

“Local STEMspresso - Promoting Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to Youth from Youth”

Showcasing Creative and Multimedia Competences of Albanian Youth

Final Event Tirana

Hybrid

31 May 2022 at 11:30

Venue: Tulla Center, Rruga Medar Shtylla, Tirana

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84609673243?pwd=K0lZRmZWQmZXcjN6S0UzcUFBQVdUTUT09>

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Background

The Centre Science and Innovation for Development ([SCiDEV](#)) in the framework of its flag initiative – The Network of Albanian Women in STEM ([NAWSTEM](#)) – is implementing a pilot project aiming to increase awareness of youngsters on the importance and role of women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), as well as to expand their understanding of the relevance of STEM education in today’s fast-changing world. Empowering women and girls and increasing their advocacy role in pushing forward the gender equality agenda is another objective of this pilot project. SCiDEV is collaborating with local partners to implement activities: [Gruaja tek Gruaja](#), [Sot per te Ardhmen](#), and [Une Gruaja](#).

We have been working with young people and local organisations in Shkodra, Durrës, and Pogradec and our key activities have been:

3 successful women in STEM (Teuta Xhindi, Anila Paparisto and Sidorela Uku) held on April 3 STEMtalks with about 80 young women and men in Shkodra, Durrës, and Pogradec, organized by SCiDEV with our local partner organisations.

3 Bootcamps with 36 young women and men were organized in April and May 2022 in Shkodra, Durrës, and Pogradec, training youth on story telling techniques, creative writing, multimedia, production, editing and promotion in the digital space.

2 mentors (Valbona Sulçe and Lorin Kadiu) have been working with 36 young women and men in Shkodra, Durrës, and Pogradec, enabling them to create multimedia products to promote the profile of a distinguished women in STEM and raise awareness on the relevance and importance of STEM education and career for the social and economic empowerment of women.

9 teams have been researching the profiles of 9 women in STEM in their local communities and have prepared 6 podcasts and 3 videos.

This event will see the presentation of selected videos and products, and participating youth will share with participants their experience.

This project is implemented by SCiDEV with the support of UNDP Albania, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, as part of the UN Joint Programme “Ending Violence against Women in Albania”, funded by the Government of Sweden.

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11:00 – 11:30	Participants Registration (Podcasts Booth)	
11:30 – 11:35	Welcome and introductory note	Ms. Blerjana Bino, SCiDEV
11:35 – 11:45	Promoting Women in STEM to youth from youth	Ms. Ornela Rrustaj, Bootcamp Participant, Team Durrës Mr. Ergi Artunda, Bootcamp Participant, Team Shkodra 1 young woman Pogradec
11:45 – 12:00	Youth creativity – Mentoring reflections Empowering women form an equal society free from violence	Ms. Valbona Sulçe, External Expert, SCiDEV Mr. Lorin Kadiu, External Expert, SCiDEV Ms. Marsela Allmuca, Shelter for Abused Women and Girls (TBC)
12:00 – 12:10	Streaming 3 video profiles of Women in STEM created by youth participants in the bootcamps	
12:10 – 12:20	Women and girls in STEM	Representatives, Ministry of Health and Social Protection (TBC)
12:20 – 12:30	On supporting the initiative and how STEM can contribute to women social and economic empowerment	Ms. Monica Merino, UNDP Albania Resident Representative
12:30– 12:40	Women in STEM and gender equality	Ms. Petra Burcher, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden
12:40 – 12:55	Discussions	
12:55 – 13:00	Concluding remarks and way forward	UNDP SCiDEV
13:00	Reception / Podcast Booth / Video Streaming / Informal Networking	