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Albania

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Implementer:
Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo (AICS)

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Project description:

The project supports sustainable local economic development in Albania through the protection, management and valorisation of the Bylis–Klos Archaeological Park, one of the country's most important cultural heritage sites. Funded by the European Union and implemented by AICS in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and national cultural heritage institutions, the initiative combines cultural heritage preservation with tourism development and community empowerment.

The project finances conservation works, visitor infrastructure, capacity-building programmes, local development grants and institutional support for the park's governance. Through an integrated approach, it aims to improve the quality of tourism services, strengthen local entrepreneurship, create employment opportunities and enhance the participation of local communities in the sustainable use of cultural heritage. By linking heritage conservation with economic development, the project contributes to inclusive growth and increased attractiveness of the Mallakastër region as a cultural tourism destination.

Expected results:

- The conservation and management framework of the Bylis–Klos Archaeological Park strengthened and operational.
- Strategic investments in cultural heritage conservation and visitor infrastructure completed.
- Local businesses and community initiatives supported through grants and technical assistance.
- Increased capacities of heritage professionals, guides, public institutions and local stakeholders through specialised training programmes.
- Enhanced tourism attractiveness and socio-economic opportunities generated by the sustainable valorisation of cultural heritage.