustainable
- ▶ Advocate and support local governments to develop gender agenda for rural development
- ▶ Support and empower vulnerable individuals and communities to participate fully in society
- ▶ Provide technical expertise and promote networking for rural development and valorization of rural territories
- ▶ Contribute to create an enabling environment for integrated development in Albania

## RDC

Research and Development Center

RDC fosters scientific research and promotes evidence – based policy making for sustainable development and upholding of civil society progress.

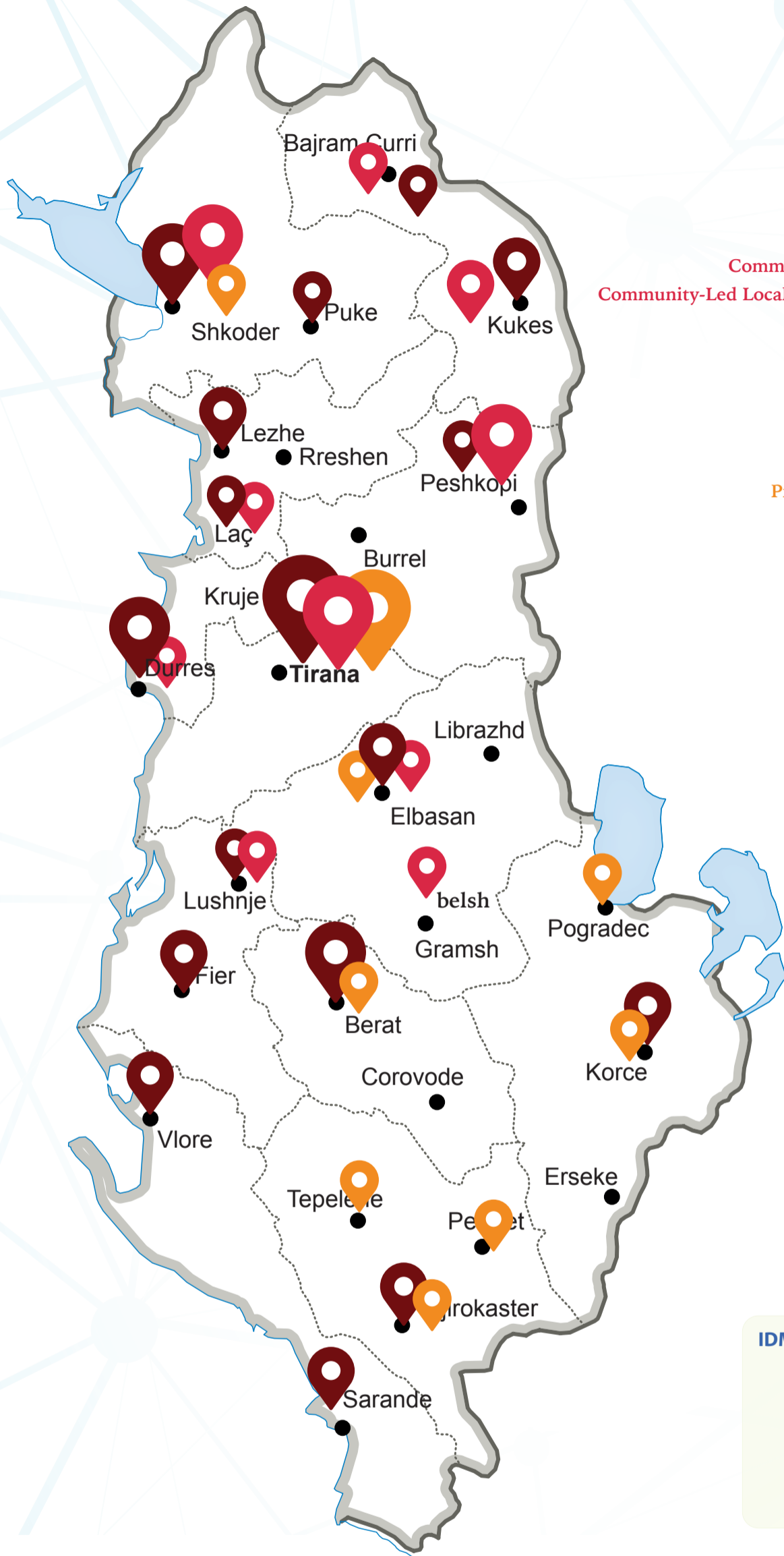
In the last 5 years, RDC has been actively engaged in examining and supporting advancement of civil society, developing synergies with academia, refining applied research methodologies and knowledge to serve open governance reforms and social development.

### Main areas of Intervention

RDC is dedicated to using its expertise in economics, social, and government research (quantitative and qualitative) to advance socio-economic research outcomes. It has an established track record of delivering quality projects as follows:

- ▶ Human rights, equal opportunities and social justice
- ▶ Sustainable economic development
- ▶ Advocacy for evidence – based alternatives to improve governance and sectorial policies
- ▶ Unleash the research and innovation capacities of the country and influence necessary systemic changes in the social science research in Albania
- ▶ Awake private sector interest and encourage its investments in social science research by initiating and developing channels of communication between private sector and science/academia in the country
- ▶ Increase the role of universities and research centers in promoting innovation, as the driving force in a knowledge based economy
- ▶ Advocate for policies that enable interactions between private investments and research and innovation in social sciences
- ▶ Endow CSO's with knowledge to engage constructively with government officials in key policy areas and monitor performance at different levels
- ▶ Advocate for and establish national data archives in social science research
- ▶ Facilitate national and regional cooperation among actors and stakeholders in social science research
- ▶ Research for policy design, analysis and assessment of policy processes in IDM areas of intervention

# What and where in 15 years



## CESA UPCOMING FOCUS

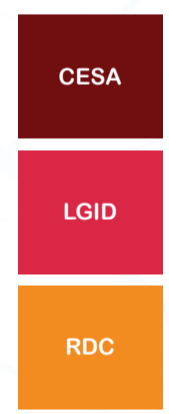
EU's transformative impact in the WB region revisited!  
 Integrity of security sector institutions!  
 Gender mainstreaming in governance!

## LGID UPCOMING FOCUS

Community Empowerment to foster accountability in governance!  
 Community-Led Local Development to support inclusive and sustainable growth!  
 An enabling environment for integrated development!

## RDC UPCOMING FOCUS

Advocate for an open and accountable government!  
 Foster socio – economic research for society wellbeing!  
 Promote enabling environment for civil society development!



## IDM IN REGIONAL EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL NETWORKS

- Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS)
- Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)
- CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation
- OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions
- Southeast Europe Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI)
- Euclid Network

