VHPB BALKAN MEETING
INTRODUCTION IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE SERVICE
COUNTRY PROFILE – ALBANIA

- Population 2021: 2829741
- Gross national income per capita:
  - 2021: $6,110, a 16.16% increase from 2020.
  - 2020: $5,260, a 0.57% increase from 2019.
  - 2019: $5,230, a 7.61% increase from 2018.
- Health spending per capita
  - 5.23% of GDP
  - 727 USD
- Life expectancy 2021 – 79 Years old, Female - 81 years old
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE SERVICE

Primary – 413
- GP specialized in adults
- GP specialized in pediatrics
- Pediatricians

Primary care Specialized services
- Infectious Diseases
- Gastro - Hepatology

Secondary – 35 (70% - specialized ID, GH)

Tertiary care - 2 University Hospitals, 3 Hospitals, 2 – Maternity university hospitals
- Gastro Hepatology university clinic – Tirana University Hospitals
- Infectious Diseases university clinic – Tirana University Hospital

Diagnostics
- Health care check up – from 60 years old
- Laboraotry Diagnosis of Viral hepatitis – Public private partnership (including primary and hospital care)
- Screening - Public health centers and Institute of Public Health
CHALLENGES

- ID cannot prescribe DAA for Hep C even at least for HIV patients
- A small number of patients are included in the reimbursement scheme of DAA
- All DAA are prescribed in Tirana University Hospital
- Long patient way to get the right DAA
- Not all drugs for Hep B are available and also they have to be prescribed within Tirana University Hospital in both ID and GH clinic