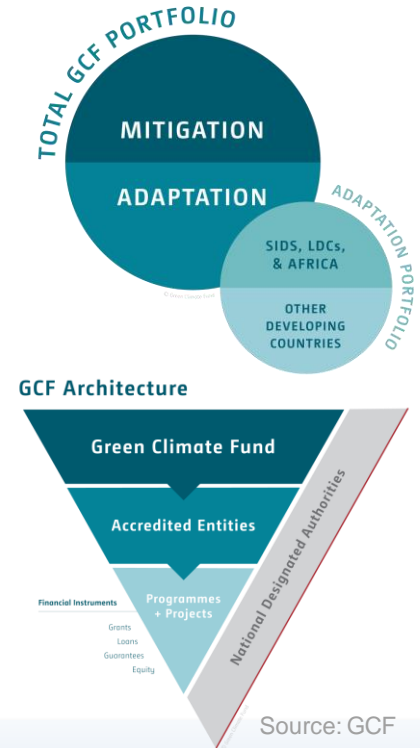


# GCF COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR ALBANIA

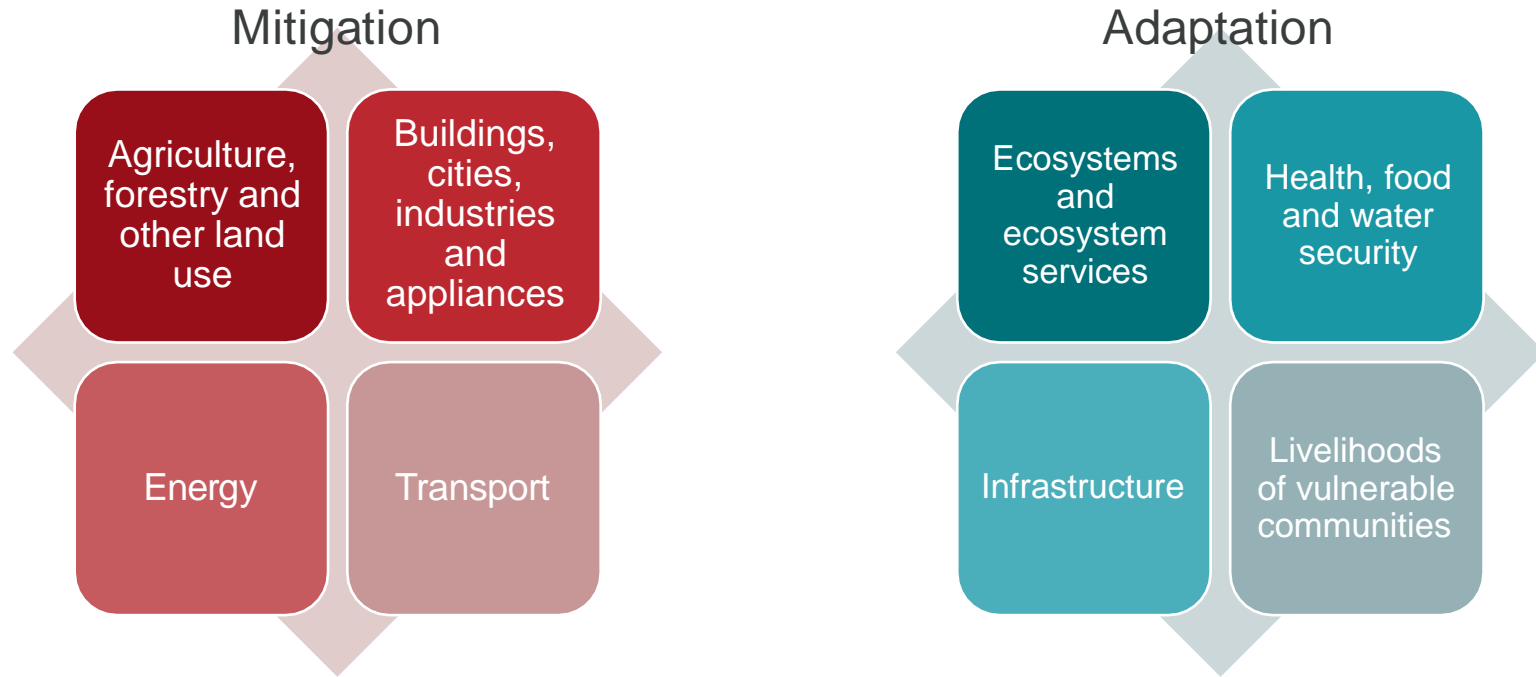
## Identified and Prioritized Projects

# Green Climate Fund – at a glance

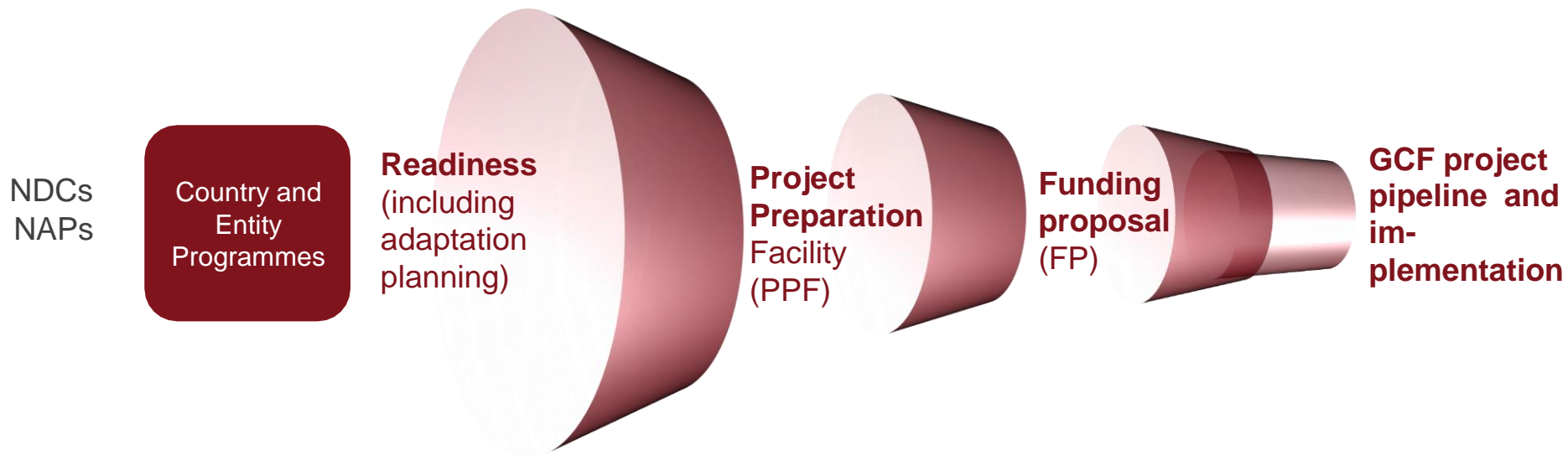
- The GCF is the world's largest dedicated fund helping developing countries in responding to climate change.
  - It was set up by the UNFCCC in 2010.
- The aim of all GCF activities is to support developing countries limiting or reducing their GHG emissions and adapt to climate change impacts.
