

GENERAL DATA FOR THE CITY OF TIRANA

- Tirana lies between Dajti Mountain in the East, the hills of Krraba and Sauk in the South, hills of Vaqarri and Yzberisht in the West and hills of Kamza in the North.
- Tirana lies 110 m above the sea level.
- Average annual temperature is 17°C.
- Per annum rainfall amount is 1, 297 mm.
- Tirana’s city superficies is 31 km ².
- According to the information from the Office of Civil Registry in the Municipality of Tirana the number of inhabitants up to December 2004 is around 556,445 inhabitants from whom 49.8% are males while 50.2% are females.

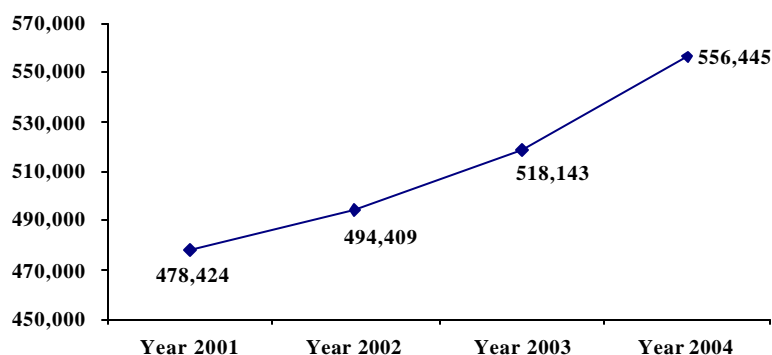
Compared with 2003 we notice a 7% increase of population, as well as 9% decrease of the number of births, 18% decrease in the number of deaths, and 8 % decrease of the number of marriages.

These changes are presented with details in the following table and graphic:

Demography

Item	Inhabitation population by the end of the year	Comers	Gone	Births	Deaths	No. of Families	No. of Marriages
Year 2001	478,424	25,793	5,703	5,218	2,111	151,442	3,803
Year 2002	494,409	23,744	8,320	4,809	2,372	155,413	4,581
Year 2003	518,143	31,168	10,617	5,339	2,713	156,400	4,227
Year 2004	556,445	42,348	24,894	4,836	2,222	166,980	3,875

Inhabitation population in Tirana



Historical data

Tirana was established in 1614 under the care of Sulejman Pashë Bargjini who created the first kernel of the city. Today it corresponds to the square where it is situated the monument of “Unknown Soldier “. In 1789 started the construction of the “ Mosque of Et’hem Beu” and in 1839 the construction of “The Clock Tower” today in the center of the city. In November 25, 1912, two days before proclaiming independence the people of Tirana raised the national flag.

On February 8, 1920 the Government of the National Congress of Lushja was established in Tirana, which became the capital city of the country. By that time, Tirana had 17.000 inhabitants and occupied

a superficies of 3 km². In 1930 Tirana had 25.079 inhabitants and lied in 8 km². In 1950 the superficies was 10.6 km², in 1970 to 31 km². After 1990's there was an urban "boom". By referring to the first registration of population in September 1923, the city of Tirana had 10.845 inhabitants. After proclaiming Tirana as capital city of Albania the population increased gradually.

Archeological data

The mosaic of Tirana is the only archeological monument within the territory of the city of Tirana. In 1972 during the works for the construction of the palaces within "Partizani" block in Quarter No. 9 of the city of Tirana there where found out the ruins of an antique building, where one of the environments was laid with mosaics. According to authors we have to do with the village center of the first centuries after Christ that at the beginning of III- century was replaced with a village mansion (rustic). The room with mosaic and equipped with an absidal was it main environment. The authors think that in the V-VI century a pale Christian basilica took the place of the mansion. The excavated part of the monument was circled and put under protection from the Institute of the Monuments of Culture (IMK). In the course of 2003-2004 during the works for systematization of roads and various installations in "Partizani" block there were discovered other fragments of the complex nearby the monument. The primary were the fractions of the pools of fermentation of grape and cider, but also other parts of the walls in two various points. Within this complex there were discovered three hovels of tombs, which belonged to roman period. The last excavations reinforced the thought that we have to do with a village mansion, meanwhile that there has not been found data for the transformation into a pale Christian basilica supported by the authors of the first excavation of the 70's. In a more conventional manner the archeological site was designated and it is known as the "Mosaic of Tirana".

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The Municipal Council is elected for a three-year term. The mandate of the councilor is valid from the time the councilors make the sworn and sign it, until the constitution of the successive Council.

The mandate of the councilor terminates prior to the three-year term in the cases that point 4 foresees, (letters a, b, c, ç, d, dh, e, ë) of Law 8452, dated July 31, 2000, "*On the organization and functioning of Local Government*".

The Municipal Council of Tirana consists of 55 councilors. It has 14 commissions as shown below:

The Commission on Finance	(7 members)
The Commission on Law	(5 members)
The Commission on Economy and Social Matters	(5 members)
The Commission on Education	(5 members)
The Commission on Health, Veterinary, Environment Protection	(5 members)
The Commission on Public Services	(5 members)
The Commission on Regulation of Territory	(5 members)

The External Commission	(5 members)
The Commission of Mandates	(5 members)
The Commission on Public Order and Civil Protection	(5 members)
The Commission on Housing	(5 members)
The Commission on Culture, Youth and Sports	(5 members)
The Commission on Financial Audit	(5 members)
The Commission on the Evaluation of the Most Distinguished Personages of the City	(7 members)

For 2004, the Municipal Council of Tirana has approved a total of 65 decisions that are shown below:

Dated January 28, 2004.

1. The approval of the councilors' mandates.
2. The election of the chairman of Municipal Council.
3. The election of the vice/chairman of Municipal Council.
4. The election of the members for the County Council.

Dated February 16, 2004.

5. The nomination of secretary of the Municipal Council.
6. Appointing the number of commissions of the Municipal Council of Tirana and their nomination.
7. Approving the mandates of Councilors.
8. Termination, prior to the mandate of Councilor Mr. Gjergj Rrakaj and giving the mandate to Mr. Asim Pregja.

Dated March 10, 2004.

9. Treating the families that have lost their habitations, because of the fall of the Pyramid Companies.
10. Accreditation of scholarship to the pupils and students of first courses for 2003-2004 education year.
11. On some changes in the decision of the Municipal Council No. 87, dated November 22, 2002. "On the organizational structure of the Municipal Apparatus."
12. Approval of the Regulatory of Organization, Functioning, Duties and Competences of the Administration of the Municipality of Tirana.

