

LAIA Project

Laboratory on Artificial Intelligence in Albania and Kosovo- LAIA



Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) is massively affecting the industries all around the world, especially in transportation, healthcare, marketing, finance, manufacturing, customer services etc., significantly improving the overall efficiency of the companies.

The aim of the project: Considering the recent technology development, there are prominent features for the application of AI in Albania and the raising demand for education in AI. The LAIA project's purpose is to develop and implement a master level course on Artificial Intelligence which will be introduced at Institutions of Higher Education – members of the consortium. LAIA aims to bring advanced educational opportunities to Albania and Kosovo in order to keep up with the emerging technologies and deeply utilize the research advancements in the field, to meet the acquis requirement and align with the EU internal market and research standards. With collaborative effort, LAIA project can increasingly improve people's quality of life, job opportunities and trigger system growth in Albania and Kosovo as a whole.

The consortium has 8 partners from all over geographical Europe and it is envisaged to last for 3 years, with a total budget of 360,000.00 Euro.

Project start date: December 2023

Project completion date: December 2026

Specific objectives:

- to employ European experience in Artificial Intelligence applied to the internal market to improve the cooperation between HEIs and private capital in Albania and Kosovo;
- to innovate Albanian and Kosovan HE curriculums to match them with the job market request in the field of applied Artificial Intelligence;
- to create a Network of Artificial Intelligence professionals with a cross-sectoral approach involving HEIs, public institutions, and SMEs;
- to train Albania's and Kosovo's future professionals in Artificial Intelligence, thus allowing graduate students to adapt to EU research and business market requirements and to benefit from new career opportunities;
- to foster the inclusiveness of the Artificial Intelligence field and market
- to give visibility and exploit the opportunities arising from the Laboratory and the Network in the medium-long term.

General objectives: LAIA's general objective is the development and implementation of a master level course curriculum on Artificial Intelligence (AI), while the overall research goal of artificial intelligence is to create technology that allows computers and machines to work intelligently.

Project Coordinator:

- University of Piraeus Research Center (Greece)

Project Partners:

- Mediterranean University of Albania (Albania)
- University of Southern Denmark (Denmark)
- University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani" (Albania)
- Agricultural University of Tirana (Albania)
- Polytechnic University of Tirana (Albania)
- University of Prizren Ukshin Hoti (Kosovo)
- Universum International College (Kosovo)

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