

Factsheet

Tirana Office

ODGP Open Day 2020

Council of Europe





ROLE

1. Actively promotes the values and principles of the Organisation through cooperation assistance, representation in national and international events and awareness raising activities;
2. Actively contributes in mobilising extra-budgetary resources in close coordination with HQ;
3. Facilitates and coordinates the visits of CoE delegations in Albania, as necessary;
4. Maintains close relations with the authorities, the EU, other international organisations and ensures smooth coordination and implementation of cooperation programmes.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS for 2019

1. Supporting justice reform in Albania: notably on the preparation of a new judicial map, an IT Strategy and the evaluation scheme of judges, including guidelines and related forms;
2. Transparency and effectiveness of the High Inspectorate for the Declaration and Audit of Assets and Conflicts of Interest (HIDAACI) through a new system for the declaration and publication of private interests of elected subjects and senior public officials
3. An innovative online tool for managing Human Resources' processes in public administration in Albania: the portal www.administrata.al established.
4. Improved oversight of regulatory and methodological framework and auditing of political party finance with the Central Election Commission (CEC);
5. Development of the prison system in Albania: the first comprehensive Action Plan was prepared and launched;
6. Action to counter hate speech and advocate ethical standards in public institutions, media and society at large: a No Hate Speech Alliance was established in Albania, comprising equality bodies, the media regulator and the media council;
7. Local Plans for the Social Inclusion of Roma 2019-2022 were prepared and adopted in 3 municipalities, in close consultation with Roma and Egyptian communities;
8. Guidance to Albania's reform agenda on property rights: combined Venice Commission expertise with cooperation assistance;
9. The 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe marked in Albania: thematic roundtables with diverse target audiences, organised in close partnership with the French Embassy in Tirana.



KEY FIGURES for 2019

1. Judicial statistics: over 400 court staff trained in line with CEPEJ Guidelines;
2. Measures to improve the system of notifications and the service of judicial documents in light of the new legislation: over 120 professionals (judicial staff, postal workers and bailiffs) trained;
3. Tracing, seizure and confiscation of criminal assets: strengthened capacities of over 200 prosecutors and investigators specialise in economic crime;
4. Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering of Financing of Terrorism (CFT): strengthened inter-agency cooperation mechanisms and capacities of over 200 staff;
5. Tackling bullying in schools: strengthened capacities of 312 teachers;
6. 45 gender focal points in municipalities capacitated to implement the LGBTI Action Plan, as 150 police officers are trained on the Council of Europe Manual on Policing Hate Crime against LGBTI persons.



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