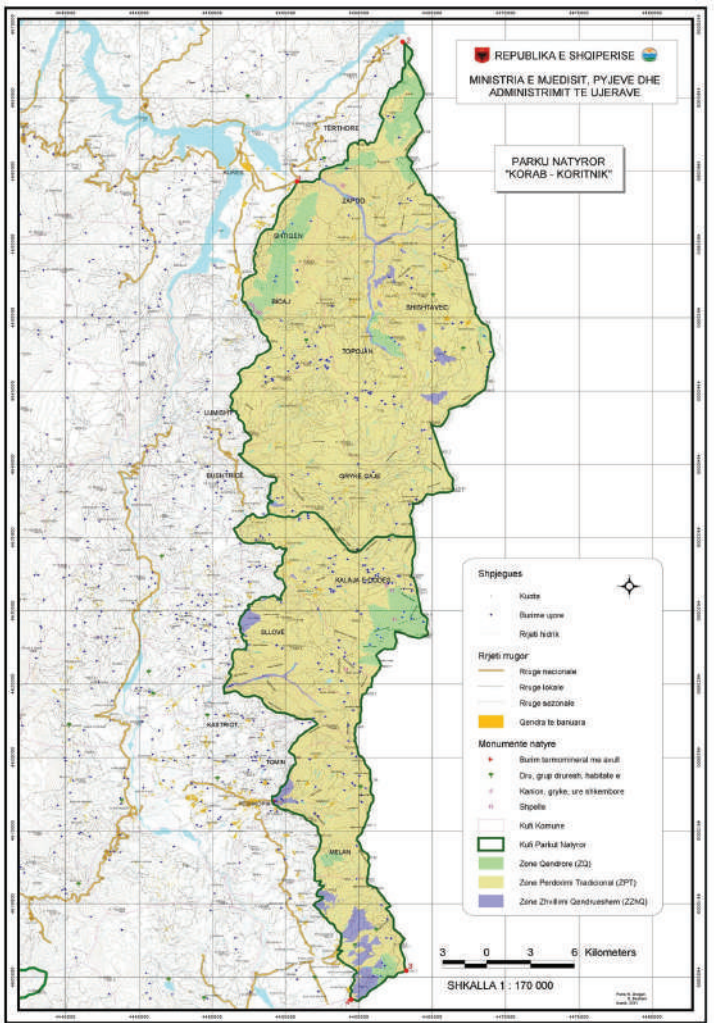


What are Local Action Groups?

Local Action Groups (LAG) are decentralized institutions, consisting of a range of local private and public organizations representing different interest groups, with the main goal of promoting and ensuring local economic and sustainable development. It is based on the EU funded LEADER approach (IPARD programme). LAG supports the implementation of a rural development strategy, based on the particular needs, priorities and potential of the respective area. International experience of LAGs has shown that these institutions are highly effective in the identification of local needs, either developmental or social and cultural. For this reason, the establishment of the first LAG in a Protected Area such as the Nature Park of Korab-Koritnik, stands as a necessity for the conservation of the area, by identifying the main local needs, which will inform the process of social - economic development.



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Korab-Koritnik Local Action Group
The Local Action Group called Korab-Koritnik aspires to combine and represent different sectors and active citizens of the region. The main goal is nature conservation and promotion of sustainable development in the area.

Our Vision
A sound and long term conservation and biodiversity protection of the outstanding Korab-Koritnik mountainous area for sustainable and economic development and wellbeing of local population.

Our Mission
The Mission of LAG is to ensure promotion and conservation of the Korab-Koritnik mountainous area with the local population becoming active drivers for conservation, biodiversity protection and sustainable and economic development of the area.

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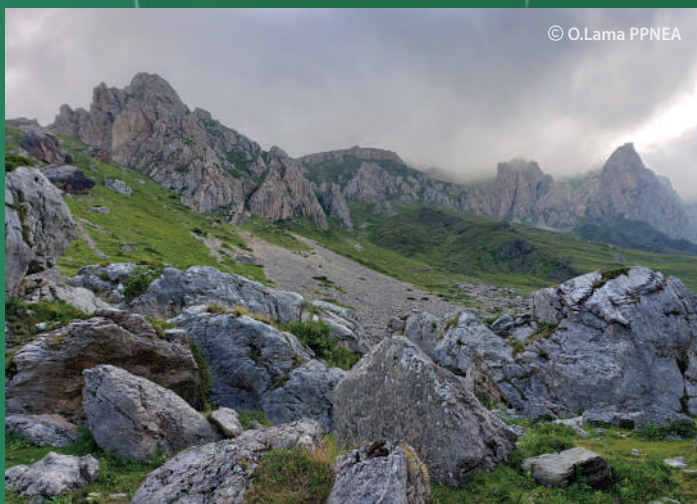
Why this logo?

The LAG's logo is conceptualized in a process of taking into consideration every suggestion arising from interest groups, while including the most representative elements of the local context, such as:

- Golden Eagle – National symbol and representative of the local birds species;
- Chamois - Element found in the Helmet of the Nationals Hero, Gjergj Kastriot Skënderbeu
- Ruda Sheep – An autochthonous species, symbol of livestock in the area, an activity tied with the local community;
- The green color – The main landscape of the area;
- The mountain covered in snow – Symbol of Korab, the highest mountain in Albania.
- Forest cover - Representative of endemic and endangered plant species found inside the Nature Park.



Moreover, in this park are found 27 natural monuments including waterfalls, glacial lakes, canyons, caves, old trees, etc. Besides the high biodiversity and other natural values, Korab-Koritnik Nature Park includes also many villages. For many people the use of the natural resources such as wood and forest products like medicinal plants and herbs, forest fruits, etc., is the only financial income to support their living needs. In order to ensure sustainable development, the establishment of the first LAG for a Protected Area in Albania, stands as a necessity in serving both nature and local communities.



Why the Korab-Koritnik Nature Park?

Korab-Koritnik Nature Park, part of the network of Protected Areas of Albania from 21st December 2011, category IV according to IUCN, covers an area of 55,550 hectares, which lies in the territory of two regions : Kukës (60%) and Dibra (40%). The park is part of a transboundary area shared between Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia. The Highest peak of this area is Korabi Mountain, with an altitude of 2764 m above the sea level. This area is represented by a high number of habitats, such as several types of forests and alpine pastures serving as home to different endangered fauna species, including mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

