

Technological Parks - VAT Exemption

General info

Economy name

Albania

ID

A40

Incentive name

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Brief description

The goods, equipment and services used in the park, which serve to produce the "innovative product", are exempt from VAT

Legal reference

Legal reference name

Law No. 58/2022 on Technology and Science Parks and Law No.71/2017 "On an addition to Law nr.92/2014 "On the Value Added Tax in Albania", amended

Legal reference (Law section / article)

Article 24

General rule

1. The place of supply of the service is in Albania if the recipient i service, a taxable person who behaves as such, has in Albania:

- a) the headquarters of his economic activity or a stable location for him which the services were performed, or;
- b) the usual residence or residence, in the absence of a seat of activity economic or of a stable location.

2. The place of supply of the service is in Albania, if the recipient i service provider is a non-taxable person while the service supplier, a person i taxable, there are in Albania:

- a) the headquarters of his economic activity or a stable location, from e which services were provided or;
- c) the usual residence or residence, in the absence of a seat of activity economic or of a stable location

Incentive design

Incentive group

Financial

Incentive category

Value Added Tax (VAT)

Economy-wide/Sector-specific

Sector-specific

Sector (Simplified)

ICT

Sector (NACE)

K TELECOMMUNICATION, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, CONSULTING, COMPUTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER INFORMATION SERVICE ACTIVITIES (en)

Size of firm that can use incentive

All sizes of firms

Level at which incentive is available

Economy-wide

Ownership of firm that can use incentive

Any

Incentive location

General

Main objective of the incentive

Research and development (R&D)

In case of grant, share of grant in investment (in %)

Access to information

Contact Info

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Weblink to Incentive information in English

<https://kpmg.com/al/en/home/insights/2023/08/implementing-provisions-of-the-law-on-technological-and-scientif.html>

Weblink to Incentive information in local language

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjPyNbd56WGAxWW1AIHHfd3AHUQFnoECBEQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tatime.gov.al%2Fshkarko.php%3Fid%3D14243&usg=AOvVaw0Qh1EZHldW6r5NbB1seNeM&opi=89978449>

Eligibility criteria

Eligibility criteria (description)

The activities allowed in the park are limited to research and development activities, and not to mass production of products or services.

Activities allowed in the park include activities that:

- engage in research and development, with the aim of benefiting from new technological or scientific knowledge, which enables the development of products or services;
- create new methods of production of products or services or use advanced technology in software production, data processing or similar activities;

- improve products and services in a way that brings substantial change, not of an aesthetic nature, in part or function, compared to existing products;
- focus on training and raising the capacities of professionals, in order to engage them in the production of innovative products and services.

Within the framework of research-development and innovation, the Council of Ministers may approve other permitted activities.

Eligibility criteria (weblink)

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjPyNbd56WGaxWW1AIHHfd3AHUQFnoECBEQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tatime.gov.al%2Fshkarko.php%3Fid%3D14243&usq=AOvVaw0Qh1EZHldW6r5NbB1seNeM&opi=89978449>

Incentive administration

Awarding Authority (Name)

Ministry of Finance, The Investment Development Agency of Albania (AIDA) and the Council of Ministers

Application procedure + Weblink (where available)

Application for permits and licenses from the developer or user are to be processed within 15 - 30 working days. Under the DCM no. 337 date 31.05.2023 "For determining the procedures and the criteria for the selection of the developers of the technological and scientific parks" the selection of developers of technology and scientific parks is done based in one of the following procedures:

Bidding procedure for parks constructed on state-owned real estates - The Bidding procedure for the selection of the developer is a procedure in which any interested applicant can participate. The bidding procedure shall be notified by the competent authority in the Official Announcements Bulletin.

Procedure for selecting developers for parks constructed on private owned real estates - The selected developer must be approved by the Council of Ministers and published in the Official Announcement Bulletin.

The activity of developers of the parks will start after the approval for operation of the park is awarded by the Council of Ministers and the area, entry and exit gates and the operation of the customs point are specifically determined.

Implementing Authority (Name)

The Investment Development Agency of Albania (AIDA)