

Countering Money Laundering in Albania

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I. BACKGROUND

The Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Council of Europe signed an agreement on the funding of the project “Countering Money Laundering in Albania” in September 2025.

The project aims to support Albanian authorities in strengthening the prevention and fight against money laundering and terrorist financing (ML/TF) through a strategic, risk-based approach. Developed with the Financial Intelligence Agency (the Albanian Financial Intelligence Unit), it builds on Albania's latest national risk assessment and national AML/CFT strategy. The project focuses on enhancing the institutional capacities of the Financial Intelligence Agency and supervisory bodies, improving policy and law enforcement responses, and providing actionable guidance to both public authorities and private sector entities.

By promoting good practices and capacity building, it aims to ensure coherent and effective functioning of Albania's AML/CFT framework.

II. OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES

The project's overall objective is to enhance policy and operational practices to foster financial sector integrity and prevent illicit financial flows. Activities organised around the following outcomes will contribute to achieving this objective.

The expected results of the project are:

Strengthened AML/CFT prevention and enforcement regime	Intermediate Outcome 1	Enhanced policy and operational practices foster financial sector integrity and prevent illicit financial flows
	Immediate Outcome 1.1	Consolidated implementation of anti-money laundering policies.
	Immediate Outcome 1.2	Improved capacity of non-financial businesses and professions to manage economic crime risks.

The project will enable the coherent functioning of all components of the anti-money laundering framework in concert. It will do so by enhancing the institutional capacities of the Financial Intelligence Agency and supervisors for oversight and preventive action, as well as supporting the development of policies and law enforcement capacities to target identified risks by criminal law means. The project will also provide good practices and guidance for

measures that the financial and non-financial entities can implement to mitigate and address corruption and money laundering risks, and meet their obligations arising from the related domestic legislation.

III. PROJECT PARTNERS

- The Financial Intelligence Agency,
- The General Directorate of Customs,
- The General Directorate of State Police,
- The High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflict of Interest,
- The General Prosecutor's Office,
- The Special Anti-Corruption and Organised Crime Prosecution Office and Special Investigative Unit
- Financial supervisors (Bank of Albania and Albanian Financial Supervisory Authority)
- Non-financial supervisors (Albanian Bar Association, Gambling Supervision Agency, Ministry of Justice, Public Oversight Board)

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