13. Approval of the organization structure and the payments level of Directorate No. 2 of the Town Employers.
14. Approval of the organization structure and the payments level of the Economic Centre of Development and Children's Education.
15. Approval of the organization structure and the payments level of Directorate No. 3 of the Town Laborers.
16. Approval of realization of Budget of 2003 and detailing of Budget of the Municipality of Tirana for 2004.

Dated April 26, 2004.

17. Financial obligations of the Municipality of Tirana toward thirds, related to decisions of categorical form.
18. For the Municipality of Tirana's financial obligations of the functioning of the General Directory of Local Taxes and Tariffs.
19. Payment of the fee of membership of the Municipality of Tirana in the Association of the Municipalities of Albania for 2004.
20. Financing the quote of membership of the city of Tirana in the World Association of Francophone Municipalities.
21. Financing the burial expenses for war invalids as: Mr. Halil Maçellari, Mr. Tefik Xhemollari, Mr. Shefqet Muço, Mr. Ismail Hoxha, Mr. Pirro Burnazi, Mr .Kosta Theohari, Mr. Xhafer Qordja, Mr. Pandeli Përmeti, Mr Abedin Poloska, Mr. Mustafa Xhunga.
22. Proving with definitive authorization and privatization the building turned into inhabitation funds in Municipal Unit No. 6.
23. Providing with a definitive authorization housing of a citizen inhabiting in "Myslym Keta " street.
24. Providing with a definitive authorization housing of a citizen inhabiting in "Margarita Tutulani" street, palace behind Saving Bank, Shk. 1, and Ap. 4.
25. Labeling a square in Tirana named "Papa Klementi IX Albani" and establishment of the bust in this square.
26. Approval of the mandate of councilor Mrs. Ana Lalaj.
27. Treating the homeless of prior categories from the National Organ of Inhabitations.

Dated May 31, 2004.

28. Additional to the fund for acquiring the umbrella for the Theatre's Circus.

29. Approval of the names of the homeless citizens with the status of the paraplegia's invalid.
30. Labeling the 8- year school Selita and change the school's name into "Murat Toptani".
31. Approval of the Internal Regulatory of the Functioning of the Municipal Council of Tirana.

Dated July 01, 2004.

32. Approval of the Regulatory, "On the organization, functioning, duties and competences of the administration of the Economic Centre of Development and Children's Education".
33. Approval of the Regulatory, "On the organization, functioning, duties and competences of the administration of Directorate No. 3 of the City Workers".
34. Providing with an authorization the families that have lost their inhabitations from the fall of the Pyramid Companies."
35. Plan of investments from the incomes of the Municipality of Tirana for the reconstruction of Trades for 2004.
36. Transfer of stable activities, circulating and debit obligations of the creditors of the ex- Economical Centre of Education and of ex- Economical centre of the crèches, according to the balance sheet dated March 31, 2004, in the Economical Centre of Development and Education of Children and in the Directorate No. 3 of the City workers.
37. Passing the capital of two waterbuses in the General Directory Nr. 1 of the Town Workers.
38. Reconstruction of the football field of "Selman Stërmasi " stadium.

Dated July 30, 2004.

39. Stimulation for the pupils with maximal school results in the public schools of the city of Tirana.
40. Changing the name of the middle school "10 Korriku" into the high school "Sinan Tafaj ".

Dated October 01, 2004

41. For the approval of the mandate of councilor of Mr. Mitro Pilo Çela.
42. On compiling and approval of the project –budget for 2005 for the Municipality of Tirana.
43. For some changes in the budget of the Municipality of Tirana for 2004.
44. For the capitalization of some computer and intercommunication equipments to Municipal Unit 3, 4 and 7, Tirana.

45. For the capitalization of a car to Municipal Unit No. 9, Tirana.
46. For a fund supplement and extra personnel in the organic of the administration of Libraries.
47. For a supplement in the structure and budget of the circus aiming the reorganization of the animated orchestra of Tirana.
48. Naming a street in Tirana as “ Medar Shtylla”.
49. For treating homeless people with the status of the orphan by the National Organ of Inhabitations.
50. For treating the homeless of prior category by the National Organ of Inhabitations.

Dated November 03, 2004.

51. For the delegation of some competences to the Municipal Units of the city of Tirana.
52. For the application of some duties that Municipal Units encounter from the law on Civil Registry.
53. For supply with definitive authorization and privatization in the buildings passed into inhabitation fund in Municipal unit No. 6.

Dated December 09, 2004.

54. On some changes in the budget of Municipal Units No. 2 and 11.
55. According a scholarship to pupils and students of first courses for education year 2004-2005.
56. For the transfer of funds within the budget of the Economic Centre of Development and Education of Children for 2004.
57. For capitalization of five vehicles to the Economic Centre of Development and Education of Children Tirana and of Municipal Units No. 4, 5, 7 and 11.
58. For the privatization of the inhabitation in “Mustafa Matohiti” No. 14.
59. For examination of conflict cases between citizens for the apartments in “Myslym Keta “ street.
60. For a change in the decision of the Municipal Council No. 39, dated July 30, 2004 on “Stimulation for pupils with excellent results in the public schools of the capital city “.
61. For the financial obligations of the Municipality of Tirana toward thirds in relation to court decisions of categorical form.
62. For the reward of the members of Municipal Council for 2004.

Dated December 22, 2004

63. For capitalization of the inventory about the historical values of the sector of muses.
64. On a change in the budget of 2004 in Municipal Unit no. 5.
65. For a reward of some employees of the Municipality for 2004.

Employment

According to the Ministry of Labour and Social Services in Tirana's district for 2004 the active force is calculated for around 231.556 persons. From these only 214,019 of them are employed, concretely in:

- 25% in the state sector;
- 56% in private sector;
- 18% in agricultural sector.

The level of unemployment reaches 7.6%.

