



ALBANIAN CHESS FEDERATION

<https://achf.org.al/>

FINAL REPORT DEVELOPMENT FUND

The budget allocated by Fide through application and approval of the Planning and Development Commission, has made possible the quality increasing of the activities for the Albanian Chess Federation, facilitating the participation of young talented players in international activities as well as the participation of the national team (open) in the European Team Championship along with the ECU support.

Besides this, we progressed with the other projects, such as the attendance of chess in schools project in cooperation with local partners.

We are also in the process of setting up the Albanian chess academy.

The News about Fide Support is published in ACHF website.

https://achf.org.al/news_bota/fide-programi-i-zhvillimit/

1. TABLE OF ACHF's PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES

FIDE APPROVED BUDGET 2019: US\$ 18,000 (15,904 Euros)

	Projects Approved	Amount (Euro)	Status
A.	Chess in Schools	3,000	
	Booklet; videos;	3,000	Completed
	chess in school books (L2)		Translated
	"Chess in school and communities" Project		Completed
B.	Chess Academy& talents	11,077	Completed
1	European School Championship participation	1,235	Completed
2	Summer Chess Camp Durres	670	Completed
3	World Schools Championship participation	764	Completed
4	European Team Championship participation	5,508	Completed
5	Trainers and players support	2,900	Completed
C.	Office& materials	1,827	Completed
1	Computers, video projector	1,053	Completed
2	Administrative Support	774	Completed
	TOTAL	15,904	

2. PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES COMPLETED 2019

2.1.CIS PROJECT IN TIRANA

“Chess in Schools and Communities” was undertaken by ACF (Albania Chess Federation), with the partnership of FIDE’ and the Municipality of Tirana which included 10 Elementary Schools of Tirana, the capital of Albania and the participation of about 1,000 students. Schools communities’ member were involved on chess week in schools organizing during April-May and June.

The Project's content included:

- Classroom chess teaching by the schools licensed teachers
- Preliminary training of students by chess trainers
- Preparation of exhibitions with students' workings with chess as subject
- Simultaneous (Chess Master - Vs. students, parents, teachers)
- Schools’ championships
- Final activity with the participation of all the school winners
- Chess in schools Booklet publishing.

Activities were reflected in various media and TV channels
(Annex 1 detailed)

International
Chess
Day



The video was prepared and published on the occasion of the International Chess Day 20 July and the 95th anniversary of Fide, including the Booklet.

<https://achf.org.al/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ChessInSchool2019.pdf>

2.2.SUMMER CHESS CAMP 2-10 JULY

Sumer chess camp For the first time in our country,

The Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Albania and the "Protagonists" school and a group of some young chess player’s parents made it possible to organize this chess camp according to the model of the most prestigious schools. The young chess players were in touch with the

trainer Grand Master, Dusan Rajkovic during a week in July. Albanian Chess Federation has supported the project.



2.3.TOURNAMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION

(Chess Academy & Talents)

1. Albania Chess Federation in support of new talents, during 2019 has funded the chess players Klean Shuqja, Girls U13; Zino Veleshnja U-18 and the trainer Shkelqim Cela- FT, in the following activities:

Klean Shuqja:

- World School Chess Championship 2019, Antalya, Turkey, April 17–27. 2019
- Summer Chess Camp, Maribor, Slovenia, June 22 – 29. 2019
- European Youth Chess Championship 2019, Bratislava, Slovakia, August 1- 11. 2019

Some of the benefits of this funding have been seen in the international level:

- Leading the World School Championship up to the last WCM Title receiving
- Highest Elo 1858 (May 2019)

Zino Veleshnja U-18: Participated at the European Youth Championship Slovakia in August: +18 points Elo. He started the year with 2131 and closed it with 2287 (+156 Elo points).

2. EUROPEAN TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP- BATUMI (Open team participation)

The participation of our national team was made possible after the application and support of ECU for the amount of \$ 2500 and Fide development fund.

3. “NEW CHESS GENERATION” International Chess tournament U8-U 18

Took place to “Diamma Resort” Hotel, Golem –Durres, from 4 to 7 April 2019, with the participation of 80 chess players from Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Montenegro.



