



Annual Report 2025

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Preface

The Observatory for Children and Youth Rights (Observatory) is a non-governmental organization in Albania that works to monitor and promote the rights and well-being of children and young people. Through its network and cooperation with local and national institutions, the Observatory contributes to collecting data, analysing key issues, and supporting evidence-based approaches in policies affecting children and youth. Over the years, the Observatory has evolved into a research-driven and action-oriented organization, combining data analysis, policy development, and community-based interventions. Its work spans key areas such as youth empowerment, education, social inclusion, gender equality, environmental sustainability, and inclusive economic development.

During 2025, the Observatory further strengthened its role as a strategic partner to national institutions and international organizations, contributing to the design and implementation of innovative and impactful programmes. Its interventions have focused on promoting youth participation, strengthening institutional capacities, advancing gender-responsive governance, and supporting inclusive economic opportunities.

A key feature of the Observatory's work is its ability to bridge policy, practice, and community engagement, ensuring that national strategies are informed by local realities and that young people are actively involved in shaping solutions that affect their lives. Through partnerships with institutions such as UNICEF, UNFPA, the European Union, EBRD, and national authorities, the Observatory has continued to expand its impact and strengthen its contribution to sustainable development in Albania.

In 2025, the Observatory implemented a diverse portfolio of projects addressing critical challenges, including youth unemployment, social exclusion, gender inequality, climate change, and the need for more inclusive public systems. These interventions have not only provided direct support to beneficiaries but have also contributed to strengthening institutional frameworks and promoting long-term, systemic change.

Looking ahead, the Observatory remains committed to advancing its mission by fostering innovation, strengthening partnerships, and empowering children and young people as active contributors to a more inclusive, sustainable, and equitable society.

2.Added value for this year 2025 by Observator:

In 2025, one of the key added values of the Observatory's work has been the introduction of inclusive procurement practices in Albania, both in the road construction sector and in the tourism value chain, in cooperation with EBRD and the Albanian Development Fund. This represents a new and pilot approach in the country, bringing practical guidance on how companies can integrate young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) into their ongoing projects.

Through this work, the Observatory has contributed to adapting international EBRD practices to the Albanian context, making them applicable within national rules and operational frameworks. This has helped open new opportunities for linking infrastructure and tourism development with youth employment and skills development.

At the same time, during 2025, the Observatory placed a stronger focus on youth empowerment and involvement, encouraging young people to be more actively engaged not only as beneficiaries, but also in shaping ideas and contributing to community and development processes. This has also been reflected in the increased attention given to the tourism sector and its potential to create inclusive opportunities for young people.

2.Highlights of the year 2025:

During 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights achieved significant progress in advancing its mission through a combination of research, capacity-building, and community-based interventions. The organization's work contributed to both direct impact on beneficiaries and systemic improvements at institutional level.

Across its programmes, the Observatory strengthened the capacities of public institutions, civil society organizations, and local stakeholders to design and implement inclusive policies and services. Emphasis was placed on promoting youth participation, gender equality, and access to education and employment opportunities, ensuring that vulnerable and underrepresented groups are better supported.

In the field of education, the expansion of digital learning initiatives, such as the Akelius platform, enhanced access to quality and inclusive language learning for children and youth, while also strengthening teachers' digital competencies and engagement in innovative teaching methodologies.

Through its work on gender-responsive planning and budgeting, the Observatory supported nine municipalities in Albania in building the foundations for more inclusive and gender-sensitive governance systems. These efforts are expected to lead to more responsive public services and improved socio-economic support for women and girls, including survivors of gender-based violence.

The organization also played a key role in promoting youth engagement and active citizenship, supporting young people to participate in decision-making processes and co-create solutions for community challenges. Initiatives targeting NEET youth introduced participatory and youth-led approaches, contributing to improved outreach and inclusion strategies.

In parallel, the Observatory contributed to advancing inclusive economic development models, particularly through its work on inclusive procurement in the road and tourism sectors. These interventions aim to link public investments with employment opportunities, skills development, and the inclusion of vulnerable groups in the labor market.

At the environmental level, youth-centred initiatives continued to promote climate awareness and sustainable practices, strengthening the role of young people as active contributors to environmental protection and green transition processes.

Overall, the Observatory's work in 2025 demonstrates a strong commitment to:

- empowering children and young people as active agents of change
- strengthening institutional capacities for inclusive governance
- promoting innovative and sustainable development approaches
- fostering partnerships that bridge local, national, and international levels

The combination of direct interventions, policy support, and system-level engagement positions the Observatory as a key actor in advancing inclusive and sustainable development in Albania.