Unemployment

According to the Ministry of Labour and Social Services in Tirana's district by the end of December 2004 are registered totally 17,357 unemployed job seekers (UJ) from whom 94.2% based on incomes: 0.1% are UJ for the first time in the work market and 5.7% UJ belong to other categories. Also there are registered 11,056 long-term UJ and 328 UJ that started to work by the month. If we would make a classification of age group we would notice that:

- 5% belong to the age group 15-19 years old
- 11% belong to the age group 20-24 years old
- 22% belong to the age group 25-34 years old
- 35% belong to the age group 35-45 years old
- 26% are over 45 years old

According to the education level their dismissal presents as below:

- 61% have 8-years education
- 18% high school education
- 17% professional education
- 4% university education

Pensions

The number of pensioners' registered up to December 2004 nearby the Regional Directorate of Social Insurances, branch of Tirana is 98.208. From these:

- 82 % get a retire pension
- 10 % get a familiar pension
- 7 % get an invalid pension
- 1 % others

Health

According to the data from INSTAT in Tirana's city exercise their activity the following public health institutions:

- 4 hospitals,
- 15 policlinics,
- 12 women consultancy,
- 13 child consultancy

During 1993-2004 according to the information by the Ministry of Health there have been licensed for the first time 1,491 private subjects from whom we mention:

- 402 medicines
- 374 pharmacists
- 376 dentists
- 48 medical clinics
- 12 medical laboratories
- 97 pharmaceutics store
- 8 dental laboratories
- 8 optometry's etc.

Education

The actual situation of education institutions for education year 2003-2004 presents as follows:

- 29 creches
- 68 kindergartens (43 public and 25 private kindergartens)
- 104 eight-year schools (57 public and 47 private)
- 39 high schools (21 public and 18 private)
- 8 universities (6 public and 2 private)

Culture and Sport

Among the cultural projects developed by the Directorate of Culture, Youth and Sports during 2004 we mention:

Third Biennale of Mediterranean
Dear Enemy”

Rinfest 2004

International Day of Mother and Family

I don't want, I don't like

International Meeting of Pianist generations

Collaboration in the domain of instruments of arches

Golden Microphone

Premiere of the film “

Shopenian IV Festival

Day of new music

Italian Vogue in Albania

Earth Songs

Peza Fest

Sound in the countries

Poetry Evening	Opera Festival “ Marie Kraja”
Autumn of Tirana	Book Fair 2004
Exhibition “Prisons during communist regime 1945-1991”	Juvenile newspaper Foris
European II Festival of Song for Children	The competition Word 2004
Onufre 2004	Nadir magic
The Great Party of New Year 2004	

Some sport projects are:

Renovation of the tradition of the sport of shooting with the youths of the capital city.
 For a cleaner, more beautiful and active Tirana.
 Cleaning the Artificial Lake of Tirana.
 The festival of running ““Let's run together””.
 Participation in the sport day of friendly solidarity in Peshkopia.
 The heart’s match.
 Billiards championship.

In Tirana a range of institutions like: The Theatre of Operas and Ballet, National Theater, State Assemble, Variety Show, Circus, Theatre of Dolls, as well as 2 cinemas, Millennium 1 and 2 develop their activities.

For 2004 the activity of cultural institutions is as below:

Theatre of Operas and Ballet has put on stage 6 premiers and 70 shows from which we mention: 37 concerts within the country, 2 concerts abroad, 18 shows in the opera and 13 in ballet attended by 22, 135 spectators.

State Assemble has performed 34 concerts within the country attended by 40,550 spectators.

National Theatre for Children has given 69 shows followed by 6,870 spectators.

57,363 persons have visited *National Historic Museum*.

Cinemas Millennium 1 and 2 have performed 37 premiers and were attended by 1,647 persons.

Theatre of Variety has performed 3 premiers and 23 shows attended by 1,302 spectators.

Circus of Tirana “Ali Xhixha“ has given a premier and 52 shows attended by 4,466 spectators.

In Tirana there are:

- 9 libraries from which 1 is the National Library
- 1 National Historic Museum (visited by 57,363 persons during 2004)
- 5 home museums and 57 cultural monuments
- 2 football stadiums (which belong to the football club)
- 1 sport palace (which belongs to the many sport club Tirana)
- 6 sport terrains (5 of which belong to the many sport club Partizani and one many sport club Tirana)
- 11 football fields (5 of which belong to the football club Partizani, 3 to the football club Tirana and 3 to the football club Dinamo)
- 1 swimming pool (which belongs to the many sport club Partizani)
- 3 shooting galleries (1 which belongs to the many sport club Partizani, 1 to the many sport club Tirana and 1 to the club Studenti)

- 12 fitness centers (8 of which belong to the football club Partizani, 2 to the football club Tirana, 1 to the football club Dinamo and 1 to the club Studenti)
- 1 chess room, a ping-pong room, etc. (which belong to the many sport club Partizani)

SOCIAL SERVICES

During 2004 the **Directorate of Human Services** has worked to compile the map and the database of social services offered for children and other needing categories in the city of Tirana.

Also, it has been analyzed the law of sheltering and have been proposed the concrete changes for its application, have been gathered data for the persons with limited capacity according to municipal units, data for the lonely elders in the city of Tirana as well as it continues functioning the Social Center supporting the Children and the Family (Every Child) where there are treated almost 150 families every year.

During 2004 there have been treated 3,529 persons with limited capacity and 508 tutors with a total fund of 328,378 thousand leks, a figure increased with 17.1% compared with 2003. Also, have profited economic assistance 6,468 families with a total fund of 256,936 thousand leks. With the decision of the Municipal Council No. 39, dated July 30, 2004 it was approved the project compiled by this directory to stimulate the pupils with excellent results in the public schools of the city of Tirana and concretely for one pupil of a middle school 3,000 leks per month, while for a high school pupil 5,000 leks per month, The stimuli is given in order that next year pupils that attend V, VI, VII and VIII in the middle schools and those students who attend the I, II, III and IV courses in the general public high schools, get the best results.

Economic assistance and persons with confined capacity

The continuity of the fund used for the persons with limited capacity for years as well as the fund off economic assistance is given in the following tables and graphics:

Fund used for persons with limited capacity

000/leks

Item	Incapable		Tutors		Total fund
	Number	Value	Number	Value	
Year 2001	2,725	169,220	349	22,051	191,271
Year 2002	2,987	211,939	402	26,514	238,453
Year 2003	3,245	248,228	448	32,182	280,410
Year 2004	3,529	289,433	508	38,945	328,378

The fund for the persons with limited capacity during 2004 has undergone an increase of 72% compared with 2001, 38% compared with 2002 and 17% compared with 2003.