- The GCF has a crucial role in serving the Paris Agreement, supporting the goal of keeping average global temperature rise well below 2° C.
- It does this by channelling climate finance to developing countries, which have joined other nations in committing to climate action.
  - Pledged funding: USD 10.3 billion
  - Disbursement goal: USD 2.5 billion by 2020
- Access through Accredited Entities (AE) after approval of the national designated authority (NDA) or focal point (FP).



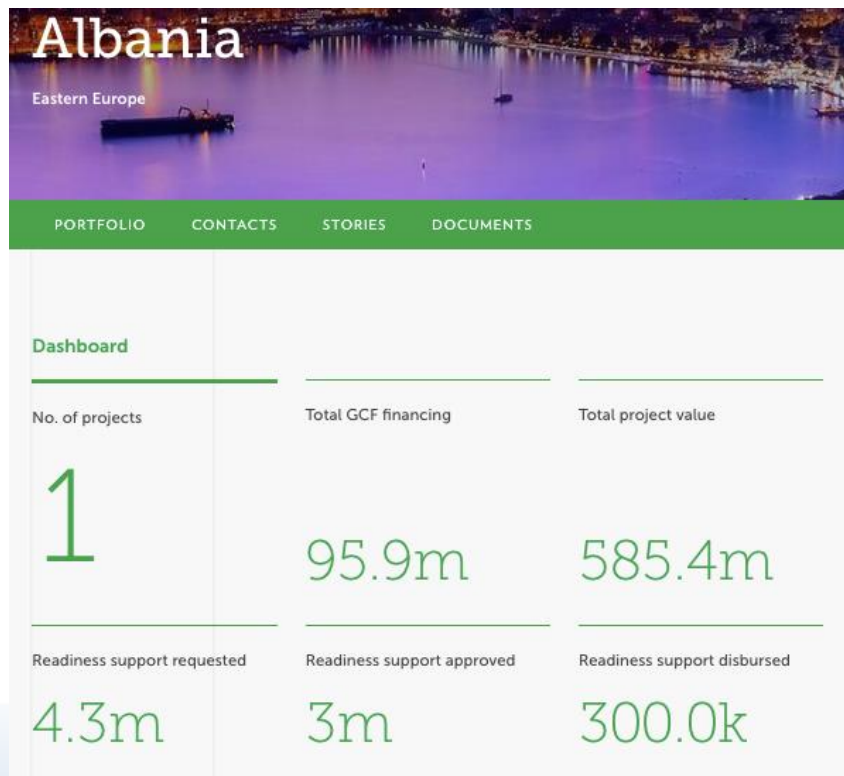
# GCF has formulated 8 strategic result areas



