On 15 September 2011, the Bank of Albania will host its 9th International Conference on ‘Building our future through Financial Literacy’.

This conference is organized in cooperation with the Bank of Italy, in the framework of a twinning project between the two central banks.

This subject, which will be addressed by senior central bank representatives and prominent academia in the field of economics and finance, has recently stirred worldwide interest. Improving citizens’ financial literacy is synonymous to increasing their economic activity responsibility, which leads to increased overall economic welfare.

Rapid economic developments have emphasised the need for a coordinated approach by state institutions on financial education in Albania. Such economic developments should be accompanied by enhanced financial literacy and responsibility, which would contribute to keeping the achieved standards and sustaining the country’s economic growth.

This conference is another important step of the Bank of Albania in its long financial education journey to equip the Albanian citizens with financial knowledge and skills to build their future.
PROGRAMME

09.00 – 09.30
Registration

09.30 – 10.30
Opening and welcome remarks

• Mr. Ardian Fullani – Governor of the Bank of Albania

• Mr. Halit Shamata, Deputy Minister of Education and Science

• Mr. Ridvan Bode – Minister of Finance

• H.E. Mr. Ettore Sequi – Ambassador of the EU Delegation to Albania

• Mr. Franco Passacantando – Managing Director, Bank of Italy

10.30 – 11.00
Keynote speaker

“Financial Literacy and Financial Stability”, Mr. Dejan Šoškić – Governor of the National Bank of Serbia

11.00 – 11.30
Coffee break

11.30 – 14.30
Session I Lessons and challenges on financial literacy issues

• Financial Education, theory and practice, Prof. Umberto Filotto, University of Rome “Tor Vergata”

• Delivering and enhancing financial literacy through the educational projects of the National Bank of Poland,
  Mr. Dariusz Rzeczkowski, Adviser, Department of Education and Publishing, National Bank of Poland

• Why financial education should start at school: the Italian experience, Mr. Maurizio Tullio, Head of the Financial Education Unit, Bank of Italy

• Helping people take control of their finances: UK experience, Mr. Steve Stillwell, Senior Manager, UK’s Money Advice Service

• Financial literacy in the Czech Republic, Ms. Helena Kolmanová, Executive Director, Consumer Protection Department, Czech National Bank

13:00 – 14:30
Lunch

14.30 – 15.30
Session II Financial literacy in Albania

• Education system in Albania, Mr. Komena Lewro, World Bank Country Manager, Albania

• Financial education and financial literacy in Albania: the state of play, Mr. Gentaro Chiostini, Financial Education Unit, Bank of Italy

• Financial literacy measurement in the Czech Republic, Mr. Dusan Hradil, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic

15.30 – 15.50
Conclusions