Families that profit economic assistance and the total fund

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Item	Partial assistance	Complete assistance	Total
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	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 2001	85	3,410	6,895	279,390	6,980	282,800
Year 2002	106	4,401	6,802	264,471	6,908	268,872
Year 2003	127	5,406	6,369	254,305	6,496	259,711
Year 2004	161	6,847	6,307	250,089	6,468	256,936

ECONOMIC SOURCES

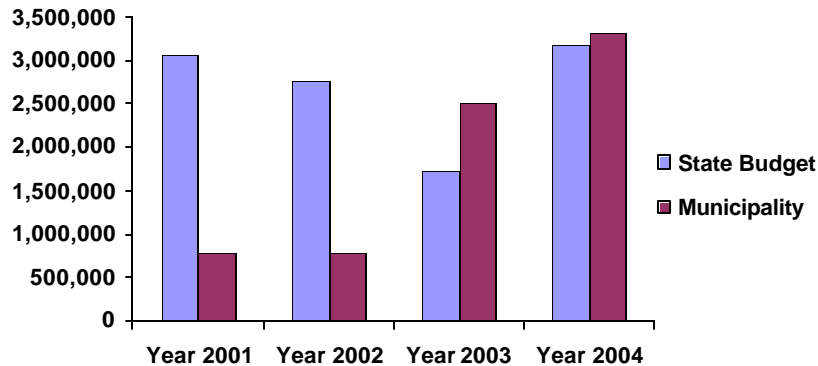
During 2004, the expenses of the Municipality from:

- State budget were 2,507,006 thousand leks, thus, 1.2 times more compared with 2001.
- Revenues were 1,817,296 thousand leks, thus 5 times more compared with 2001. Investments of the Municipality from:
- State budget were 671,960 thousand leks, thus almost 0.7 times less compared with 2001.
- Revenues were 1,515,224 thousand leks, thus almost 4 times more compared with 2001.

Realization of Budget during years

000/leks

Item	State Budget			Revenues		
	Expenditures	Investments	Total	Expenditures	Investments	Total
Year 2001	2,155,511	904,920	3,060,431	360,407	426,806	787,213
Year 2002	2,186,867	589,361	2,776,228	458,162	317,424	775,586
Year 2003	1,518,526	206,320	1,724,846	1,480,587	1,020,184	2,500,771
Year 2004	2,507,006	671,960	3,178,966	1,817,296	1,515,224	3,332,520



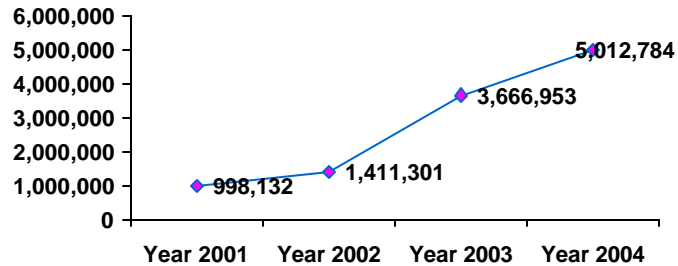
Realization of revenues in 2004 was 5,012,784 thousand leks, thus 5 times more compared with 2001.

Revenues during years

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Item	Plan	Realization	%
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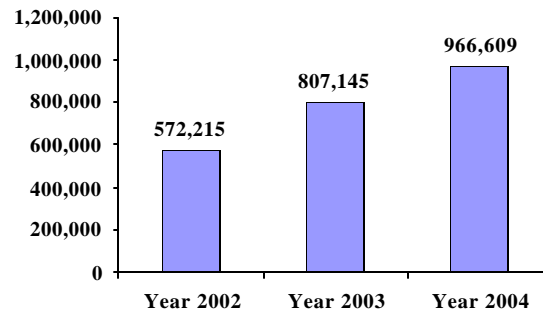
Year 2001	970,000	998,132	103
Year 2002	1,400,000	1,411,301	101
Year 2003	2,947,190	3,666,953	124
Year 2004	4,698,572	5,012,784	107



Revenues realized from the General Directorate of Local Taxes and Tariffs for 2004 reach 966,609 thousand leks. If we would make a comparison of revenues for the period 2002-2004, we would notice their increase with 69% compared with 2002 and 20% compared with 2003, the above reflected in the following table and graphic:

Revenues from Taxes and Tariffs in years

Item	Plan (000/leks)	Realization (000/leks)	Realization (in %)
Year 2002	744,000	572,215	77
Year 2003	773,000	807,145	104
Year 2004	877,000	966,609	110



Total number of registered units (liquidated and debtors) nearby this Directorate by referring to the tariff of cleaning is 15,525 while according to subjects it is 13,735. During 2004 have paid local taxes 12,364 subjects and 13,999 units, thus 2,061 subjects and 2,314 units more than in 2003.

Data on the subjects and units

Year 2004

No	Item	Subjects totally	Liquidated subjects	Liquidated units
1	Big business	2,861	2,071	2,794
2	Small business	10,272	9,835	10,507
3	VIP	309	252	482
4	Others	293	206	216
	Businesses total	13,735	12,364	13,999

The following table shows the number of debtor subjects in years toward the General Directorate of Local Taxes and Tariffs, which have paid during 2004.

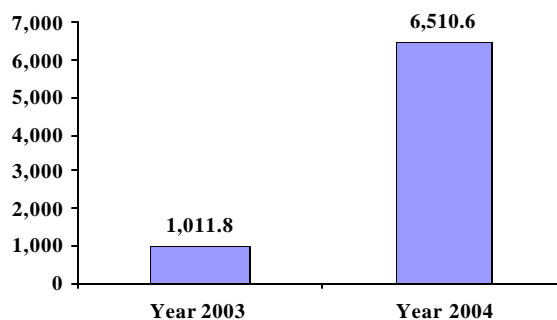
Debtor subjects

Item	Year			Total
	2001	2002	2003	
Number	498	780	2,332	3,610
Value (000/leks)	7,099.9	17,275.2	94,231.7	118,606.8

Total value of collected revenues during 2003-2004 from the **Directorate of Administration of Assets** reaches 7,522.4 thousand leks. The revenues collected during 2004 are almost 6 times more than those collected in 2003. The following table gives some data on the revenues from rents in years:

Revenues from the incomes during years

No	Superficies (m ²)	Profits of the Municipality (000/leks)	
		Year 2003	Year 2004
1	0-200	164.9	3,953.4
2	200-500	68.4	1,503.7
3	Over 500	778.5	1,053.6
	Total	1,011.8	6,510.6



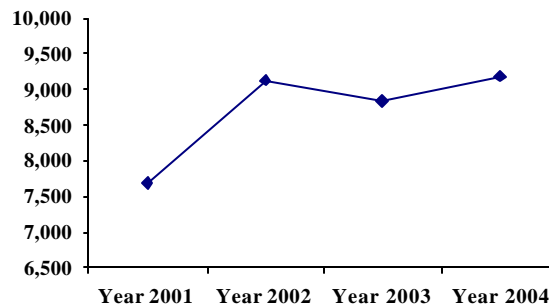
Revenues collected by the **Directorate of Licensing to Exercise Activity** for 2004 reached 9,172.9 thousand leks thus, 19.4% compared with 2001.