# Developing a pipeline of GCF projects



# Albania & the GCF



## READINESS ACTIVITIES

*support to enhance country ownership and access to GCF*

DELIVERY PARTNER	READINESS AREA	DATE
UNDP	Adaptation Planning	24 Oct 2019
UNEP	NDA Strengthening and Country Programming	21 Sep 2016

# Readiness and Preparatory Support: Developing the capacities of the Republic of Albania for an effective engagement with the Green Climate Fund

**Goal:** contribute to strengthening Albania's technical and coordination capacities for accessing adequate climate finance and preparation of Country Programme for Albania

**Outcome 1:** Strengthening country capacities in relation to the GCF

**Outcome 2:** Engaging stakeholders in consultative processes

**Outcome 3:** Realizing direct access

**Implementer:** Urban Research Institute

# NDA in Albania

**NDA**s are government institutions that serve as the **interface between each country and the GCF**.

The NDA in Albania is nominated in 2016 by the Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

**The Focal Point in Albania is Deputy Minister, Ornela Cuci**

**Core functions of NDA and FP:**



**Communicates with the secretariat**



**Facilitates visits and meetings, nomination of NIEs and national stakeholder engagement**



**Develop a strategic country work programme**

# Progress of CP in Albania

The Country Program for Albania is a document that serves to bring Albania's climate change aspirations to life by identifying short- and medium-term projects / programs and investments.

The National Program for Albania is divided into 3 sections:

## Section A

Provides a brief overview of Albania's problems and threats arising from or related to climate change categorized by strategic sectors.

## Section B

Presents project identification / programs or concepts that are being implemented nationally that address measures to adapt and mitigate climate change in Albania.

## Section C

Analyzes Albania's commitment to the GCF and identifies, referring to national sectorial strategies, potential projects that need to be financed by the GCF to ensure the achievement of Albania's envisaged objectives.





# Country Programme Drafting Process



Stakeholder meetings with various groups of stakeholders such as:

- Relevant ministries;
- National governmental agencies;
- National and International NGOs;
- Universities; and,
- Private sector;



Desk work by:

- Revising existing plans and strategies;
- Analysing national objectives and commitments;
- Etc.;

# Applied methodology for pre-screening

Screening Tool for Project Ideas considers:

- General GCF eligibility criteria
- Financial information provided
- GCF investment criteria

Key evaluation parameters:

- Scope and results area of the planned activity
- Size of the planned activity
- Ranking against the six investment criteria



# General Evaluation Results

## Portfolio Findings:

- 34 screened project ideas in total
- 13 project ideas recommended for alternative funding channels
- 21 eligible for GCF: 4 adaptation, 7 cross-cutting, 10 mitigation
- Energy efficiency improvements in public buildings: 6
- Climate resilient agriculture: 2
- Adapted water management: 7
- Green Cities: 3
- Forestry: 4

