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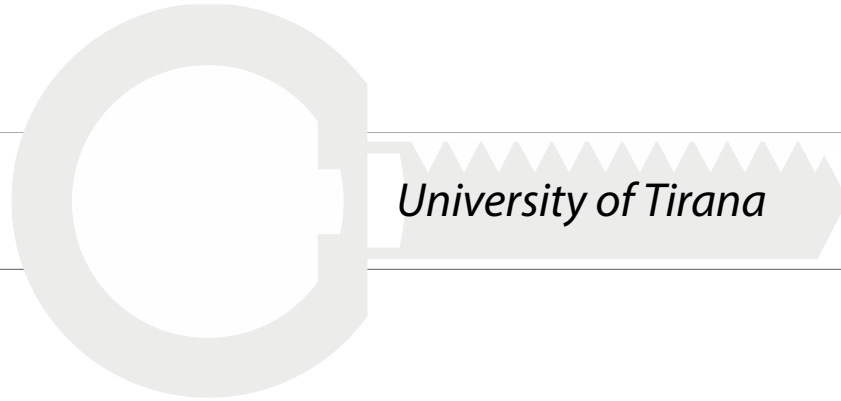
 *University of Tirana – Partner description*

 *Role of UT in this project*



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- The University of Tirana (UT) was created in 1957.
- UT is the largest public university in the country, consisting of 6 faculties.
- 40 thousand students enrolled in the three cycles of study.
- Many international collaborations and agreements, aiming at academic and student exchanges, joint research programs, joint publications, etc.
- Member of many foreign networks, such as UNICA, UNIMED, CMU etc.



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Faculty of Economy - University of Tirana

- The Faculty of Economy is one of the six Faculties of the University of Tirana.
- It is the oldest faculty in Albania that offers degrees in economics, business, and finance.
- The Faculty was established in 1952, under the name “Higher Institute of Economics” and became part of the University of Tirana in 1957
- Until 1991 the curriculum of its study programs was oriented towards the Eastern Europe Universities experience.
- Currently, the faculty operates under new curricula, in line with Western Europe Universities programs, based on the Bologna Declaration and tailored to the specific conditions of our country.
- Many success in several Joint International Projects, including TEMPUS projects, DAAD, IPA, etc..



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Department of Finance

- The Department of Finance will be the unit in charge of coordinating the project on behalf of the UT.
- The Department was first established in 1952.
- It covers over 17 subjects, taught at different levels in all branches of FE, as well as in other faculties.
- The Department is engaged in an intense work on curricula improvement, textbooks preparation and publishing.
- The Department of Finance is responsible for the Program Master of Science in Finance, and Professional Master in Finance.
- Over 1000 students are attending Bachelor degree studies under Department of Finance, over 300 students are attending Master of Science and Professional Master Programs in the field of Finance, and the Department is mentoring over 50 post-graduate students enrolled in doctoral studies in Finance.



- Our department is embarking on an ambitious plan to strengthen its degree programs, improve academic qualification and expand research. Part of this plan is addressing concrete development problems through the content of Master Program curricula.
- Many of our staff members have focused their PhD research studies on issues related to Development Economics and have achieved full specialization in several fields.
- More in detail, PhD research on Disaster Risk Management, Insurance Market, Risk Management and Environmental Management have been undertaken by our academic staff.
- Central to this idea success is our quest to develop joint research initiatives and reciprocal exchange program for students and academic staff with other Higher Education institutions.

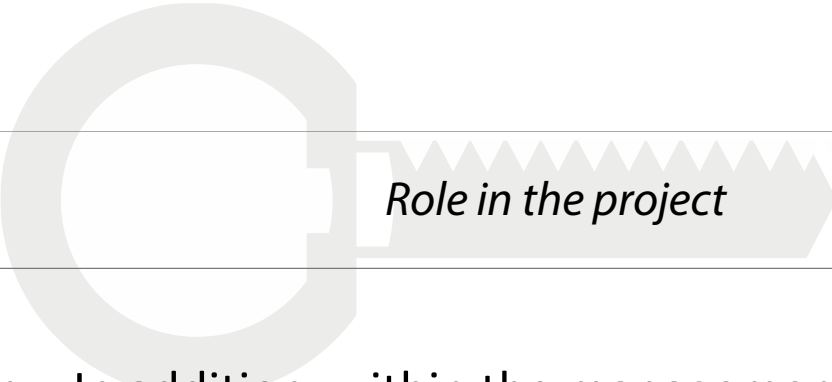




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- Albania has a high exposure against natural disasters and the levels of vulnerability have significantly risen with the increase of the number of population and with transition tendencies of migration.
- The lack of specialist in this area has conditioned the high dependence on international support in national projects and programs addressing these issues.
- Within this project the department will create a profile of specialist within the current structure of professional master in Finance curricula, with the possibility of developing a full program (bachelor, master and PhD) in the future.
- The new profile will be addressing the area of disaster risk management, with several modules dedicated to issues related to financing of damages from disasters, environmental management, and risk management and modelling.