Data for the permissions to exercise activity

000/leks

Item	Permission to exercise activity		Subject licensed for transport		Total	
	No	Value	No	Value	No.	Value
Year 2001	84	582.7	1,597	7,099.6	1,681	7,682.3
Year 2002	96	720.0	1,662	8,421.1	1,758	9,141.1
Year 2003	56	498.1	2,443	8,334.7	2,499	8,832.8
Year 2004	75	813.0	2,406	8,360.0	2,481	9,172.9

Revenues from the permissions and subjects licensed for transport



Transport

As a consequence of a great demographic growth, the city of Tirana in late years experiences a continuous increase in the number of vehicles circulating and the conditions of road infrastructure present a complex problematic related to public and private transport in general.

In the city of Tirana transport is developed in some directions:

- Urban transport that includes the transport within the bordering extents of the city
- Inter urban transport
- Round city transport that includes the connection within the city and villages
- Free taxi transport

Five operators perform urban Transport in Tirana:

The Park of Travelers of Urban Transport, which includes the line:

- Kombinat– Kinostudio (line's length 8.7 km and with 32 buses);

Alb Trans, which includes these lines:

- Train station –Tirana e Re–New Ring (line's length 5.8 km and with 14 buses);
- Tufina (line's length 6 km and with 9 buses);

Ferlut, which includes the line:

- The Ring (line's length 7.4 km and with 50 buses);

Tirana Urban Trans LTD, which includes the lines:

- Center–Porcelan (line’s length 3 km and with 9 buses);
- Center– Uzina Auto tractors (line’s length 8 km and with 10 buses);
- Center-Sauk (line’s length 8 km and with 11 buses);

Tirana Lines ltd, which includes the lines:

- Center–Lapraka (line’s length 3.2 km and with 5 buses);
- Center–Kamza (line’s length 9 km and with 14 buses);

The timetable of buses for each day of the week is as follows:

- Winter 5³⁰ a.m - 23⁰⁰ pm
- Summer 5⁰⁰ a.m - 24⁰⁰ pm

While the frequency of buses is every 2 minutes for the Ring and the line Kombinat – Kinostudio while it is every 3 minutes for all the other lines.

From the questionnaires realized by COPLAN it is worth mentioning that in order to move in the city citizens’ use:

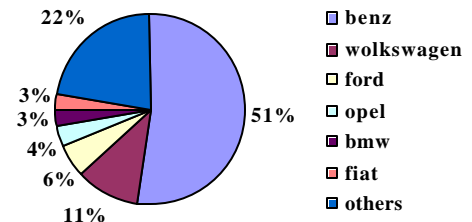
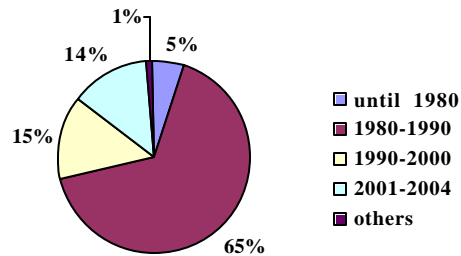
To work:

On foot	41.3%
Public transport	38.7%
Private mean	26.0%
Bicycle	5.9%
Motorbike	2.7%

In free time / spare time:

On foot	52.3%
Private mean	33.4%
Public transport	21.8%
Bicycle	4.5%
Motorbike	2.8%

Nearby the Regional Directorate of Tirana during 2004 are registred 13,382 transport means. The following graphics present their division according to production year and logo.



The tariffs for parking vehicles according to their logo are given below:

All kinds of buses	100 leks
Microbuses	
Taxi 8-10 places	20 leks
Other Minibuses of every kind	30 leks
Cars:	
Taxi	20 leks
State or private	10 leks
Trucks:	
Up to 3.5 tons	10 leks
over 3.5 up to 8 tons	15 leks
over 8 up to 14 tons	20 leks
over 14 tons	50 leks

The structure assigned to collect the tariff of parking vehicles is the General Directorate of Local Taxes and Tariffs nearby the Municipality of Tirana.

The Directorate of Transport nearby the Municipality of Tirana during 2004 has worked to complete the road system with the necessary signaling and all its components:

Vertical signaling

The preliminary draft of the project consists of equipping the main streets and secondary ones in the city with street signaling, information signaling in the main cross roads of the city and which contains:

- Labeling the streets and squares
- Labeling residential areas or various activities such as: the stadium, tourist areas, cinemas, theatre, train station etc.
- Directing information (within urban and suburban areas for movement)

Electronic signaling

In the city of Tirana there exist a few traffic lights of manual type fixed in 1992-1993, as well as four other traffic lights apparatuses fixed partially during 2000. In order to improve the flux of motion in crossroads for the coming years it began the fixing of contemporary apparatuses of traffic lights, which included these phases:

- Finding out the cross roads to fix the apparatuses

- Description of the apparatus of the traffic lights
- Connection manner of the network

In 2003 there were fixed other new 20 apparatuses, while 23 apparatuses and store apparatuses were fixed in 2004 and the process goes on.

Fixing apparatuses started to discipline the motion in crossroads and in particular the motion of pedestrians –vehicles by increasing sensibly street security.

Horizontal signaling

During this year it was realized the completeness with the necessary horizontal signaling of the reconstructed street network and of some non- reconstructed streets.

Data for air transport

Year 2004

No	Item	Unit	Air line companies		
			Corporate	Foreign	Total
1	Air line companies	No	2	10	12
2	Airplanes	No	5,172	98,997	104,169
3	Passengers	No	223,287	426,463	649,750
4	Goods	Tons	294	1,264	1,558
5	Post	Tons		240	240

Source: Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications

Data for road accidents

Year 2004

Item	Number
1. Accidents in urban streets	172
Dead	24
Heavy wounded	32
Lightly wounded	136
2. Accidents in the main urban streets	167
Dead	23
Heavy wounded	32
Lightly wounded	131
3. Accidents in secondary urban streets	5
Dead	1
Heavy wounded	
Lightly wounded	5

Source: Ministry of Public Order

Telecommunications

Tariffs of telephone service in the branch of Alb telecom Tirana

The category of the subscribed	Installation price (leks)		Tariffs of telephone agreement	Tariff for impulse
	With VAT	Without VAT	Without VAT (leks)	(leks/ impulse)
Familiar subscribers	16,900	14,000	200	1.0
Other subscribers	16,900	14,000	800	1.5

Tariffs of local calls

Ordinary tariff (leks)		Reduced tariff (leks)	
For the first 2 minutes	Every 2 other minutes	For the first 2 minutes	
3.0	1.0	2.0	
4.5	1.5	3.0	

Note: The ordinary tariff includes the time period 08.00 am –20.00 p.m for these days, from Monday to Friday, The reduced tariff includes the time period 20.00 p.m - 08 .00 for Mondays to Fridays and 24 hours on Sundays and official feast days.

