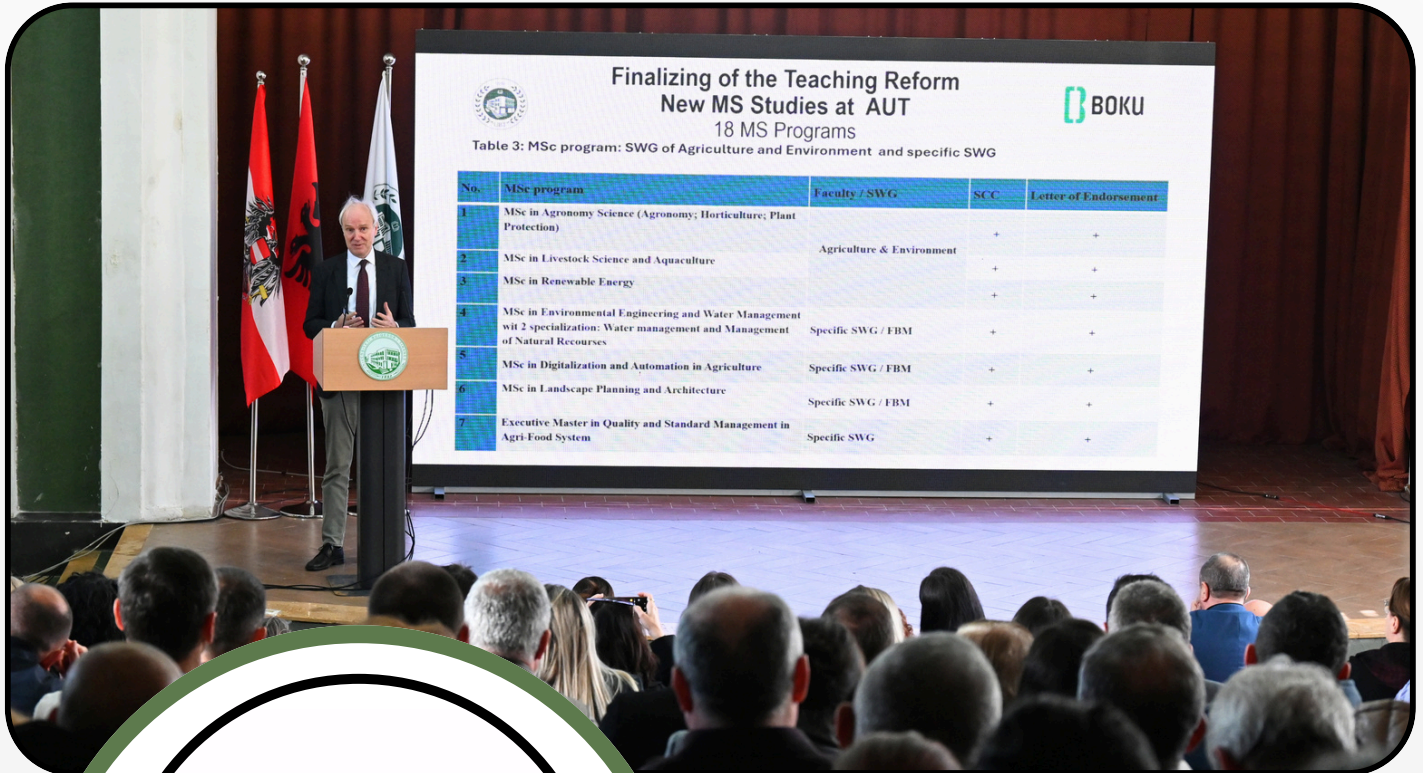




AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA



The podcast "AUT Talk" is launched, a new communication platform

The Agricultural University of Tirana introduced the podcast focused on education, science, and innovation. The first episode featured Hubert Hasenauer.

