



16th CASEE Conference

"Next Stop Europe: Shaping the Future of Agriculture and Life Sciences Education"



11. – 13. May 2026

Tirana, Albania

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Location:

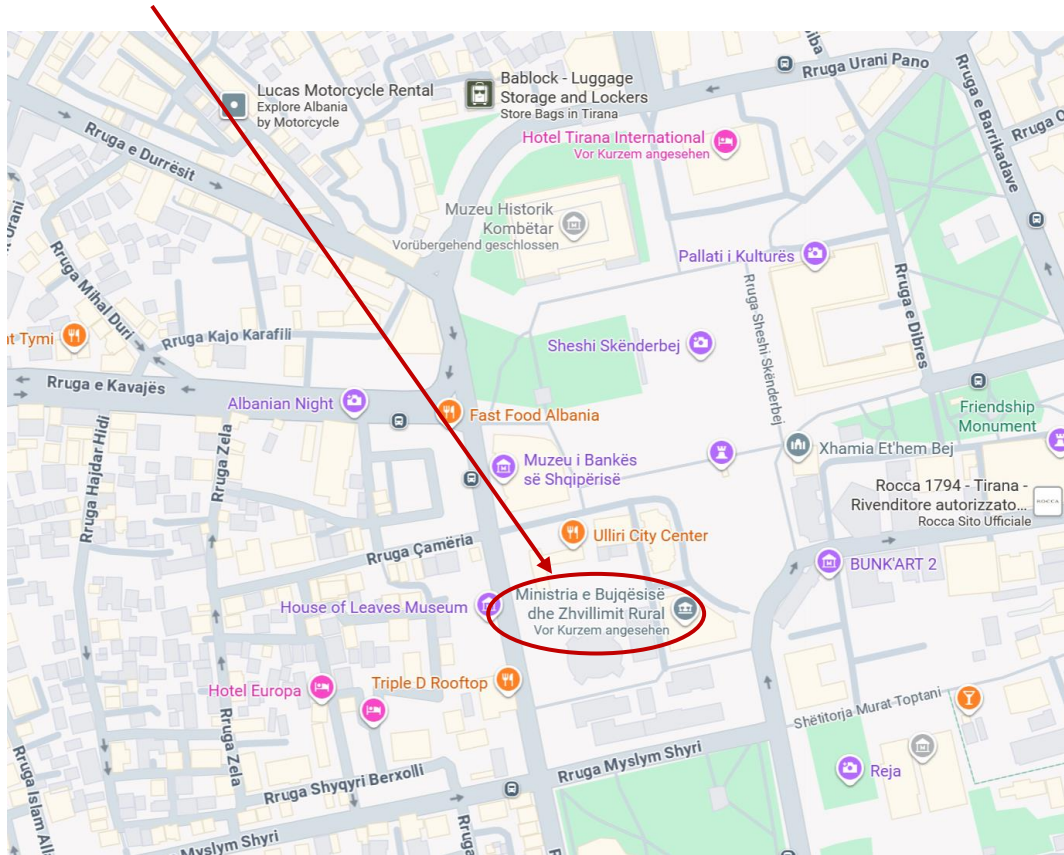
Day 1 - Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (see map)

Day 2 - Agricultural University of Tirana (see map)

