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## Note to the reader:

This issue of this Newsletter is focused on agriculture and rural tourism sector as one of the most elevated prospects in Albanian economy for business development. Agriculture and Rural tourism are among the priority sectors where the Interested Development Agents of Connect Albania Program can focus their efforts to explore investments opportunities in Albania.

## National scheme for support of entrepreneurs in the sector of agriculture and rural development

The Agency for Agricultural and Rural Development (ARDA) has opened the applications for the national support scheme for the agricultural and livestock production sector. The main purpose of this national financing scheme is to promote agricultural and livestock production for small entrepreneurs in rural areas to boost improvements of the agricultural sector and promoting its sustainable development.

The available funds will be used for:

- increasing the competitiveness of livestock products, agricultural products in protected environments and reducing production costs, through payments of registered animals and subsidizing the price of plastic;
- increasing of areas planted with medicinal and aromatic herbs;
- certification of agricultural products and organic farms;
- supporting the diversification of economic activities in rural areas.

Moreover, agritourism business plans will be supported up to 50% of the total value, but not more than ALL 10 000 000 per applicant. Establishment or reconstruction of premises for activities of rural tourism from 6 to 10 rooms, will be supported up to 50% of the total value, but not more than ALL 5 000 000 per applicant.

Interested Development Agents of Connect Albania may encourage and support potential new and existing investors to use this opportunity and to apply online through e-Albania portal within April 15, 2021.

More details may be find by following this link:

<https://www.azhbr.gov.al/skema-kombetare-2021>



## Fundim Gjepali, successful entrepreneur of Albanian Diaspora living between Albania and Italy

Fundim Gjepali, was born in Shijak, Albania in 1981 and moved to Italy in 1996. As soon as he arrived in Rome, he started working in the kitchen, initially as an assistant, but with the great desire to go further. Today, Chef Gjepali is "Cook - Arch" between Italy and Albania, Executive Chef of "Antico Arco" in Rome (Italy) and of "Padam Boutique Hotel & Restaurant" and "Agritourism Gjepali" in Albania (Tirana and Shijak).

Gritty and curious chef, he is capable of a punctual and refined cooking technique that, together with love for food and for the high-quality raw materials, describes the contours of his kitchen, always tended to taste and to satisfy the palate.

Fundim Gjepali thinks that investing in Albania is one of the most beautiful choices in his life. In his opinion Albania has a wonderful tradition and nature, which provides great business opportunities especially in agritourism and agriculture.

In Albania he enthusiastically embraces the cooking philosophy of "Antico Arco", made up of great classics and creativity, learning new meticulous techniques to execute the dishes of the Roman tradition perfectly, with great Albanian products and carefully prepared dishes.

After deciding to invest in his country, he chose to be a positive example for the development of Albania by supporting the Connect Albania program, an innovative mechanism that facilitates the engagement of the Albanian Diaspora as Development Agents to contribute in the development of their home country to attract and increase foreign investment in Albania.

*"Albania is a country rich in traditions and beauty that is constantly developing, which creates many opportunities. Take advantage of them!"*

Learn more about how you can become a Development Agent:

<https://www.adbc.al/en/become-a-development-agent/>



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