<https://durre斯拉j.m.al/lifestyle-sport/teuta-fiton-turneun-e-pare-nderkombetar-rajonal-te-shahut-new-chess-generation-2019>; <https://youtu.be/I0LDV-kEsKU>; <https://youtu.be/WLSUwdggzVo>; <https://youtu.be/ehkfwEe2p1o>; https://youtu.be/S8_FR5WqdXE

2.4. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albanian National Championships are all registered in the rating system, valid for Elo-rating

I. Individual Championship - Semifinals March 23 - 31 2019

National Individual Championship- Semifinals 2019 took place on March 23 – 31, 2019, at Tirana Youth Center, with the participation of 64 chess players.

The conclusion of the championship set the qualifiers for the 2019 National Individual Championship



https://Achf.Org.AL/News_Vendi/Kampionati-Kombetar-Individual-Gjysemfinalet-2019/

2. National Blitz Championship, MARCH 24th

Champion: Llambi Pasko



<http://chess-results.com/tnr426532.aspx?lan=1&art=4&turdet=YES&flag=30>

3. National Youth Championships U8-U18, June 22-28 2019

It was held near the premises of Tirana Youth Center, on June 22-28, divided into competitions according to U8- U18 age groups, with the participation of 82 young chess players.



Prices and trophies per age group U8 - U18

- Cups & Medals for the ranked 1-3
- Diploma for all participants
- Chess Books

https://achf.org.al/news_vendi/kampionati-kombetar-per-te-rinj-2019/

4. Finals of Individual Championship 14- 22 September

Franc Ashiku – National Champion.



<https://chess-results.com/tnr470064.aspx?lan=1>

5. Seniors Championship 14-22 September



<https://chess-results.com/tnr470231.aspx?lan=1gim>

Agim Sinojmeri – Champion

6. National Team Championship 10 – 14 October 2019

“Tirana Club” Team - Champion



<https://chess-results.com/tnr479872.aspx?lan=1>

7. Women Chess Championship – Finals 14-16 December(5 rounds)



<http://chess-results.com/tnr498083.aspx?lan=1>

8. Other activities:

“Harallamb Boshku Memorial Tour” was organized during 4 weeks of November and December in honor of IM Harallamb Boshku in Tirana and Durres cities (4 rounds), with the participation of Young Chess players aged 8-14 years old.

Organized games concluded on 14 December (with the delays due to the earthquake) in Tirana Youth Center.



(Annex 1)

"CHESS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES"

Chess In Schools Booklet



The purpose of the project was to:

- Promote and implement chess in schools as an educational tool, believing on its educational impact community development values.
- Strengthen sustainable links and cooperation with schools
- Develop the confidence of school leaders, teachers, students and parents, regarding the positive impact of chess activities in a wide range of students and citizens
- Provide entertainment values and inclusiveness of chess in school.

The project was conducted and implemented through the ACHF, coordinating the establishment of a working group and ongoing collaboration with chess specialists, School directors and School Instructors licensed teachers during the previous years.

Detailed plan and stages for project implementation

- Project Design and Preparation by ACHF
- Request for its approval by the Ministry of Education and Sport (February-March) and approval
- Approval of the support from the Municipality of Tirana

- Cooperation and support of the Regional Education Directorate
- Cooperation and support of the Schools Directorate for setting the calendar of activities.

"Chess Week in School", and *Final Activity* were completed with the inclusion of about 1000 students.

Preparatory activities: ACHF

- Meeting with school coordinators
- Determining the mode of communication (What's-up Group / sms / e-mail)
- Determining the activities development calendar and detailed plan for each school
- Designating and allocating chess specialists for each of the schools
- Designing a model template "*Chess Week*"
- Designing a model template for the *Final Activity*
- Classes and chess learning Models in different subjects

School's "*Chess Week*" program

- Classes and inter-classes project designed, personalized by each school, with chess knowledge in different subjects (or chess lessons within the chess subject of one hour)
- Chess lessons teachers of schools previously licensed by ACHF & FIDE, in cooperation with chess specialists.
- School classes championship organizing and lists of the participants to the Final Activity.
- Different Questionnaires
- Preparation of Exhibition with the chess subject from students' drawing and creation
- Organization of the *Final Activity*

The Final Activity of each School included:

- Opening ceremony and ECU's chess in school video promotion
- Finals of the school championship
- Exhibitions with works of chess thematic students as educational value
- Simultaneous Chess Master - Vs pupil; parents; teachers
- Closing ceremony and the award of trophies and certificates of attendance