3. Projects 2025:

3.1 Enhancing English Language Learning through the Akelius Digital Platform

During 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights, in partnership with UNICEF and national institutions, continued the implementation and expansion of the Akelius Digital Language Learning Initiative in Albania. This intervention aims to strengthen English language and digital skills among children and youth, particularly those from vulnerable and marginalized groups, through an inclusive and blended learning approach.

Throughout the reporting year, the Observatory ensured continuous technical and pedagogical support to participating schools through structured mentoring sessions. These sessions played a key role in strengthening teachers' capacities to effectively integrate the Akelius platform into classroom practices, while also supporting students in actively engaging with digital learning tools. The mentoring process contributed to improving both the quality and consistency of platform usage across schools.

In 2025, the project reached a total of 22 educational institutions across multiple municipalities, reflecting a strong and growing national footprint. In addition, the Observatory supported the expansion of the initiative through the provision of ICT equipment to four new institutions, including schools in Has and Durrës (Hysen Çela), the Juvenile Institution in Kavaja, and a vocational technical school in Korça. The inclusion of the Juvenile Institution in Kavaja marked a significant milestone, introducing the platform to a highly vulnerable group and expanding access to innovative learning opportunities for children in institutional care.

The use of the platform has been positively received by both students and teachers. Feedback collected during mentoring sessions indicates a high level of engagement, with students showing strong interest and motivation in using the platform. Interactive features, such as games and quizzes, have contributed to making the learning process more dynamic and accessible, particularly for students with diverse learning needs.

Furthermore, the initiative has continued to expand its reach, with the Akelius platform now being introduced in a broader number of schools nationwide. This growing uptake reflects both the relevance of the approach and the increasing institutional support for integrating digital learning solutions within the education system.



Overall, the Akelius initiative has contributed to:

- improving access to quality and inclusive language learning
- strengthening teachers' digital and pedagogical capacities
- increasing student engagement and motivation in learning English
- expanding opportunities for vulnerable children and youth to develop key skills for their future education and employability

The positive feedback and continuous expansion of the initiative demonstrate its sustainability and long-term potential. The Observatory remains committed to further supporting the scale-up of the Akelius platform, with the aim of ensuring its continued presence and impact across schools in Albania.

3.2 Gender Responsive Planning and Budgeting (GRP) at Local Level

During 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights continued the implementation of the project "Reduce Gender-Based Violence and Harmful Practices through Gender Responsive Governance", in partnership with UNFPA. The intervention focuses on strengthening institutional capacities to integrate gender equality into local governance processes through gender-responsive planning and budgeting (GRP).

The project targets nine municipalities—Dibër, Klos, Pogradec, Kolonjë, Korçë, Konispol, Vlorë, Selenicë, and Tirana—supporting them in developing and implementing gender-responsive policies, plans and budgeting practices, with a particular focus on improving services for women and girls, including survivors of gender-based violence.

During the reporting year, the Observatory implemented a comprehensive analytical and preparatory phase, laying the foundation for the effective institutionalization of GRP

practices at the local level. A structured municipal questionnaire was developed and administered across all target municipalities, enabling the collection of detailed data on existing planning frameworks, coordination mechanisms, and institutional capacities related to gender equality.

Based on this assessment, the Observatory developed a Guiding Document for Gender-Responsive Local Governance, which identifies key institutional gaps, challenges, and opportunities for each municipality. This document serves as a strategic tool guiding the next phases of the intervention, including capacity building, technical assistance, and the integration of gender-responsive approaches into municipal planning cycles.

In parallel, the Observatory completed the mapping of civil society organizations (CSOs) active in the target municipalities, ensuring their engagement in upcoming consultation processes and strengthening participatory governance mechanisms.

The project then progressed into the validation and capacity-building phase, marked by key activities implemented during the final quarter of 2025. An online validation meeting with all nine municipalities was organized to review findings, discuss challenges, and define next steps for strengthening gender-responsive governance. This process reinforced municipal ownership and commitment to integrating gender equality into local development processes.

Additionally, an online training session was conducted with CSOs, focusing on gender-responsive public consultations. The training strengthened the capacities of civil society actors to facilitate inclusive consultation processes and to ensure the meaningful participation of women, youth, and vulnerable groups in local decision-making.

