

The future of cycling in Albania International Conference

Shaping Albanians Cycling Future through Collaboration and Innovation

4th of May 2024, Tirana's Pyramid

09:30 - 10:00 Registration and Welcoming coffee

10:00 - 10:10 ● Opening remarks - Jonida Halili, Deputy Mayor at the City of Tirana

Session 1 Exploring the present state of urban cycling in Albania: Can Tirana serve as a model for the country?

Time	Title	Speaker
10:10 - 10:25 (Online)	Reassigning kerbside parking to cycling lanes: Is Robin Hood planning good for business?	Dr. Dorina Pojani, Associate Professor University of Queensland, Australia
10:25 - 10:40	Preserving cycling, a comparative view of two cities. Case of Shkodra	Dr. Amanda Terpo, Sustainable Mobility Expert, GFA Consulting Group, Albania
10:40 - 10:55	Tirana Urban Trail – next level walking&cycling for the capital	Mr. Tobi Gessler, Partner Urban Move, Albania
10:55 - 11:10	Safety issues among road users in Albania	Mr. Edmond Bejko, Road safety expert Albania Road Authority

11:10 - 11:30

Q&A SESSION

Session 2 Crafting an enhanced model for Albania through regional insights.

Time	Title	Speaker
11:30 - 11:45	Navigating the Journey of Urban Cycling Transformation in Slovakia	Mr. Dan Kollár, founder Slovak Cycling Coalition, Slovakia
11:45 - 12:05	Focus on safety and infrastructure strategies of urban cycling in Ljubljana	Ms. Lea Rikato Ružič, chair Ljubljana bicycle network, Slovenia
12:05 - 12:20	Building a cycling culture in Podgorica: challenges and opportunities	Mr. Stefan Bulatović, programme director Biciklo.me, Montenegro
12:20 - 12:35	Cycling mobility in the Romanian context	Mr. Andrei Rusu, founder Urban Bike Revolution, Romania
12:35 - 12:55	Novi Sad - the Cycling Capital of the Region: From Idea to Implementation	Mr. Marko Mazalica, chair Novi Sad Cycling Initiative, Serbia

12:55 - 13:10

Q&A SESSION

13:10 - 14:00

Buffet Lunch and Networking at Pyramids Premises

Session 3 **Bikes Without Borders: Sustainable Cycling Thrives as Albania's Tourism Grows**

Time	Title	Speaker
14:00 - 14:20	Sustainable Tourism: A tool for Sustainability in Albania	Dr. Aurora Dibra, Lecturer, University of Shkodra
14:20 - 14:40	National and Regional Cycling Tourism Products in Albania	Ms. Rezarta Bare, Tourism Advisor for Sustainable Rural Development Programme, GIZ, Albania
14:40 - 15:00	Trends and innovation in cycling tourism in Croatia	Mr. Krešimir Herceg, founder Bikeademy, Croatia
15:00 - 15:20	Riding the Path to Sustainable Tourism: Exploring EuroVelo's Role in Promoting Cycling and Sustainability	Mr. Spyridon Papageorgiou, representative Eurovelo route 8, Greece
15:20 - 15:30	Q&A SESSION	

Session 4 **Keep the children cycling: A legacy of health, happiness, and harmony with nature**

Time	Title	Speaker
15:30 - 15:45	Childhood Obesity: A Challenging Issue and a Global Health Priority	Dr. Eugena Tomini, chair Public Health Institute, Albania Mrs. Jolanda Hyska, Lecturer University of Medicine, Albania
15:45 - 16:00	Pedal Power: The Story of Tirana's Cycling School	Mrs. Anisa Ruseti, General director Agency of Parks and Recreation, Albania
16:00 - 16:15	Creating new routes for Youth in Tirana's outer Communities	Ms. Iden Petraj, Bike Mayor City of Tirana, Albania
16:15 - 16:30	The Cycling City Beyond the Commute Tirana's Next Phase for All Ages and Abilities Riders	Mr. Simon Battisti, Executive director Qendra Marrëdhënie, Albania
16:30 - 16:45	Q&A SESSION	
16:45 - 17:00	Ending and closing remarks	
17:00	A guided tour at the Cycling Academy of Tirana, Albania (optional).	