Read on page 3

The new academic offer for 2026–2027 takes shape, BOKU at UBT for the new Master's programs

During the 19th joint BOKU-UBT Mission, the delegation from Vienna arrived to discuss key issues related to improving administrative processes, teaching, the promotion of UBT mobility programs, and other important aspects of the reform. During the sessions, 18 Master's programs were discussed, which will also be submitted for approval to the Ministry of Education. The administrative and academic analyses focused on the current situation, responsibilities, and institutional needs of the university. **Read more on the next page...**

The BOKU mission at AUT, three intensive days



On the first day, the BOKU delegation at Agricultural University of Tirana focused on the implementation of academic and administrative reform. Prof. Dr. Ardian Maçi highlighted the achievements of the UBT-BOKU 2030 reform in designing new curricula, while Prof. Dr. Xhelil Koleci and Petra Winter presented the progress of the VetMed program, including alignment with EAEVE standards and improvements in infrastructure.

Additionally, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ilir Kapaj provided an overview of the revised study programs within the academic reform framework. [Read more...](#)



On the second day, the BOKU Mission at Agricultural University of Tirana focused on strengthening university administration, developing doctoral programs, and enhancing institutional communication strategies, through the analysis of current processes, identification of needs, and the definition of concrete steps for improvement. Discussions covered PhD program regulations and practices, academic mobility and student procedures, as well as approaches to marketing and promoting study programs. [Read more...](#)



On the final day of the 19th BOKU Mission at Agricultural University of Tirana, discussions focused on concluding efforts to advance academic and institutional reforms under the AUT-BOKU 2030 strategy. The Rector of UBT, Prof. Dr. Fatbardh Sallaku, thanked the delegation for their contribution in the areas of doctoral programs, administration, and communication. Prof. Hubert Hasenauer presented the achieved results and highlighted the next steps. [Read more...](#)



Agricultural University of Tirana presents the podcast “UBT Talk” – the first episode is released

Agricultural University of Tirana presents “UBT Talk,” its new official podcast aimed at bringing forward key topics on education, science, innovation, and the developments shaping the future. “UBT Talk” will serve as an open platform for dialogue, where experts, academics, professionals from various fields, and students will share ideas, experiences, and visions for the future.

The first episode features a special guest, Hubert Hasenauer, an internationally recognized academic, professor at BOKU, and honorary member of the Academy of Sciences of Albania. In a conversation with UBT’s Director of Public Relations, Besmira Pelushaj, he shared his perspectives on the role of universities in the face of global challenges, the importance of international cooperation, the impact of technology and artificial intelligence in education, as well as the future of the younger generation and the development of academic institutions.

Watch the first episode



AUT expands partnerships through three agreements



AUT has signed a cooperation agreement with National Food Authority (AKU) and National Veterinary and Plant Protection Agency (AKVMB), strengthening the link between the university and key food safety institutions in the country. The agreement aims to enhance the quality of professional education and increase the integration of graduates into the labor market. For AUT, this partnership reinforces its role as a key actor in sector development and policymaking, while for students it creates greater employment opportunities.

Read more...



An important cooperation memorandum was signed with the Ministry of Environment, aiming to strengthen the role of the AUT in scientific research and sustainable development in Albania. Through this partnership, UBT will contribute with academic expertise and research projects, while students and graduates will benefit from greater opportunities for professional engagement.

Read more...



A new step in cooperation for scientific research and sustainable management comes through the agreement between the Agricultural University of Tirana and the Butrint Foundation.

Signed by Rector Fatbardh Sallaku and Director Jorida Muho, the agreement foresees joint research projects, student internships in Butrint National Park, and engagement in ecological monitoring. This partnership creates concrete opportunities for students.

Read more...



AUT opens its doors to high school graduates: New collaboration with secondary and professional schools of the Municipality of Kamëz

The Agricultural University of Tirana continues to expand its cooperation with pre-university education institutions by welcoming to its campus the principals of secondary and vocational schools from the Municipality of Kamëz. The meeting focused on presenting the university's study programs and creating new opportunities for collaboration in support of students' academic orientation.