Tourism

According to the Ministry of Territory and Tourism, in Tirana there are 29 licensed subjects to exercise the tourism activities as tourism travel agencies and 13 licensed subjects to exercise the accommodating tourist activities.

Some of the museums and objects to be visited in Tirana are:

The monument of “Gjergj Kastrioti Skanderbeg” placed in Skanderbeg Square.

- National Historic Museum
- The Castle of Dorsi which is situated in the surroundings of Peza and which belongs to the early Illyrian culture.
- The Castle of Petrela, which is situated in the south of Tirana on the right of the main street Tirana –Elbasan.
- The Castle of Preza constructed by the Turks after Skanderbeg ‘s death in 1468.
- The mosque of Ethem Beu constructed in 1789.
- The Clock’s Tower constructed in 1830.
- The Ministries constructed in 1930, which represent great architectonic values.
- Archeological Museum.
- Gallery of Arts.
- Exhibition of Popular Culture.
- The Great Park of Tirana with a superficies of 230 hectares, which lies in the southern part of the city. In its center you can find the Artificial Lake with a superficies of 55 hectares.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Cleaning

The service of cleaning in Tirana is realized from:

- Two private enterprise companies, Ecoacqua for the eastern and Bruçi for the western part part of the city.
- The Kuartalla enterprise (which cleans in the suburbs and removes the solid materials from the debasement of illegal constructions).

During 2004 it has been improved the cleaning infrastructure by adding containers, adding litter bins in the main street axes and by adding technological cleaning means. There have been placed totally 500 litterbins, from which 332 in the western part and 168 in the eastern part of the city.

The improve of the administration of the waste with the aim of disciplining the markets for the prevention of the uncontrolled and voluminous throw of waste by commercial units has been preceded by an order of the Mayor of the Municipality, No. 152, dated April 13, 2004 on “ Disciplining the commercial streets to deposit waste according to a time table “. For this reason, in 18 streets of Tirana there have been informed 2,643 commercial subjects to throw waste according to a pre -defined graphic by collaborating with the cleaning companies. Compared with the period when this project did not exist, the waste has been sensibly disciplined.

Data on the cleaning service

No.	Item	Unit	Year 2001	Year 2002	Year 2003	Year 2004
1	Daily quantity of removing waste	ton/days	455	378	484	536
2	Urban superficies that is washed (streets)	m ² /days	540,000	640,000	640,000	646,400
3	Urban superficies that is swept (streets)	m ² /days	1,540,000	1,610,000	1,610,000	1,620,000
4	The superficies of the depositing field	hectares	5	5	5	5
5	Existing waste containers	pieces	2,230	2,300	2,200	2,300
6	Waste transported in the filed of Sharra	ton	298,074	208,665	273,110	318,593

Infrastructure

Roads under the administration of the Municipality are 160 km in which are included 258 road axes. The actual road condition and that of pavements presents as follows:

Paved streets	140 km
Unpaved streets	20 km
Public squares	43,682 m ²
Pavements with tiles and beton	384,510 m ²
Paved pavements	147,561 m ²

Here are not included the unnamed streets and those between palaces (blocks) with the exception of the blocks “Partizani”, “Ali Baushi”, “Kodra e Prifitit”, “Njazi Meka” which are a new investment after 2002.

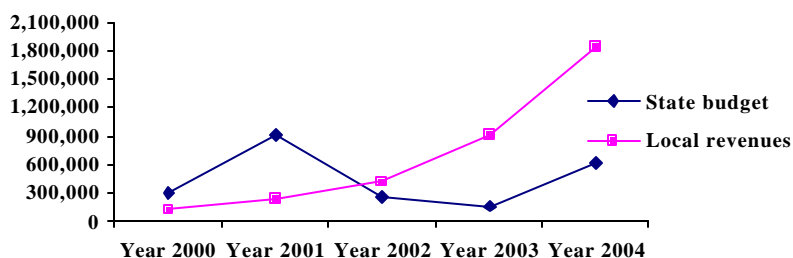
During 2004 in street infrastructure there have been made works for the complete reconstruction of 33 objects from which:

- 27 objects financed by the Municipality
- 6 objects financed by the State budget

During 2004, the investments from State Budget in infrastructure are 604,704 thousand leks, thus 2 times more than in 2000, while the investments from local revenues are 1,851,950.7 thousand leks, thus 15.5 times more compared with 2000.

Realization of investments in infrastructure during years

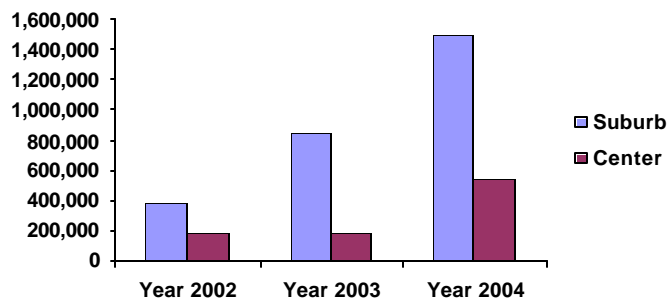
		<i>000/leks</i>				
No.	Item	Year 2000	Year 2001	Year 2002	Year 2003	Year 2004
1	Sate Budget	303,633	918,775	259,455	155,940	604,704
2	Local Revenues	119,236	237,423	408,654	906,845	1,851,951
Total		422,869	1,156,198	668,109	1,062,784	2,456,655



In the following table it is presented a division of the investments for construction mounting according to areas. It is obvious that in 2002-2004 it has been put attention to the investments in the suburbs. Only in 2004, 73% of investments in construction-mounting are realized in the suburb and 27% in the center.

