

# **Urban Street Basketball**

# about project







**Municipal contribution** Drafting and monitoring the project

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Tirana is a capital city in need of more sports and recreation areas. Due to the lack of appropriate spaces to exercise sports and other recreational activities, the city's youth spends most of its free time in passive and unhealthy activities. A limited number of basketball courts built by the previous administration, have proven to be very attractive for youth. However, the current number fails to satisfy the increasing demand. Given the relative popularity of basketball as a sport, and the relatively small area required to build a court, in relation to other popular sports (such as football), the municipality decided to engage in building a considerable number of basketball courts in different neighborhoods of the city. The cost of such project is relatively modest but the expected benefits far outweigh it. The areas for building these courts will be selected on the basis of constant dialogue with the community.

# **OVERALL OBJECTIVE**

Increase the recreational potential of Tirana and promote a healthy lifestyle for youth by investing in sport infrastructure.

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION MODALITY

- Set up the responsible team in the Municipality
  - Select the appropriate areas in the neighborhoods and apartment block yards in consultation with the community
- · Start implementing the project by building small scale basketball courts

## PRELIMINARY IMPACTS

- ▷ Increased participation of youth in sport activities
- $\boxdot$  Improved health of the community
- $\supseteq$  Improved social cohesion.



