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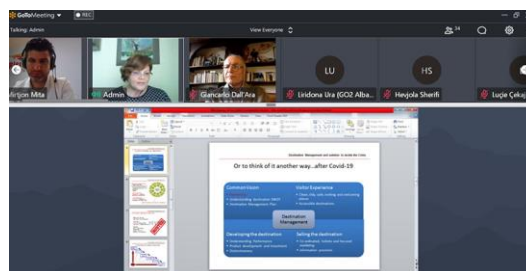
## Private Sector Development



### **The Municipality of Kolonja and RisiAlbania sign an agreement to boost investments in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants sector**

RisiAlbania and the Municipality of Kolonja, represented by Mayor Erion Isai, signed on 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 a memorandum of understanding to boost organic cultivation and processing of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) in the region.

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### **RisiAlbania organized a Webinar on 'Tourism after COVID19: An Opportunity to Promote Sustainable Tourism'**

On 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020, RisiAlbania hosted a Webinar where guest speakers Prof. Giancarlo Dall'Ara, President of Alberghi Difussi Association, and Dr. Brunilda Liçaj from 'Aleksandër Moisiu' University of Durrës, presented strategies for the Albanian tourism sector to cope with COVID-19.

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## Resilience in times of crisis: how one company managed to grow in the midst of COVID-19

One of the businesses supported by RisiAlbania project, [WEAREFIBER](#), has increased its sales and workforce despite the coronavirus crisis.

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## Turning challenges into opportunities for growth with introduction of digital payments

Easypay is one of Albania's leading fintech companies. Digital payment solutions provide faster and lower payment costs for Albanian businesses, contributing to increase of sales, investments and jobs

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## Career Guidance & Intermediation



## Future career counselors create a career service model for one of the high schools in Tirana

Career guidance remains a new field for the Albanian context, where the service is being applied in a more structured way only in the recent years.

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## Increased cooperation for provision of career services.

Many services shifted online during the most critical time of Covid-19 pandemic. For Expert Lane – Career Platform for youth empowerment, this was an accelerated but not unpredicted transition.

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### **Cooperation with National Agency for Employment and Skills (NAES)**

Enhancing cooperation of the National Agency for Employment and Skills (NAES), with special focus on Employment Offices, with the business, was the topic of the fruitful discussion among Mr. Patrik Meier, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Switzerland in Albania and Mrs. Elira Çausi, Director of the Agency.

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## **Skills & Non-Formal Training**



### **Blended online training: from complementary to primary resource**

Young people, face uncertainty about the broken transitions from education to the world of work and the consequences of long-term unemployment.

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### **Training for employment for marginalized girls – Albanian ICT Academy**

Ensuring inclusiveness of vulnerable and socially excluded young women and men in the Albanian labour market is in the focus of the RisiAlbania interventions, aiming to support those that are more in need, the most secluded.

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### **An inclusive response to COVID-19: the case of BioAlba**

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit hard countries that face multiple socio-economic vulnerabilities and limited coping capacities, as well as people in poverty or at risk of falling into poverty.

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#### **More on RisiAlbania:**

RisiAlbania is an innovative youth employment project that focuses on achieving systemic changes in the Albanian labour market in order to improve access to employment and income opportunities for young women and men in an inclusive and sustainable way.

RisiAlbania is a project of the [Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC](#), implemented by [Helvetas](#) and [Partners Albania](#) in cooperation with [Albanian Ministry of Finance and Economy](#)

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