Metropolitan Tirana University was established in 2010 and consists of three faculties, such as: Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Faculty of Computer Engineering and IT, Faculty of Economy. Faculty of Computer Engineering and IT beside of its departments also has 1 Scientific Research center.

MTU offers the following bachelor programs in: Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Software Engineering (in English & Albanian), Electrical Engineering (with 5 profiles both in English and Albanian) Economic Informatics (in English & Albanian), Business Administration (with three profiles), Finance and Accounting, Finance Bank. The study Programs in Master Level that we offer are: Master of Science in Civil Engineering on two profiles: Structurist and Infrastructure Transport, Management in Engineering; Economics –MBA; Informatics Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering, Telecommunication, Data Analytics, Financial Engineering and Risk Management. We offer also 5-year integrated studies in Architecture with 5 profiles: Architect, Bio Architect, Architect Engineer, Architect Restorer, Architect Interior.

MTU has established an NGO called Metroresearch Center. Metroresearch is an NGO established in 2014 to highlight and enrich project research expertise and management. Metroresearch consist of two crucial entities: Metropolitan Incubator and Metropolitan Geospatial Center.

Incubator, a Metroresearch division, established in 2016, aims at encouraging students and young professionals studying at MTU, but not only, in identifying and implementing new ideas in information technology and other fields of expertise. Metropolitan Incubator offers incubation and acceleration services for start-up businesses in ICT and other domains.

Metropolitan Geospatial Center: MGC has been launched as the Metroresearch initiative in 2016. It provides a regional forum to promote and facilitate the exchange of Geo-spatial data, aiming to expand the capacity of different stakeholders to address the common needs of GIS and to maximize investments through cooperation between organizations.

MTU is a five stars university as it took 5 years of accreditation, as an excellent grade and evaluation from the accreditation process from the British Agency and it aims to play an important role throughout the Balkan university system and beyond. Thus MTU has put in practice its internationalization through signing bilateral agreements, inter-institutional agreements and accession in different networks.
Our strategy focuses on the sustainable development of institutional cooperation with EU Higher Education Institutions. To further strengthen this dynamic process, MTU has built its strategy on this issue by judging the necessary growth at another level, in the international arena. Our university has created strategic partnerships with different EU member countries’ research institutions.

**Description of relevant experience:**

- MTU is comprised by a distinguished group of national and international academics specialized in engineering, architecture, economy, and related areas.

- MTU has established 1 specific research center, incenting our academic staff to involve in scientific research and project management process.

- MTU has organized few conferences such as Sustainable Development Challenges – 2014, Development of Cooperation projects – 2015, Student Conference – 2018 and also few symposiums such as Symposium on Geotechnics at INSITU Tests - First CPT Training Course in Albania, 2013; Symposium on the Assessment Course and Investment in Real Property, 2016; Leadership and Management in Education, 2018. The last scientific symposium had participations of invited lecturers from the University of Bologna, University of Malta, University of Tirana, and representatives of Lux-Dev, Swiss Contact projects. MTU has published few scientific journals, such as “Metropolitan Tirana Journal of Business and Economics” and “Metropolitan Tirana Journal of Science Engineering and Architecture”.

- MTU has a well-established infrastructure that creates the opportunity to accomplish Lifelong learning strategy by offering continuous education and professional courses in different situational contexts (such as: "Valuation and investment of immovable property" course and "Energy Auditing" lectured by a team of International and Albanian professors).

- Cooperation of our University with national and international partners is formalized through official agreements, e.g.: University of Messina in Italy, University of Molise in Italy, Malta’s Mediterranean, Tourism and Trade Academy of Culture, Università Politecnica delle Marche in Ancona, University of Sannio, AAB College in Prishtina, European College of Kosovo, University of Tirana, Polytechnic University of Tirana, College of Business Kosovo, Institute for Development of Integrated Studies, Confucius Institute, Karl Gega School,
• Cooperation with several EU universities is established within Erasmus + KA107 program. Our university has sent several students, academic and administrative staffs. Also we have received several EU staffs for training and teaching within exchange mobilities. We have signed mobility agreements with:

- UPEC University, France
- Technical University of Riga, Italy
- Politecnical University of Bari, Italy
- University of Grenada, Spain
- University of Seville, Spain
- University of Masaryk, Czech Republic
- University of ARCHIP, Czech Republic
- University of Aldo Moro, Italy
- University of Molise, Italy
- University of Latvia, Latvia
- UNIMED, Italy
- University of Lodz, Poland
- University of Bielsko Biala, Poland
- University College of Administration and Enterprise in Lublin, Poland
- WSB university, Poland
- University of Economics – Varna, Bulgaria
- University Andrei Saguna din Constanta, Romania
- University Alexandru Ioan cuza din Iasi, Romania
- Politehnica University of Timisoara, Romania
- West University of Timisoara, Romania
- Etc.

• Metropolitan and Metroresearch have developed and submitted applications for INTERREG, IADs, IPA – CBC, COSME, Erasmus + KA2, Horizon 2020 and MTU is in process of applying for H2020 with university of Ankara Uni. TTO and also within Erasmus + KA2.

• Currently, Metroresearch center’s implemented projects are: (1) Virtual Cicero – Replication of a Successful project - National Gallery of Art (2017); (2) Virtual
Cicero - National Gallery of Art (2016), and it is implementing also My Little Tirana and InED Incubator of Education.

- Metropolitan Tirana University has implemented two projects from the Ministry of Culture such as Skanderbeg in Time and Promoting reading in gymnasiums in Tirana.

- MTU is implementing several important national and international projects such as:
  
  - MARDS project. Reforming doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania – good practice paradigm (MARDS) is part of Erasmus + KA2 program. The aim is to establish sustainable and modern Pilot Joint Doctoral Schools between Albania and Montenegro. The consortium includes 15 partners such as University of Montenegro, University of Vienna, University of Maribor, University of Zagreb, Matej Bel University, University of Donja Gorica, etc.
  
  - Smart4ALL project. SMART4ALL: Self-sustained customized cyberphysical system experiments for capacity building among European stakeholders, is part of Horizon 2020. It is a four year 8,000,000 Euros flagship EU project under the call DT-ICT-01-2019: Smart Anything Everywhere for connecting Digital Innovation Hubs across Europe. The project received the highest score in the evaluation and will start within 2019. The SMART4ALL consortium consists of 25 European partners with interdisciplinary skills and know-how from universities, research institutes, investors, networking organizations, SMEs, Innovation Hubs and NGOs.
  
  - We have won a Challenge Fund project – Innovation Support Organization (ISOs). The project’s topic is Metropolitan Innovation Center. The overall objective of this project is to address the needs of Youths, researchers and SMEs for technological support of their ideas through assessment of the needs of Albanian youth and SME for infrastructure support for business ideas development or business improvement and growth and establishment of an innovation center that responds to the needs of Albanian youth and businesses.