Investments according to areas Construction-Mounting

		<i>000/leks</i>		
Areas	Year 2002	Year 2003	Year 2004	
Suburb	381,344	840,475	1,505,364	
Center	186,120	186,594	547,158	



In the field of education infrastructure it has been worked for the construction, extension and systeming of the external environments of 29 education objects as follows:

- 1 high school
- 7 nine year schools
- 10 kinder gardens
- 11 schools for the systeming of the fields and sport terrains

Realization of investments in the education infrastructure from State Budget

<i>Year 2004</i>			
No.	Item	Plan (000/leks)	Realization (000/leks)
I	New objects	220,152	226,443.7
II	Supervisions	4,631	4,432
	For objects that began during 2004 and will finish in 2005	4,631	4,432
III	Studies -projections	28,216	22,667
	Projections for 2004	15,216	14,927
	Projections for 6 teaching objects	13,000	7,740
VI	New expropriations	35,000	
	Investments total (I+II+III+IV+V+VI)	288,000	253,542.7

Total value of investments in infrastructure from donors during 2001-2004 is 1,404,702 thousand leks, 790, 000 EURO; 406,822\$; 3,500,000 CHF.

During 2004 there have been realized investment in street and education infrastructure from foreign donors as it follows:

- Italian Cooperation with a value of 790,000 Euro
- World Bank with a value of 339,500 thousand leks and 320,000 \$
- FSHZH with a value of 77,514 thousand leks and 86,822 \$
- UEFA & Municipality with a value of 3,500,000 CHF

General Directorate No. 1, during 2004 has performed the following workings:

Greening:

- 2,765 new planted trees with a value of 513.4 thousand leks
- 832 decorative bushes with a value of 2,105.9 thousand leks

- 279,141 flowers planted with a value of 4,089 thousand leks
- 2,515 m² new greened superficies in the institutions with a value of 489.7 thousand leks
- 32,135 m² reconstructed superficies for objects with a value of 29,455.9 thousand leks
- 43,891.7 thousand leks for maintenance.

During 2001-2004 there have been added and reconstructed around 100,000-m² flower and green parks. For 2004, the greatest weight has been put to the systematizing of the green superficies of the escarps of Lana which have given back the city around 40,000 m² more green superficies compared with 21, 876 m² of last year. The maintenance and the improve of green spaces as well as the adding of green spaces between the inhabitation blocks aims to increase the norm in 5 m²/ inhabitant of the capital city's green.

Lightning:

- Street enlightening for 32 repaired objects with a value of 32,897.7 thousand leks by adding to the city 1,011 new enlightening spots.
- Enlightening the facades of the complex of the center of the city by establishing 566 projectors to lighten the superficies of the facades of 24,170 m² with a value of 16,553.6 thousand leks.
- Maintenance works and workings for road signaling.

Directorate No. 2 of the City Workers during 2004 had in disposal a fund of 90,000 thousand leks for the maintenance of streets, pavements, squares and the network of waters. From the fund there have been used 75, 000 thousand leks to make the interventions in 72 streets with a superficies of 81, 787 m². Also, there have been made interventions with laying beton tiles and bitumen tiles in around 20 objects with superficies of 7, 203 m² as well as there have been placed 1,761 borders in 15 objects.

Directorate No. 3 of the City Workers was created with decision No. 15, dated March 10, 2004 of the Municipal Council. This Directorate is a responsible structure for the maintenance of the education, creches, kindergartens and school's system. For 2004 with the maintenance fund in the sum 25,000 thousand leks this directorate has intervened for as follows:

- Rehabilitation of the facades and surroundings walls in 12 schools with a superficies of 9,898 m²
- Repair, plastering and internal painting in 31 schools with a superficies of 146,025 m²
- Repair and internal painting in 15 kindergartens with a superficies of 22,115 m²
- Emergency works for hydraulic, electric maintenance for 100 objects, which include 50 schools, 35 kindergartens and 15 creches.

The distribution of electric power in the territory that the Municipality of Tirana covers is realized through 2 agencies and 2 ticket-offices. Tirana's city is furnished with electric power from 12 substations. During 2004 there were a total consume of electric power by 141,582 subscribers. The annual energy bought reached 1,188,901 thousand kwh, the sold one 858,220 thousand kwh, while the average annual loss 27.6%.

Water Supply Canalization Corporation aims to provide potable water to the population and to all the subjects that exercise activity in the city of Tirana as well as the removal of used water in this city.

The investments made during 2004 for the reconstruction of the network with the funds of the State Budget reach the figure 64,500 thousand leks: the revenues collected 1,253, 025 thousand leks, the cash registrations 80% of the involved. There have been stipulated 8,055 new contracts from the population, the shops and organs.

At present, drinking water tariffs are 20 l/m³ + VAT for familiar consumers; 60 l/m³ + VAT for budget institutions and 80 l/m³ + VAT for private organs.

Funeral Service

In Tirana's city there are two cemeteries:

- The Cemetery of Sharra
- The Cemetery of Tufina

During 2004 from the Enterprise of Funeral Service there have been made totally 2,606 burials.

The private companies that operate in the field of funeral service in Tirana are:

Funeral 2000	Funeral Sallai
Funeral Alba 2000	Funeral Dea
Funeral Tibos	Funeral Perla
Funeral Arba	Funeral Ernesti
Funeral Mani	Funeral Parajsa
Funeral Paqja	Funeral Buda
Funeral Drita	Funeral Shpresa
Funeral Qordja	Funeral Skadi
Funeral Ladi	Funeral Drita
Funeral Dhima	

CITY PLANNING

During 2004 the Unit of Regulatory Plan has performed some studies, which precede the permissions for constructions, avert the chaotic development of these areas and pay particular attention to public objects such as school objects and social cultural ones. Some of them are:

- Urban study for these streets "Sulejman Delvina", "Lord Bajron", "Gjergj Legisi", "Elbasani", street, "Frosina Plaku".

- Urban study near the New Ring.
- Urban study between the streets "4 Dëshmorët", "Q. Stafa", "Sh. Dishnica", "Ali Pashë Gucia".
- Urban study confined by these streets "S.Frashëri", "D.Distria", "V.Pasha" and Boulevard "B.Curri".
- Urban study confined by these streets "Q.Stafa", "S.Kodra", "Barrikadave" and "F.Xhajko".
- These streets "F.Xhajko", "5 Maji", and External Ring and "S.Kodra" street confine study for urban conditions.
- Urban study confined by these streets "Kavajës", "D. 4 Shkurtit", "M.Shyri" and "M.Gjollesha".
- Urban study confined by the streets. "A.Spahia", "H.Tahsin", "Q.Stafa" and "Faik Trenova" (collaboration).
- Revaluation of the urban study in Selita.
- Definition of urban condition in the confined area by Boulevard "Bajram Curri", "Mihal Grameno" street and External Ring.