During the meeting, discussions emphasized building closer cooperation between UBT and high schools through joint activities, informative campus visits for students, and orientation sessions that help young people become more familiar with the study programs and professional prospects offered by the university. **Read more...**

Students of J. F. Kennedy High School explore university life up close at the Agricultural University of Tirana

A different kind of day, full of energy and curiosity! Around 40 graduating students from J. F. Kennedy High School visited the Agricultural University of Tirana to get a closer look at its study programs and university life.

The presentation was delivered by the Directorate of Public Relations and the Career Offices, introducing students to the 13 Bachelor's programs offered by UBT.



The visit continued with a tour of the university facilities, where the students explored classrooms, learning spaces, and the library with its rich collection of scientific, artistic, and cultural publications.

Read more...





Agricultural University of Tirana participates in the Albanian Rural Parliament

The Agricultural University of Tirana participated in the Albanian Rural Parliament under the theme “Rural Albania on the path to Europe: what does it mean for communities and territories,” an important forum that brings together key actors shaping the future of rural areas in Albania.

UBT was represented at this event by its Rector, Fatbardh Sallaku, and Vice Rector for Science and Projects, Erinda Lika, who took part in one of the panel discussions. A group of UBT students also participated in this fourth edition of the event.

[Read more...](#)



Workshop on environmental risk from industrial pollution: The former superphosphate plant in Laç

In collaboration with the University of Lorraine and the READ Program, this activity brought together professors, researchers, and students in the fields of environment and natural sciences at the Agricultural University of Tirana.

The aim of the study was to assess the content and mobility of heavy metals in the soil, as well as to understand how these elements have transformed in the environment more than 25 years after the closure of industrial activity.

The project was presented by Erdona Demiraj, the project coordinator, who worked together with researchers Irena Duka and Nereida Malo. **[Read more...](#)**





“Smart Agriculture,” Agricultural University of Tirana part of “Match-Maker Albania 2026”

Vice Rector Romina Koto presented the PHITO platform, a digital solution aimed at connecting data with actors across the agricultural value chain through a simple and accessible system.

Meanwhile, Alketa Grepcka introduced UBT's innovative study program “IT in Agriculture and Environment.”

The “Smart Agriculture Zone” brought together national and international institutions, foreign investors, and innovative startups showcasing solutions for smart soil monitoring, pest prediction, and the optimization of agricultural processes. [Read more...](#)



AUT students engage in field practice for environmental monitoring



Third-year students of the “Agro-Environmental Engineering” and “Natural Resources Management” programs at the Agricultural University of Tirana carried out their first field practice, focused on three key environmentally significant areas: the Ishëm River Basin, the Kune-Vain Protected Area, and Lake Shkodra.

This fieldwork aims to integrate theoretical knowledge with practical application, while strengthening students' research and analytical skills.



Through this experience, students strengthen their skills in identifying and assessing environmental issues in real-life conditions. [Read more...](#)



Art brings young people together at the joint concert of AUT and J. F. Kennedy High School for the March 7-8 celebrations

In a festive atmosphere and in a hall with around 300 attendees, the Agricultural University of Tirana and J. F. Kennedy High School organized a joint concert on the occasion of the March 7-8 celebrations, bringing to the stage the talent and energy of students and graduating pupils.



Talented young people from Agricultural University of Tirana and J. F. Kennedy High School had the opportunity to showcase their multi-dimensional talents, with some of them performing for the first time on a stage in front of such a large audience.

The concert was held at the premises of the Agricultural University of Tirana and opened symbolically with a traditional dance performance, setting the tone for a special and memorable celebration.

The sounds of the violin, guitar, and çifteli created a warm and festive atmosphere. The stage was further enriched with poetry recitals, songs, and traditional dances from different regions of Albania.



The audience was addressed by the Rector of the Agricultural University of Tirana, Fatbardh Sallaku, who stated that he had never seen the hall more beautiful, emphasizing that such initiatives not only promote culture and art, but also bring young people closer to university life.

Read more...