Day 3 - Field trip in Berat

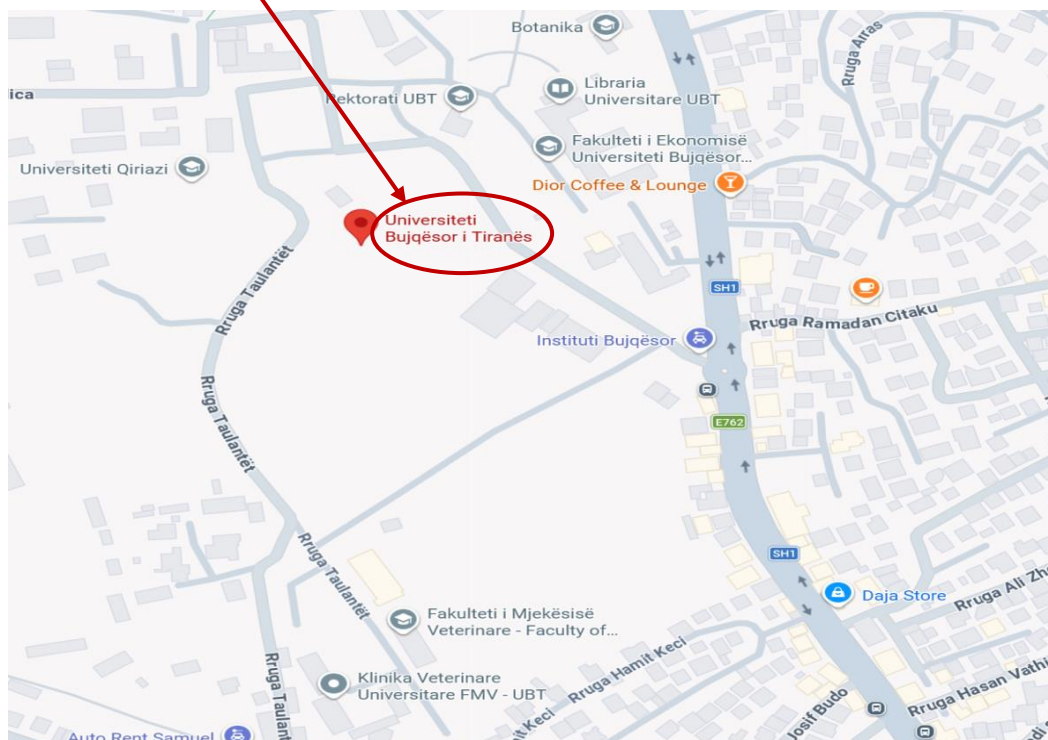
Location Day 1

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Rruga Sheshi Skënderbej 4, Tiranë 1001, Albania



Location Day 2

Agricultural University Tirana
Rruga Pasi Vodica 1025, Tiranë, Albania



Day 1: Monday, 11. 5. 2026, at the Ministry of Agriculture

*10:30 – 11:45 CASEE General Assembly Meeting
Separate invitation organized by the CASEE Presidency
Only Invited Members*

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break

12:30 – 13:30 Registration of the participants at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)

From Policy to Practice: Advancing Albania’s EU Path in Agriculture and Environment and the Role of Higher Education

13:30 Official opening of the conference

Confirmed Keynote Speaker:

Fatmir Guri, Deputy Minister, MARD and Professor at AUT

“Developments in Albania’s Agricultural Sector in the Context of EU Accession Negotiations”

Andrea Ferrero, Head of Section Sustainable Economic and Social Development, Delegation to the EU in Albania

“Albania’s Agriculture on the Path to the EU: Transformation, Reform and European Perspective”

Hans Kordik, Team Leader, German Moldovan Agric. Policy Dialogue (APD)

“Reform priorities for Albanian agriculture on the way into the EU”

Mirta Novak, expert in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy, EU GoAL Project

“Towards the EU Common Fishery Policy: Key requirements and opportunities for Albania”

Guido Zolezzi, Professor, University of Trento (TBD)

“Integrated Water Management in Albania: Meeting EU Water Directive Obligations”

Hubert Hasenauer, BOKU University, Austria

“The strategic role of higher education: The AUT2030 project”

19:00 Dinner

DAY 2: Tuesday, 12. 5. 2026, at the Agricultural Univ. Tirana

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration of participants and poster placement on designated boards (Agricultural University of Tirana)**

9:00 – 12:30 **“AUT 2030 Project”: Results Showcase. Insights, Achievements, and Future Directions**

Confirmed Key Note Speaker:

Fatbardh Sallaku, Rector

“Why did we start the AUT 2030 reform project history and expectations?”

David Ranuci, Professor for Food Quality, University of Perugia, Italy

“Transforming Higher Education and Research for Food Safety and Quality: Innovation Pathways towards EU Food Systems 2030”

Petra Winter, President of EAEVE (European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education)

“Reforming Veterinary Education at AUT: Why is the EAEVE accreditation important for Albania?”

BOKU and AUT Professor will present the current results of the AUT 2030 Project

Students from BOKU and AUT will participate in the meeting

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30 – 16:00 Parallel sessions, and Posters

To be decided according to submitted Abstracts

Deadline Abstract Submissions 15.4.2026

Parallel Session 1: Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences

Parallel Session 2: Rural development, Policy and Innovation systems

Poster Session

16:15 – 17:00 CASEE Board Meeting

organized by the CASEE Presidency, Separate Invitation

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DAY 3: Wednesday, 13. 5. 2026 Field trip to Berat



“Scenery from Bus Route from Berat to Çorovoda, Albania

The field trip to Berat will provide CASEE Conference participants with the opportunity to visit one of Albania’s most renowned agricultural regions, with a particular focus on greenhouse production and vineyards. During the visit, participants will gain direct exposure to local farming practices, production systems, and technological applications in horticulture and viticulture. The trip will also showcase the interaction between agricultural activity, rural livelihoods, and the characteristic landscape of Berat, offering valuable insight into the region’s contribution to sustainable agricultural development.

Departure: 9:00 from downtown Tirana, behind the National History Museum

10:30 Visit to the ancient city of Berat

11:30 Visit to olive farms

12:30 Visit to PUPA vineyards and vineries

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

Return to downtown Tirana: 19:00.