A key component of the intervention during this period was the initiation of individualized consultations with each municipality, marking the beginning of a structured technical support and coaching process. Through these one-on-one engagements, the Observatory provided tailored guidance to municipalities, supporting them in:

- understanding and applying GRPB principles
- identifying priority actions for 2026
- initiating the integration of gender-responsive objectives into local planning and budgeting processes

These efforts have significantly strengthened institutional cooperation between municipalities, civil society organizations and the Observatory, while also improving awareness and readiness for implementing gender-responsive governance practices.

Despite variations in institutional capacities across municipalities, continuous technical support and regular communication ensured effective engagement and progress across

all target areas. A key lesson learned during this phase is the importance of sustained, hands-on support to ensure consistency and quality in institutional processes.

Overall, the project has contributed to:

- strengthening local governance systems to better address gender equality
- enhancing the role of municipalities in planning and budgeting for inclusive development
- empowering civil society organizations to participate in decision-making processes
- laying the groundwork for sustainable institutionalization of GRPB practices

The progress achieved in 2025 provides a solid foundation for the next implementation phase, which will focus on capacity-building, development of concrete municipal plans, and implementation of socio-economic integration schemes for women and girls, particularly those affected by gender-based violence.

3.3 Reach & Rise: Connecting NEET Youth in Tirana to New Opportunities

In 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights initiated the implementation of the project “Reach & Rise: Connecting NEET Youth in Tirana to New Opportunities”, under the EU4Youth Programme, funded by the European Union and implemented in cooperation with UNICEF and UNDP in Albania. The project aims to strengthen outreach, identification, and referral mechanisms for young people aged 15–29 who are not in education, employment, or training (NEET), with a particular focus on inclusive and youth-driven approaches.

As the project commenced towards the end of the reporting period, activities in 2025 focused primarily on initial outreach, stakeholder engagement, and the design of participatory approaches for NEET identification and inclusion. The Observatory worked in close collaboration with key institutional partners, including the Municipality of Tirana, the National Agency for Employment and Skills (NAES), the National Youth Agency, and local community actors, to establish a coordinated framework for project implementation.

Although the project is still in its early implementation phase, the groundwork established in 2025 has been essential in building institutional partnerships, defining outreach methodologies, and engaging youth as active agents of change. The involvement of diverse stakeholders, including public institutions, youth structures, and international partners, ensures a strong foundation for the next phases of the project.

Through this initiative, the Observatory contributes to:

- strengthening coordinated mechanisms for NEET identification and referral
- promoting youth participation and co-creation in public service design
- supporting inclusive access to education, training, and employment opportunities
- enhancing collaboration between institutions and community-based actors

The project is expected to expand its activities significantly in 2026, with a stronger focus on direct engagement with NEET youth, implementation of outreach strategies, and delivery of tailored support services.

3.4 Supporting Inclusive Procurement in the Road Sector

During 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights continued the implementation of the project “Supporting Inclusive Procurement in the Road Sector”, financed by the Japan-EBRD Cooperation Fund. The project aims to introduce and operationalize an inclusive procurement model within Albania’s road construction sector, linking public investment with employment creation and skills development for vulnerable groups, particularly young people and unemployed individuals.

The intervention focuses on selected segments of Albania’s regional and local road network and represents a pioneering effort to integrate social inclusion principles into infrastructure development projects. By aligning procurement practices with labor market needs, the project seeks to create sustainable pathways for employment, vocational training, and workforce integration.

Throughout 2025, the Observatory played a central role in advancing the development and implementation of the Inclusive Procurement (IP) model, working closely with key national stakeholders, including the Albanian Development Fund (ADF), the National Agency for Employment and Skills (NAES), construction companies, and vocational education and training institutions.

A key component of the project involves strengthening coordination between these actors to ensure that procurement processes actively contribute to the inclusion of underrepresented groups in the labor market. In this context, the Observatory has supported efforts to:

- establish linkages between contractors and employment services
- promote the integration of vocational training opportunities within infrastructure projects
- align workforce development initiatives with the needs of the construction sector

In parallel, the project contributes to capacity building and institutional strengthening, supporting stakeholders in understanding and applying inclusive procurement principles

in practice. This includes fostering cooperation between public institutions and private sector actors to ensure that employment and training opportunities are embedded within procurement frameworks.

The implementation of this model represents an important step toward transforming public procurement into a tool for inclusive economic development, ensuring that infrastructure investments generate broader social impact beyond physical construction outputs.

