

Albania

The Archival Solidarity project of the ICA Section of Records Management and Archival Professional Associations (SPA/AS) encourages sharing of information about archival assistance, cooperation and international outreach projects – archivists supporting archivists to promote archival development.

Here is one story of a project involving Albania and the Swiss Federal Archives

Using funds provided by the government aid program of Switzerland and directed by the Swiss Federal Archives, the National Archives of Albania has been modernized, including reconstruction of the archives building and the records centre and the installation of an Information Technology (IT) system throughout the Archives. This was one of the most comprehensive programs of archival assistance that has been carried out by Switzerland.

The multiyear project included a wide variety of activities, including a new law on Archives, the digitization of findings aids, a website with search capacity for findings aids (<http://www.albarchive.gov.al/>), the opening of a new reading room and archival training for the region.

The project has strengthened the position of the National Archives of Albania vis à vis both the government and the public and has contributed to good governance in the country.

We invite individuals, organizations and institutions to share their stories. Write to:

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