## General Characteristics:

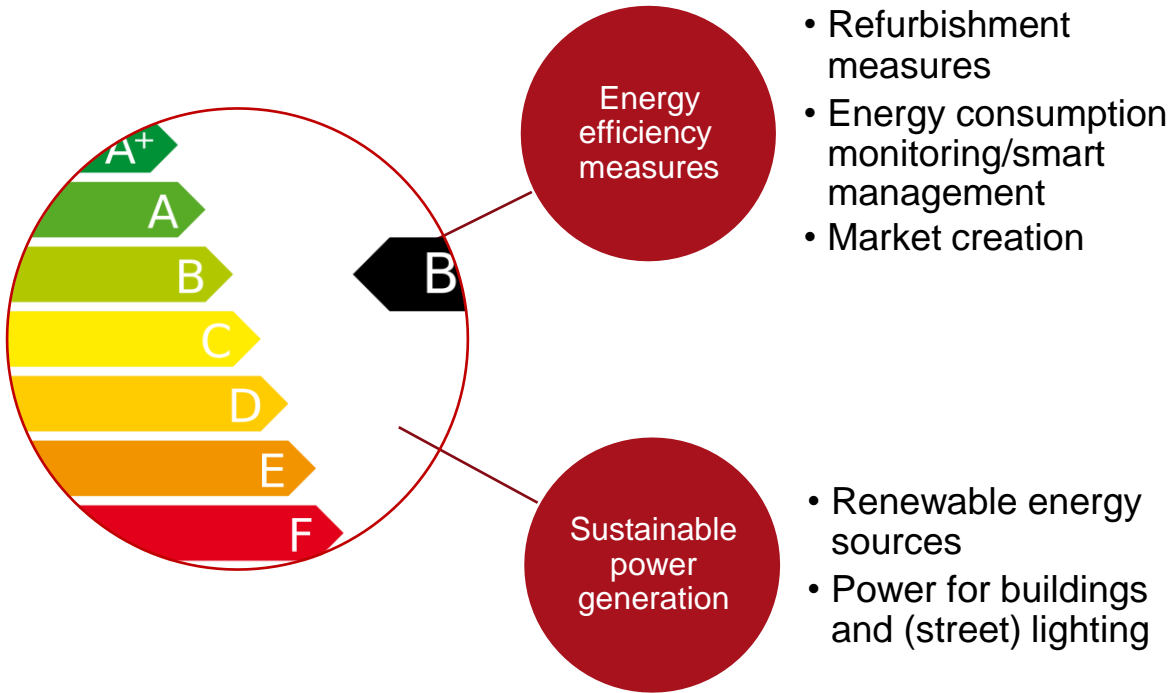
- Volume/Size: Varies from USD 3,000 to USD 200 million
- 14 indicate already an Accredited Entity
- Co-financing ratio: varies from 0% to 88%

# Relevant project clusters taken into consideration

## Assigning Project Ideas to Clusters:

1. Energy efficiency improvements in public buildings
  2. Climate resilient agriculture
  3. Adapted water management
  4. Green Cities
  5. Sustainable forestry management practices
  6. Recommendation of alternative funding instrument/channel
- Potential elements of Albania's upcoming GCF Country Programme

# Cluster: Energy efficiency improvements in buildings



Screening results:

- **Thematic focus:** Mitigation
- **Estimated GCF Funding:** From USD 20 million to USD 180 million
- **Maturity status:** Suitable Concept Note submitted (UNDP)
- **Potential AE:** UNDP

# Cluster: Climate resilient agriculture



Agriculture

- Solar irrigation
- Soil erosion protection
- Adapted management, climate smart agriculture practices

Screening results:

- **Thematic focus:** Cross-cutting
- **Estimated GCF Funding:** ~USD 40 million
- **Maturity status:** Preliminary concept, potentially requires GCF readiness funding
- **Potential AE:** FAO

# Cluster: Adapted water management



Drought and  
flood  
protection  
infrastructure

- Rehabilitation of river basins
- Dike construction
- Relocation measures

Resilient  
water  
resource  
management

- Enabling environment creation
- Capacity development
- Watershed hydrology management
- Early warning systems
- Efficiency measures for water consumption
- Water supply management

Screening results:

- **Thematic focus:**  
Adaptation
- **Estimated GCF**

**Funding:**

~USD 50 million up to  
USD 290 million

- **Maturity status:**  
Advanced  
concept

- **Potential AE:**  
Austrian Development  
Agency (ADA)

# Cluster: Green Cities



Adaptation

- Integration of climate change in planning
- Capacity development
- Pilot adaptation activities

GHG mitigation

- Efficient street lighting (based on LED technology)
- Low-carbon transport

Screening results:

- **Thematic focus:**  
Cross-cutting
- **Estimated GCF Funding:**  
~USD 45 million
- **Maturity status:**  
Advanced concept
- **Potential AE:**  
EBRD



# Cluster: Sustainable forestry management practices



Reforestation  
and  
afforestation

- Planting new forests
- Increased maintenance of existing forest
- Erosion prevention
- Carbon sink creation

Sustainable  
forest  
management

- Enhanced forest management practices
- Capacity development
- Biodiversity enhancement

Screening results:

- **Thematic focus:**  
Cross-cutting
- **Estimated GCF Funding:**  
~USD 40 - 210 million
- **Maturity status:**  
Preliminary concept, potentially requires GCF readiness funding
- **Potential AE:** TBD

**THANK YOU**

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