

PROJECT PROPOSAL:
Construction of Qafe Murrizi tunnel and Arbri Road section

1. OVERALL OBJECTIVE / PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT;

The overall objective of the project is the construction of Qafe Murrizi Tunnel and 27 km of Arbri Road in order to improve the infrastructure of Albania.

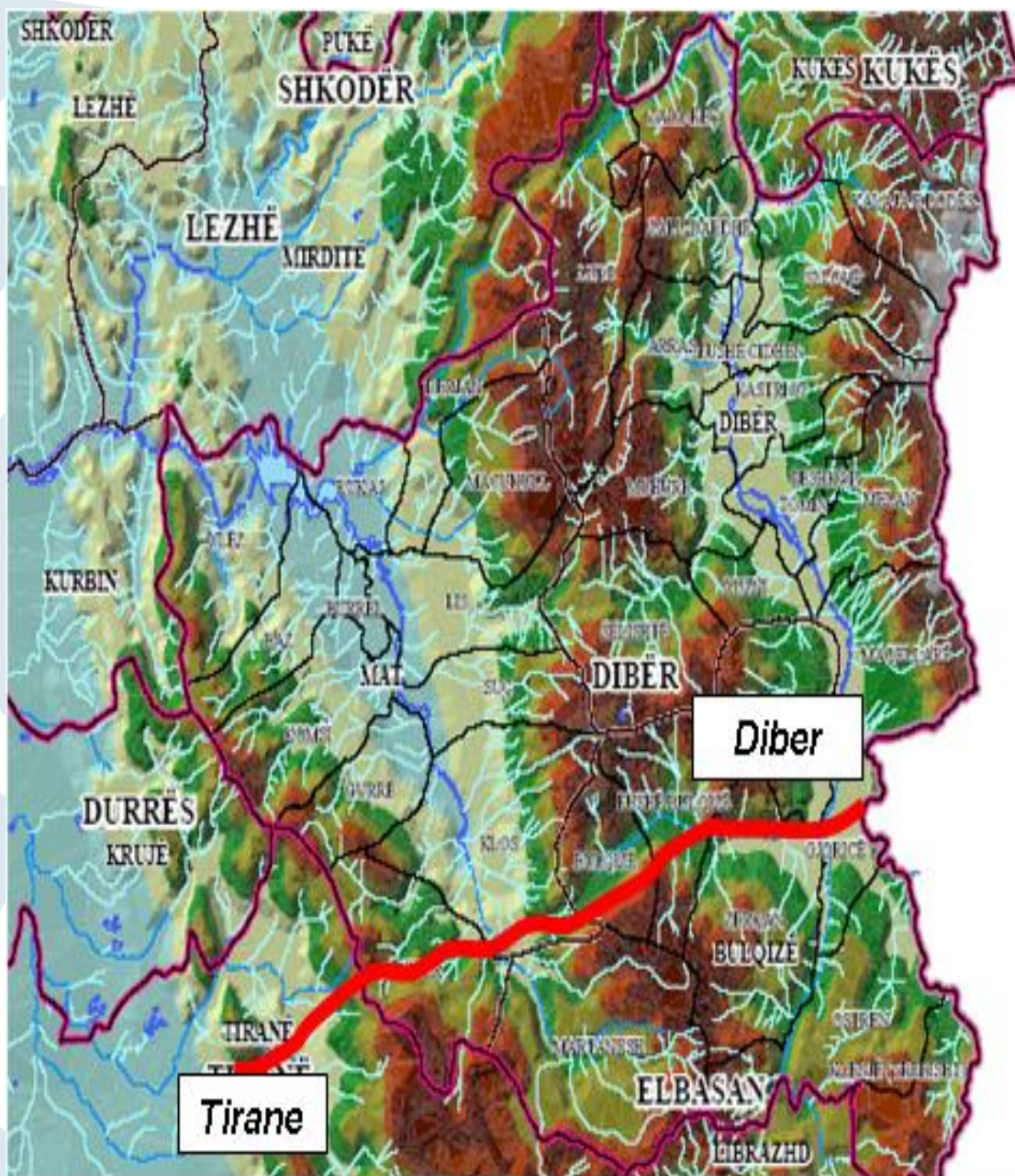
2. The actual situation

Arbri Road is a historical road connecting Tirana with Republic of Macedonia. The actual distance between Tirana and Macedonia is 185 Km, with the construction of the Arbri Road it will be 75 Km.

The Government of Albania has initiated the construction of the road with state budget funds. There are 31.6 Km of Arbri Road still under construction and 25.7 km are left without investment, including Qafe Murrizi Tunnel. The Tunnel length is 2.533 m, with an elevation of 934 m and double tubes with two carriage ways each.

The Tunnel of Qafë Murriz is the most important structure of the Arbri road. The geology of the tunnel is manly limestone, with cracks and maybe unforeseen water on it.

This road will have a very high economic impact for Albania and Macedonia. It will be used as an alternative route for Corridor VIII.



3. Activities and actions to be carried out in the frame of the project.

The main activities foreseen for the project are:

- Construction of the Tunnel with length of 2.5 km, height of 934 m and double tubes with two carriage ways each.
 - Construction of the 25, 7 km of the Arbri road.
- *Sustainability of project results;*

This investment is very important due to its location where the road aligned as it goes up from Tirana through the northeast of Albania in the Dibra District and beyond up to the border with the Republic of Macedonia. The construction of this road will promote the economic and cultural exchange between Albania and Macedonia.

5. Beneficiary institutions involved in project implementation.

The beneficiaries to this project are Ministry of Public Works and Transports and the Albanian Road Authority. In addition, road users, Local Government Authorities and people who live in the area will profit from the construction of the tunnel which will reduce the travel time and will shorten the travel distance.

6 Indicative cost:

The Estimation cost of the construction Works is 200 million Euro divided as follows:

-Construction of Qaf Murriz Tunnel	66 million Euro
-Construction of the Arbri road section	134 million euro

7. Further arguments to support the project proposal

The construction of the tunnel and the road section is fully in line with the government priorities and objectives to improve the living condition through increasing infrastructure standards and road safety.