



EUROPEAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD

25-28 Oct. 2025

Youth Start.network is a European nonprofit initiative that empowers young people to develop entrepreneurial skills through education, training, and competitions. Its mission is to inspire and equip the next generation to turn ideas into action and create a positive impact in their communities.



HOSTED BY :

YEA! Young Entrepreneurs Albania

Shkodër, Albania 2025

ABOUT SHKODER / ALBANIA

Shkodër, also known as Shkodra, is the fifth most populous city of the Republic of Albania and the capital of the eponymous municipality and county. It is one of the most ancient cities in the Balkans and exerts strong cultural, economic, and religious influences in Northern Albania. Its location has been of strategic importance throughout history, often contributing to the city's wealth or making it the subject of conflicts between foreign powers.

Geographically, Shkodër sprawls across the Plain of Mbishkodra between the freshwater marshlands of Lake Shkodër and the foothills of the Albanian Alps. Like most of the Dinaric Alps, the mountains are dominated by limestone and dolomite rocks. The lake, named after the city, is the largest in Southern Europe. The city is surrounded on three sides by the rivers Kir in the east, Drin in the south, and Buna in the west.



PARTNERS OF THE YOUTH START - European Entrepreneurship Award

Idea Challenge



Stuber Medien

Real Market Challenge



Wilhelm Exner Foundation



Global Peter Drucker Forum

We Grow Together Challenge



Rotary District 1910

European Climate Impact Award



Vienna Business Agency

FULL PARTNER AGENDA

25–28 October 2025 | Shkodër, Albania


Host: YEA! – Young Entrepreneurs Albania

Participants: 20+ Countries • YouthStart Community

Saturday, 25 October – Arrival & Opening

- Arrival of delegations (guests welcomed regardless of delays)
- 19:00 – Gathering at Municipality (Google Maps link)
- Evening: Guided city walk and free time

Sunday, 26 October – Entrepreneurship & Exploration

- 09:30–10:00 – Welcome and energizer
- 10:00–12:30 – YouthStart Kick-Off workshop
- 12:30–14:30 – Lunch (individual)
-  15:00–17:30 – We Grow Together Dialogue for Peace, Climate & Entrepreneurship Education
- 18:00–20:00 – Exhibition stand preparations
- 19:00–22:00 – Dinner with partners (invite-only) @ Tradita Restaurant

Monday, 27 October – Fair of Ideas & Gala

- 08:00–09:00 – Registration and preparations (mandatory)
- 09:00–09:20 – Opening remarks
- 09:30–12:30 – Fair of Ideas
- 10:00–14:00 – Jury presentations:
 - **Idea Challenge – early-stage projects**
 - **Real Market Challenge – first implementation steps**
 - **We Grow Together Challenge – collaboration for SDGs**
- 12:30–14:30 – Lunch buffet - remove stands
- 14:45–15:20 – Gala opening speeches
- 15:20–15:50 – Awards, group photos, prize distribution
- 15:50–16:30 – Closing remarks
- 20:30 – Afterparty @ Bed Station (live music)

Tuesday, 28 October – Departure & Networking

- Departures of delegations and individual networking meetings

Taxi Services to Shkodra

- Speed Taxi (Tirana)
- Lux Taxi (Tirana)
- Green Taxi (Tirana)
- Electric Taxi (Shkoder)

- Hermes Airport Shuttle (Shkoder) / for groups
- Red Taxi (Montenegro)

Note: Taxis can be take directly from the airport if you arrive with a small group, for bigger groups we advice to book in advance and use shuttle services.

Taxi one-way: around € 45 - 60,--

Shuttle ticket one-way: € 10 - 13,--

Locations of YSA '25

All locations and point of interest can be found in this map:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/uNobvtc6roitWJsTA>

Phone & Roaming

WIFI is available at almost all places, hotels, restaurants and pedestrian area for free.

If somebody wants to have a **local telephone number** you need your passport to register. An albanian number in any shop (vodafone, ONE,...) costs around € 10 - € 15.

eSIM card is also an option.

Getting Around by Bike & Walk

Shkodra is famous for its bicycle tradition. It is cheap, healthy and you can get involved with the original Albanian atmosphere and street life.

There are several “rent-a-bike” services right in the neighborhood (€ 5/day).

Also every place in and around the city center can be reached in 10 minutes walking time.

If the weather do not allow the eco-friendly way a taxi inside the city will cost you around € 3 - 6 for one drive.

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