The Unit of Regulatory Plan studied the Great Park of Tirana and Central Park proposed in the urban study of the center of Tirana, by collaborating with Institute Berlage.

The realization of the Central Park and of a range of flower parks as well as the treatment of squares and public spaces between the inhabitation buildings will increase sensibly the quality of life and green superficies. Some of these project ideas are:

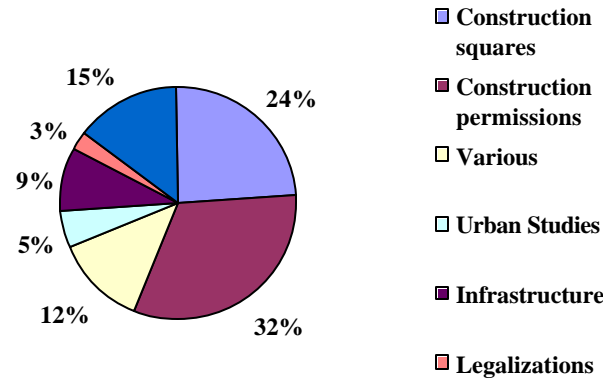
- Project ideas for the flower parks of "Skanderbeg" square.
- Technical project of the Central Park of Tirana.
- Project idea for the Great Park of Tirana.
- Study for the regeneration of public and green spaces in "Partizani" block.
- Project idea of the flowery at "Wilson" square.
- Project idea of the flowery at "Zogu I" boulevard, nearby the Ministry of Justice.
- Project idea of the flowery at the crossroad at "Zogu I" boulevard "Ferit Xhajko" street.
- Project idea of the flower parks at Zhan D'Ark" boulevard in one of the public spaces in front of the aviator palaces.
- Project idea for the flower park at "Ex 21 Dhjetori".

Some detailed data for the permissions of construction given during 2001-2004 from the Council of Regulation of Territory of the Municipality of Tirana are given in the following table and graphic:

Data from the Council of Regulation of Territory

Year	Construction squares	Construction permissions	Various	Urban studies	Infrastructure	Legalization	Decisions announcements
2001	66	114	66	14	17	13	79
2002	131	131	43	34	34	11	97

2003	117	130	45	13	23	12	15
2004	82	141	51	25	77	6	49
Total	396	516	205	86	151	42	240



During 2004, The Council of Regulation of Territory of the Municipality of Tirana whitened 108 permissions for buildings. Also, it has been approved the construction of 3,129 new apartments. Some more detailed data are given in the following tables and graphics:

Markers of construction of objects according to the permissions secured according to the kind of objects

Buildings	No.	Superficies (m ²)	Foreseen fund in 000/ leks	
			New objects	Reconstruction+ adding
Year 2001	67	219,652.2	5,415,850.9	238,528.4
Year 2002	129	406,553.2	11,385,777.2	281,923.6
Year 2003	155	847,393.2	25,378,946.2	190,612.8
Year 2004	108	632,355.9	18,333,856.8	76,192.9

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Municipality of Tirana pays particular attention to the relation with its citizens. This begins with the Citizen Information Center and up to giving answers to their requests and complaints. A very important aspect of the relation with citizens is information on all the procedures, decisions, orders or ordinances that come from the Municipality of Tirana and from the Municipal Council. This is realized through verbal informing from the specialists of Citizen Information Office, leaflets and announcements in the media, announcements in the billboards and in the Citizen Information Sector, in the web site of the Municipality etc.

Correspondence arrived in the Office of Citizen Information

Year	Arrived	Given reply
2001	3,601	789
2002	3,596	1,013
2003	17,740	15,256
2004	21,784	21,421

Sector of Citizen Information

The Law on the Right for Information gives a 40 days deadline to give back replies. In order to better assist its citizens, the Municipality of Tirana has accelerated some of the deadlines of replying as for instance:

- For Civil Registry services 1 day
- For Certification as a unsheltered from urban planning 3 days
- For computation with the original from the archive of city planning 5 days
- For certification as unsheltered from Human Services 10 days
- For burial expenses 14 days etc.

Institutionalization of the collaboration Municipality –citizen

In order to give the necessary transparency and to secure the continual consultancy with interested groups, beginning from 2003 with the initiative of the Mayor the Municipality of Tirana has established nearby the Municipality of Tirana 7 citizen commissions as follows:

1. Citizen Commission of the Progress Policies
2. Citizen Commission of Youths
3. Citizen Commission of Home Friends
4. Citizen Commission of Social Policies
5. Citizen Commission of Third Age
6. Citizen Commission of Environment
7. Citizen Commission of Education

All citizen commissions have the consultative status for the Municipality. A draft is presented to these commissions and they have the opportunity to work and express their opinions, make remarks and suggestions, which are reflected in the material, prior that the latter is presented for approval to the Municipal Council.

Their convoking is made from the Municipality for specific matters related to education, environment, and social policies etc, which are in the agenda of priorities of the Municipality. These meetings take an important role in the definition of the

middle term priorities of the departments of the Municipality and particularly for the annual compilation of the project-budget.

The Web Site

Its is a long time that the Municipality of Tirana has its official web site where you can find a lot of information related to the services of the Municipality, legal base, new projects, business community, city planning, many contacts of the Municipality etc. In the web site of the municipality www.tirana.gov.al are given news in their chronological order, are made announcements related to various national and international competitions organized by the Municipality, are presented project-plans, studies etc.

A description of the institution, departments, priorities is also included in the web site, this way giving information not only for the citizens who live in Tirana, but also for those who live outside it and even for those who are abroad and demand the necessary transparency related to the progress of their city.

Observations on the citizen and the business opinions on the services of the Municipality

Frequently, the Municipality of Tirana makes questionnaires through which we get the thoughts and opinions of citizens on many services offered by the Municipality of Tirana. Here we mention two big projects of 2002 and 2003 “Transparence for the Municipality of Tirana” financed by World Bank.

These projects with the same methodologies, but realized year after year make up one of the main standards of referring to the work of the Municipality in order to define even the most prior services for citizens. Also, these projects serve as a basis for the staff of the Municipality of Tirana in order to establish partnership relations with business, which also amidst these questionnaires is offered the opportunity to express its view on local fiscal system, relations with Municipality etc.

For many services and competitions (tenders, job announcements, international competitions etc) developed in the Municipality of Tirana, publications in daily press as well as in the official web site of the Municipality.