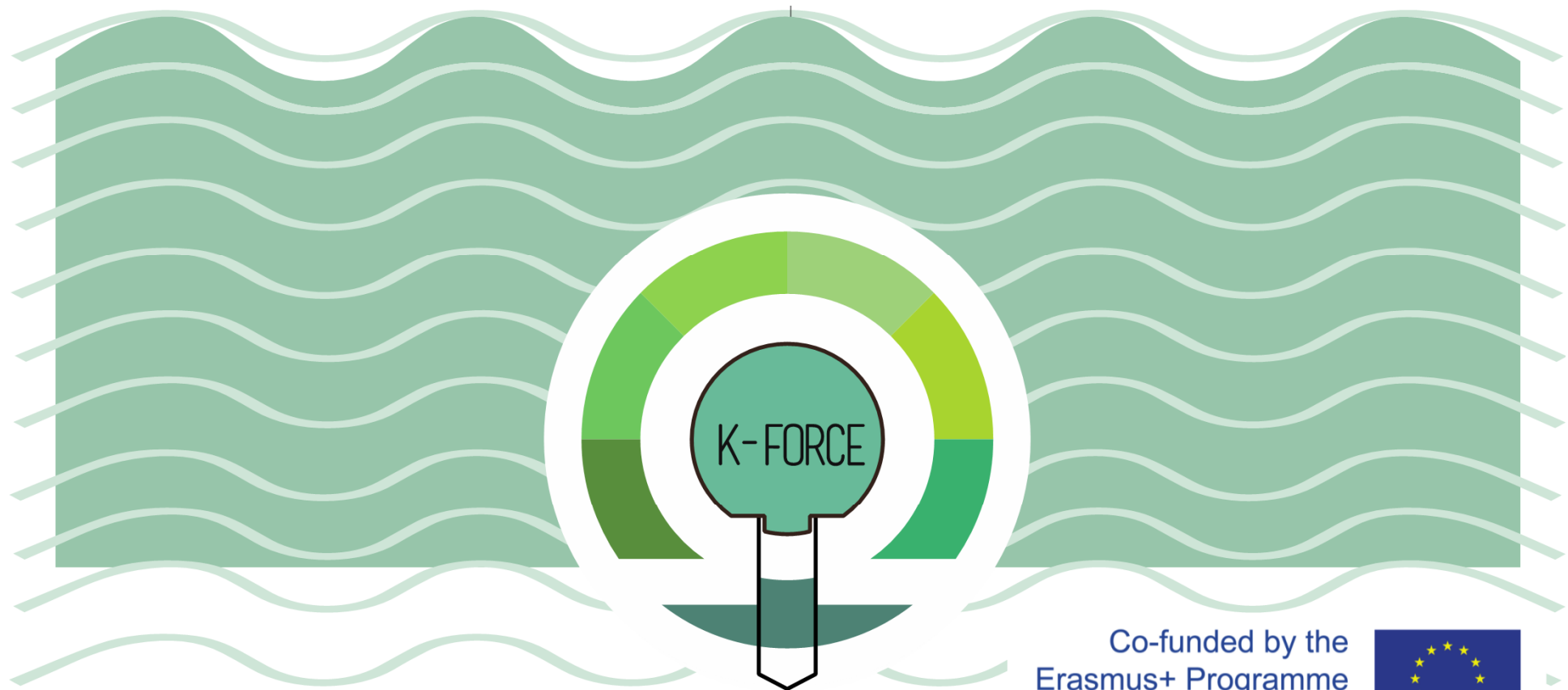
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- In addition, within the management structure of the project, UT will cover the following responsibilities:
 - **Chair in WG8:** Dissemination and Exploitation
 - **Co-chair in WG4:** Development
 - **SCM in WG7:** Quality control



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