Through this initiative, the Observatory contributes to:

- promoting employment opportunities for youth and vulnerable groups
- strengthening the link between vocational education and labor market demand
- supporting the integration of inclusive practices into national procurement systems
- fostering collaboration between public institutions, private sector, and training providers

As the project progresses, it is expected to further demonstrate the potential of inclusive procurement as a scalable model for other sectors, contributing to long-term systemic change in how public investments support social and economic inclusion in Albania.

3.5 Inclusive Procurement in the Tourism Sector

In 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights initiated the implementation of a project in partnership with the Albanian Development Fund (ADF), aimed at supporting the integration of inclusive procurement approaches within the tourism sector in Albania. This intervention focuses on promoting more equitable access to economic opportunities by ensuring that public procurement processes contribute to social inclusion, employability, and local development.

The project, implemented in selected regions including Berat, Korçë, Fier, and Shkodër, is designed to strengthen the capacity of ADF and relevant stakeholders to apply inclusive procurement principles across tourism-related investments. With a total duration from April 2025 to March 2026, the initiative represents an important step toward linking infrastructure development with inclusive economic outcomes.

During the reporting period, the project focused primarily on the analytical and preparatory phase, establishing the foundation for the development and implementation of inclusive procurement tools and practices. Key areas of intervention include the assessment of current procurement practices within the tourism sector and the identification of structural and operational barriers that limit the participation of vulnerable and underrepresented groups.

In parallel, the project has initiated the development of a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, aimed at fostering collaboration among key actors, including public institutions, private sector representatives, and local stakeholders involved in the tourism value chain. This process is essential to ensure ownership, alignment of priorities, and effective implementation of inclusive procurement approaches.

A core component of the intervention involves the drafting of key strategic documents, including the Inclusive Procurement Guidelines, an Inclusive Procurement Action Plan, and a set of practical tools tailored to the tourism sector. These instruments are intended to provide a structured and operational framework for integrating social inclusion objectives into procurement processes.

Furthermore, the project foresees targeted capacity-building activities for ADF procurement and project management staff, aimed at strengthening institutional understanding and application of inclusive procurement practices. These efforts will contribute to ensuring the sustainability and long-term institutionalization of inclusive approaches within public investment processes.

Although the majority of implementation activities are scheduled for 2026, the progress achieved in 2025 has been essential in laying the groundwork for a more inclusive and socially responsive procurement system within the tourism sector.

Through this intervention, the Observatory contributes to:

- promoting inclusive economic development through public procurement.
- strengthening linkages between tourism investments and local employment opportunities.
- supporting the participation of vulnerable groups in the tourism value chain.
- advancing policy and institutional frameworks for inclusive procurement in Albania.

The project is expected to generate increased impact in the following implementation phase, particularly through the application of developed tools, capacity-building activities, and strengthened collaboration between public and private stakeholders.

3.6 RISTOR – Rural Innovation Centers for Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism

In 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights initiated the implementation of the RISTOR – Rural Innovation Centers for Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism project, under the Interreg VI-A IPA Greece–Albania Programme, co-funded by the European Union. The project aims to promote sustainable, inclusive and innovative tourism models through the establishment of rural innovation centres in cross-border regions, with a

particular focus on community engagement, youth inclusion, and green economic development.

During the reporting year, the project focused primarily on establishing the operational and coordination foundations necessary for its successful implementation. The Observatory played an active role in project management and coordination, including the appointment of project staff, the establishment of internal financial and administrative systems, and participation in the Kick-off Meeting and initial Steering Committee discussions with project partners.

In parallel, preparatory work was initiated under the technical components of the project, particularly in relation to the development of family-friendly approaches in the design of the innovation centres. The Observatory contributed to the early stages of the Family-Friendly Studies, which aim to ensure that the future infrastructure and services developed under the project are accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of children, families and diverse community groups.

Furthermore, the Observatory engaged in initial coordination and planning activities with project partners, laying the groundwork for upcoming research, stakeholder engagement and capacity-building actions to be implemented in the following phases of the project. These preparatory steps are essential to ensure a coherent and well-structured approach to sustainable tourism development in the target regions.

Although the majority of field-level and implementation activities are planned for 2026 and beyond, the progress achieved in 2025 has been critical in ensuring a strong institutional, technical and partnership framework for the project. The Observatory's role in this phase has been instrumental in aligning project objectives with local needs and in preparing the conditions for effective community engagement and impact.

Through its involvement in RISTOR, the Observatory strengthens its contribution to:

- promoting sustainable and inclusive tourism models.
- supporting local economic development and green value chains.
- integrating family-friendly and accessibility principles in tourism services.
- fostering cross-border cooperation and knowledge exchange.

