

# **UNDP ALBANIA**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, FUNCTIONS AND UNDP SUPPORT**

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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE IN ALBANIA

**FIRST  
LEVEL**

**MUNICIPALITIES**  
**65**

**COMMUNES**  
**305**

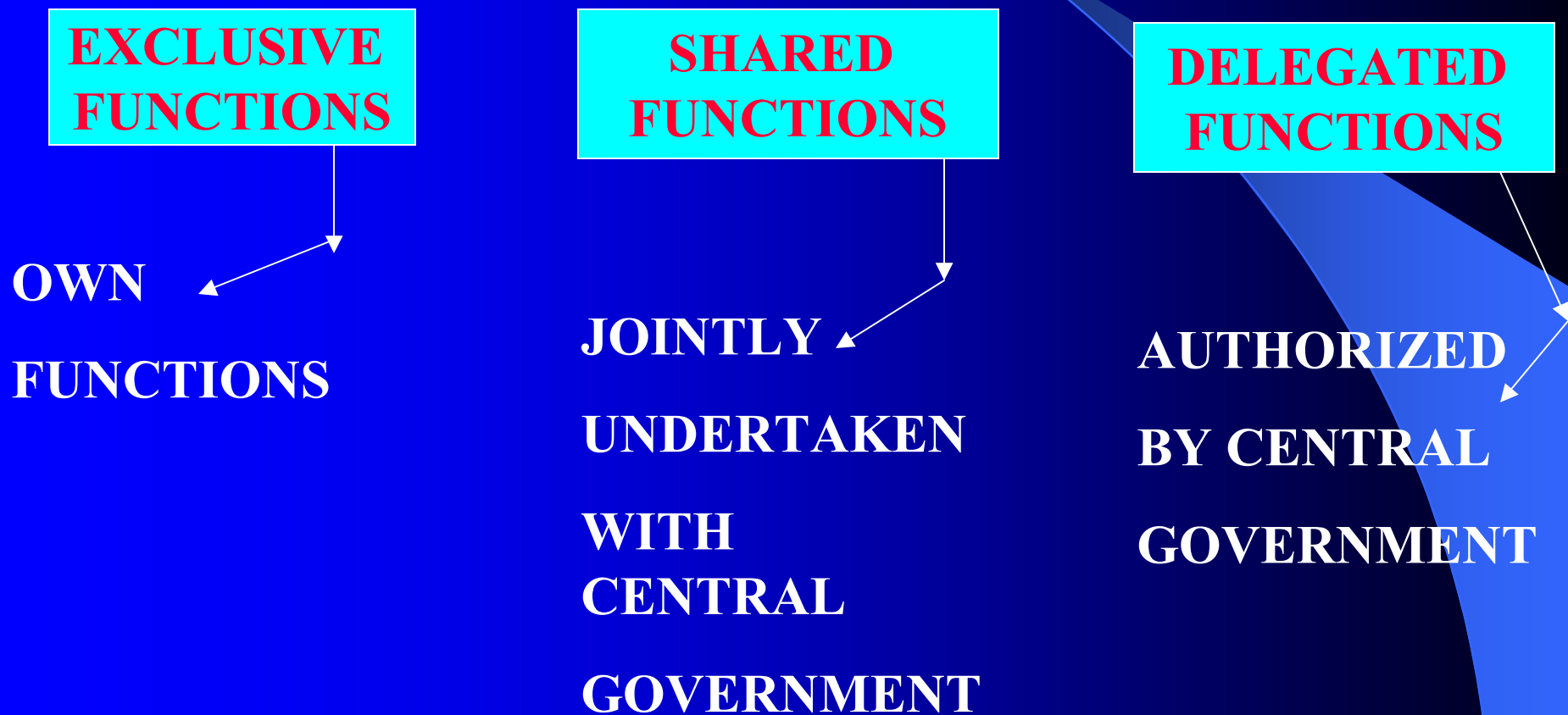
**COUNCILS MEMBERS AND HEAD DIRECTLY  
ELECTED IN EVERY 4 YEARS**

**SECOND  
LEVEL**

**REGIONAL COUNCILS**  
**12**

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNES  
AND MUNICIPALITIES**

# FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FIRST LEVEL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT



# EXCLUSIVE FUNCTIONS OF FIRST LEVEL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

<b>INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	<b>SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL</b>	<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● WATER SUPPLY</li> <li>● SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE</li> <li>● LOCAL ROADS AND SIDE WALKS AND SQUARES</li> <li>● PUBLIC LIGHTING</li> <li>● PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION</li> <li>● CEMETRIES</li> <li>● PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACE</li> <li>● WASTE MANAGEMENT</li> <li>● URBAN PLNNING</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PROMOTE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUES</li> <li>• ORGANIZATION OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES</li> <li>• SOCIAL SERVICE INCLUDING ORPHANAGE, DAY CARE, ELDERLY HOUSES ETC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PREPARE PROGRAMM FOR LED</li> <li>• CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC MARKETS</li> <li>• DEVELOP SMALL BUSINESS AND MANAGE FAIRS AND ADVERTISEMENT</li> <li>• VETERINARY SERVICES</li> </ul>

## **SHARED FUNCTIONS**

- **PRE SCHOOL AND PRE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION**
- **PRIORITY HEALTH SERVICES AND PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
- **SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**
- **PUBLIC ORDER AND CIVIL PROTECTION**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

## **DELEGATED FUNCTIONS**

- **MANDATORY DELEGATED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT**
- **NON MANDATORY DELEGATED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (OPTIONAL)**

# **FUNCTIONS OF SECOND LEVEL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

## **EXCLUSIVE FUNCTIONS**

- **DEVELOPING REGIONAL POLICIES & STRATEGIES**
- **HARMONIZATION OF REGIONAL POLICIES WITH NATIONAL POLICIES.**

## **DELEGATED FUNCTIONS**

- **FUNCTIONS DELEGATED BY FIRST LEVEL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
- **FUNCTIONS DELEGATED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT**

# Main Elements of LG reform Strategy

- **Preparation and Implementation of Decentralization Strategy with time plan**
- **Implementation and review of Organic Law on Local government**
- **Formulation of legislation**
- **Ministerial Level Committee on Decentralization for Monitoring the Progress. Headed by Prime Minister**
- **Donors' focus and commitment on Strengthening Decentralization and Local governance**
- **Down-sizing the number of local government units for efficiency and effectiveness**

# MAIN CHALLENGES

- Low capacity in fulfilling the functions (both human and institutional capacities)
- Lack of financial means to undertake the functions due to limited financial autonomy
- Parallel Structure of Prefect
- Prevalence of supply driven development attitude
- Trust among the citizens and the local government
- Coordination with the Sectoral Ministries
- Unclear relationship between the first and second level of local governments

**Policy Support to Central Level**

- Information System
- Functional Review of Regional Council
- Review of Law on Local Government
- Support to Territorial Reform

**UNDP Support to Local Governance**

**Institutional Support to Regional Council**

- Information System
- Regional MDG Report
- Regional Development Strategy
- Human Resource Dev Center

**Community Based Local Governance And Development at the Municipality, Commune & Community Levels**

- Information System
- Participatory Planning
- Community Empowerment
- Social Development
- Income Generation

# CLUSTER PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIP



**Partners:** SIDA, NORDIC FUND, NORAD, UNOPS, SOROS, UNIVERSITY OF ROME/ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, ARAB-GULF FUND, UNV Fund, UNDP Poverty TTE, UNDP Governance TTE.