I. The schools involved and the calendar of the final activities according to the table:

https://achf.org.al/news_vendi/projekti-shahu-ne-shkolla-dhe-komunitete/

1. "Hasan Tahsin" School , April 24th





2. “Edith Durham” School , April 30



3. “Vasil Shanto” , May 3d



4. “Emin Duraku” , May 6th



5. “Mihal Grameno” School, May 10th



6. “Osman Myderizi” School, May 14th



7"Betim Muco" 16 May



8. "Pjeter Bud"i 18 May



9. "Ardian Klosi" 23 May



10" Dora D'istria" 29 May

https://achf.org.al/news_vendi/projekti-shahu-ne-shkolla-dhe-komunitete/

II. Finals- June 3rd

At the end of the activities in each school, ACHF organized the schools winners' finals at the "Kosova" School, with the participation of all school winners, for the elementary and high cycle. The final event was attended by the President of the Albanian Armed Forces, Deputy Mayor of Tirana and other guests.

ACHF presented a final video of the event: https://youtu.be/_alaF0D_Pyg



Promotion and materials distributed for the schools :

T-Shirts; pens; Baners; Posters; Roll Ups; Flags; Supplies for students exhibitions; Certificate for all participants ; Medals and cups for winners; acknowledgment; Chess tables and pieces;

Chess in school books and publication :

- Students Book <https://achf.org.al/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/libri-i-shahut-libri-nxenesit.pdf>
- Teachers Book <https://achf.org.al/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/UDHEZUESI-I-MESUESIT.pdf>
- Booclet <https://achf.org.al/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ChessInSchool2019.pdf>
- Video : https://youtu.be/_alaF0D_Pyg

Media: The activities are covered in various television media

1. RTSH (national channel television) "My Afternoon" with Ballina - Chess, Mind Game "April 30, 2019"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lOLDV-kEsKU&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3xx1Hb22fqMaSrI4-HsMd4LAIsUh3f8rUOeVEb1FDJKEWS_79MjFRb9fE
2. RTSH Sport- News "Deppartament i Lajmeve - RTSH" shahu në shkolla, 26 Prill 2019- Shkolla Hasan Tahsin
<https://youtu.be/dlIDmnr5HGE>
3. Top Channel Albania - Të mësohet "shah mat" në shkollë - Ora e Tiranës
<https://youtu.be/TdNJzr8Y3q4>
4. Tema Tv Shahu në shkolla e komunitete
<http://www.tematv.al/kategori/shkolla?fbclid=IwAR1NiOorseaAQPeJSnUcM3IWOCrGkKVqugkX97VPHWECjP-OWKYNvMZNFZ4>

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APPENDIX C - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

NATIONAL CHESS

FEDERATION (NCF): ALBANIA

CONTINENT: EUROPE

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: 3

PERIOD: _____

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)¹ are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

The NCF is required to measure the effectiveness of its programs using the KPIs listed below. It is possible that a Federation may not be able to report on a particular KPI and this will be taken into consideration at the end of the reporting period. NCFs can also make use of the '**Comments**' field as required. The NCF is also allowed to include any additional KPIs that it considers to be relevant for reporting purposes.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline-January 2019	End of Period	Comments
No. of FIDE rated players	216	243	
Certified Arbiters	10	10	
Certified Trainers	30	30	
Average rating of top 10 players	2356	2338	European Championship
Average no. of rated games by top 10 players	1.2	1.4	Rated national championships n
No. of participants in international chess tournaments	135	140	Increased nr. of Youth chess players
No. of Players on FIDE List	400	577	Increased nr. of Youth chess players
No. of Affiliated clubs	16	16	4 Associations and 12 sport clubs
No. of School Chess Teachers	38	44	They are licensed teachers and chess specialist.

¹ <https://kpi.org/KPI-Basics>



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Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline-January 2019	End of Period	Comments
No. of schools with chess programs	107	112	Private schools in Tirana have the chess clubs trainers
No. of students in chess in school programs	2560	+ 1000	Students participants in the project
No. of Positive or neutral articles & media coverage incl. social media		15	
No. of chess sponsors		5	National activities and projects
No. Of Strategic Partners e.g. NOC		6	FIDE, ECU, NOC Albania, MASR; Municipality of Tirana for
OTHER-Please specify (no of international tournaments organized by ACF)		1	1 st Youth Tournament
OTHER-Please specify: Even promised, we had difficulties to find the place for Albanian chess academy			

On behalf of FEDERATION

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