The project is expected to generate significant impact in the coming implementation phases, particularly in strengthening local capacities, engaging communities, and creating innovative and inclusive tourism solutions in rural areas.

3.7 Youth Co-Decision: Building the Future Together

In 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights initiated the implementation of the project “Youth Co-Decision: Building the Future Together”, supported by the National Youth Agency (AKR). The project aims to strengthen the active participation of young people in local decision-making processes through structured co-decision mechanisms, capacity-building activities, and civic engagement initiatives.

The intervention targets young people aged 15–29, including students, community-based youth, and members of Local Youth Councils, with a focus on promoting inclusive participation and amplifying youth voices in community development processes.

During the initial phase of implementation in 2025, the project focused on awareness-raising and engagement activities, introducing young people to the concept of co-decision and their role in shaping local policies and initiatives. Through information sessions and outreach activities, the Observatory worked to encourage youth participation and strengthen their understanding of civic engagement processes.



In parallel, the project has initiated collaboration with local institutions and stakeholders, aiming to establish a supportive environment for youth participation in decision-making at the local level. These efforts are laying the foundation for the development of more structured co-decision mechanisms and participatory processes in the upcoming phases of the project.

Through this initiative, the Observatory contributes to:

- empowering young people to actively participate in local governance.
- strengthening the role of youth voices in decision-making processes.
- promoting inclusive and participatory community development.
- fostering cooperation between youth and local institutions.

The project is expected to further expand its activities in 2026, with a stronger focus on capacity-building, practical engagement of youth in decision-making processes, and the development of sustainable co-decision models at the local level.

3.8 Civil Service Programme - "Take Your Chance"

During 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights continued its long-standing cooperation with AMESCI under the Civic Service Programme, implemented this year under the title "Take Your Chance". This initiative facilitates the engagement of young international volunteers, particularly from Italy, in social, educational, and community-based activities in Albania.

As in previous years, the programme enabled the placement of four young volunteers, who actively contributed to the daily work of the Observatory. Their involvement supported a wide range of activities, including youth engagement initiatives, awareness-raising campaigns, and organizational and communication processes.

Through their participation, volunteers gained practical experience in working with children and young people, while also contributing to the promotion of intercultural exchange, active citizenship, and social inclusion. At the same time, the programme strengthened the Observatory's operational capacity and its ability to implement community-based activities.

Although the structure of the programme remains consistent each year, its continued implementation reflects the importance of international volunteering as a tool for youth empowerment, knowledge exchange, and cross-cultural collaboration.



3.9.G-BOOK 3 - Audience Engagement through Gender-Positive Literature and Digital Technology

During 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights continued its engagement in the G-BOOK 3 project, funded under the Creative Europe Programme and implemented in partnership with organizations from Italy, France, Greece, Spain, Romania, and Albania. The project aims to promote social and emotional education among adolescents through gender-positive literature and digital tools.

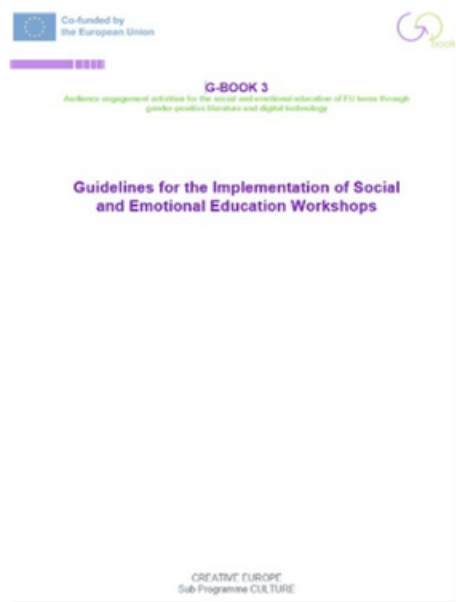
The project focuses on two main pillars: the development of a European “gender-positive” literature library for adolescents aged 15–18, and the design and implementation of Social and Emotional Education (SEE) workshops, aimed at strengthening young people’s social, emotional, and critical thinking skills, while promoting gender equality and inclusive values.

During the reporting period, the Observatory’s work was primarily concentrated on the content development and methodological design phase of the project. No direct activities with target groups were implemented in 2025, as this phase focused on building the conceptual and technical foundation for the upcoming implementation stages.

