

The Council of Europe supports Albania in meeting its commitments and obligations as a member state, while advancing its reform agenda towards integration into the European Union. Accordingly, the Council of Europe Office in Tirana implements co-operation assistance focusing on: strengthening justice, fighting corruption, economic crime and money laundering, promoting anti-discrimination and protecting the rights of vulnerable groups, promoting and protecting freedom of expression and freedom of the media, strengthening public administration capacities and good governance practices at local level and enhancing democratic citizenship skills of young generations.



## KEY FIGURES

AS OF 1 JANUARY 2025



### 27 STAFF MEMBERS

- 7 Core Staff
- 20 Project Staff



### COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS: 9

- 3 project funded through voluntary contributions
- 6 actions as part of the EU / Council of Europe Horizontal Facility



### REGIONAL PROJECTS: 11

## IN FOCUS: EU / COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROGRAMME

- Strengthening justice
- Fight against corruption
- Combating discrimination
- Freedom of expression
- Expertise co-ordination mechanism



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# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



## Improved justice efficiency and quality for citizens

Better accountability, independence and performance of courts through capacity building and innovative IT solutions.

## Increased awareness on property rights and better implementation of ECtHR judgments

Over 550 citizens benefited from legal aid on property registration across different regions in Albania.

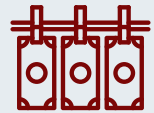


## Enhanced prisoners' rights and opportunities of rehabilitation and re-integration

Reinforced institutional capacities and professional conduct of Albanian prison staff towards different categories of inmates.

## Strengthened anti-money laundering regulatory framework and related measures

The National Strategy on Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (2024-2030) prepared, based on the Council of Europe's National Risk Assessment Methodology. National campaign against illicit cross-border transportation of cash and other valuables implemented.



## Heightened public awareness on diversity and equality

Thematic initiatives were organised throughout Albania, in observance of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT) and the Week Against Discrimination, in close partnership with equality bodies and the civil society. National minorities' secondary legislation adopted largely in line with European standards.

## Improved application of European standards on freedom of expression

Enhanced training capacities of magistrates, police and media on freedom of expression and freedom of the media, in line with the Council of Europe standards.



## Democratic school governance improved

Teachers and students from 75 pilot schools developed new competences, practices and attitudes to engage in democratic processes as students and citizens.

## Sustained public administration reform

Strengthened institutional capacities of Department of Public Administration and Albanian School of Public Administration.



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