In this context, the Observatory actively contributed to the development and refinement of key project outputs, including the expansion and adaptation of educational content and the preparation of tools to support the delivery of SEE workshops. Particular emphasis was placed on ensuring that materials are accessible, culturally relevant, and adaptable to different national contexts.

In parallel, the Observatory contributed to strengthening coordination and collaboration with international partners, ensuring alignment in methodological approaches and content development across participating countries.

Although the implementation of workshops and direct engagement with adolescents is planned for the following phases, the progress achieved in 2025 has been essential in establishing a strong conceptual and methodological framework for the project.



Through its involvement in G-BOOK 3, the Observatory contributes to:

- promoting gender equality and inclusive values among young people;
- supporting the development of innovative social and emotional education approaches;
- strengthening educational tools and methodologies for youth engagement;
- enhancing cross-border cooperation and exchange of good practices.

3.10. Youth Build Sustainable Environmental Solutions

During 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights successfully completed the implementation of the project “Youth Build Sustainable Environmental Solutions”, supported by Slovenian Aid (FER). The project aimed to empower young people to actively engage in climate action and environmental protection, while raising awareness on the impact of climate change at the local level.

As the final year of implementation, 2025 focused on consolidating the results achieved and strengthening the long-term impact of the intervention. Throughout the project, the Observatory implemented a series of youth-centred environmental activities, engaging young people in awareness-raising initiatives, community actions, and discussions on climate change and sustainability.

A key component of the project was the promotion of youth participation in environmental governance, encouraging young people to take an active role in addressing environmental challenges within their communities. Through participatory activities and awareness sessions, youth were supported in developing a stronger understanding of climate-related issues and their role in promoting sustainable practices.

The project also contributed to advancing the integration of gender perspectives in climate action, highlighting the differentiated impact of environmental challenges and promoting more inclusive approaches to sustainability. This was reflected both in awareness-raising activities and in the development of analytical and advocacy materials.

In addition to field-level activities, the Observatory contributed to the development of research and advocacy outputs, supporting institutional understanding of environmental challenges and providing recommendations for more effective and inclusive climate action.

The completion of the project marks an important milestone in strengthening youth engagement in environmental issues and in promoting sustainable practices at

community level. The knowledge, tools, and approaches developed through the project are expected to continue influencing future initiatives and contributing to environmental awareness and action beyond the project lifecycle.



Through this intervention, the Observatory contributed to:

- raising awareness on climate change and environmental protection
- empowering youth as active agents of environmental action
- promoting sustainable practices within communities
- integrating gender perspectives into climate-related initiatives

4. Thanks, message, for Observatory Partners throw-out the year 2025

During 2025, the Observatory for Children and Youth Rights further strengthened its role as a reliable and strategic partner through sustained collaboration with a wide range of national and international stakeholders.

The Observatory continued its close cooperation with key international organizations and donors, including UNICEF, UNFPA, the European Union, UNDP, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). These partnerships have been instrumental in supporting the design and implementation of impactful programmes addressing youth development, education, gender equality, and inclusive economic growth.

At the national level, the Observatory worked in close collaboration with public institutions such as the Albanian Development Fund (ADF), the National Agency for Employment and Skills (NAES), the National Youth Agency (AKR), and line ministries, as well as with local government units across multiple municipalities. This cooperation has enabled the effective alignment of project interventions with national priorities and local development needs.

Partnerships with municipalities have been particularly important in ensuring the successful implementation of initiatives related to gender-responsive governance, youth engagement, and social inclusion. Through these collaborations, the Observatory has supported local institutions in strengthening their capacities and improving service delivery for vulnerable groups.

In addition, the Observatory has actively engaged with civil society organizations (CSOs), youth groups, educational institutions, and community-based actors, promoting participatory approaches and ensuring that interventions are inclusive and responsive to the needs of communities.

International cooperation has also been a key component of the Observatory's work, particularly through its involvement in multi-country projects, such as G-BOOK 3 and RISTOR. These partnerships have facilitated the exchange of knowledge, good practices, and innovative approaches, strengthening the organization's capacity to contribute to broader European and regional initiatives.

Through its partnership-based approach, the Observatory continues to act as a bridge between policy, practice, and community-level engagement, ensuring that its interventions are both impactful and sustainable. These collaborations remain central to the organization's ability to scale its work and contribute to long-term, systemic change in Albania.

The Observatory would like to thank all its partners for their collaboration, commitment, and continued support throughout 2025. These partnerships remain central to the organization's work and to its ongoing efforts to contribute to more inclusive and sustainable development in Albania.

Thank You!