

Projects

Presence in Albania's 2007 Extra budgetary projects

Security co-operation

Funded:

Crime investigation: interview and interrogation training

Goal: To strengthen the capacity of the Albanian State Police in professional interview and interrogation techniques. A special focus is placed on trafficking cases and the inclusion of female police officers both in training and at work. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 31,440

Donor: US.

Albania State Police Equipment Enhancement Project

Goal: To improve the operational efficiency of the police by providing around the clock observation and intervention capacity. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 59,950. Donor: US.

To be funded:

Border Support Unit Development Project

Goal: To assist the Albanian Border and Migration Police with the development and implementation of a specialized border tactical unit, which will be intelligence-led and under the direct command and control of the Director of Border Police. This unit will be a dynamic resource to the Director in his or her efforts to combat transnational crime. The Border Support Unit will support the Director in reacting quickly to fresh information in order to prevent criminal acts within the border area. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 50,000. Donor: To be identified.

Governance in economy and environment

Funded:

Ensuring public participation in environmental impact assessments/Strategic environmental assessments

Goal: To support relevant Government institutions in introducing formal mechanisms for public consultation and participation in routine operating procedures, relating to planning with environmental implications. Extra budgetary amount: EUR 24,000. Donor: CIDA; Spain.

Supporting the Government in implementing the Aarhus Convention

Goal: To establish the Aarhus Convention's institutional infrastructure in order to enable its practical implementation. Extra budgetary amount: EUR 20,000. Donor: ENVSEC.

First registration of immovable property

Goal: To assist the Government in completing the first registration of immovable property. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 676,845. Donor: Norway, Finland.

Property restitution and compensation

Goal: To assist in finding a sustainable solution in establishing clear ownership of immovable property in Albania. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 71,500. Donor: US.

Property restitution and compensation database

Goal: To provide technical advice and financing for the digitalization of the Property Restitution and Compensation Agency's archive, and for the design and installation of a database to manage claims data. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 40,000. Donor/status: Czech Republic/completed.

Combating money laundering

Goal: To support the Directorate of the Fight Against Money Laundering (DoFAML), which is in charge of implementing the Law on the Prevention of Money Laundering, and help the banking system instal special anti-money laundering software in second tier banks. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 11,385. Donor: US.

Supporting the Government in implementing the National Strategy for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Goal: To assist the implementation of a comprehensive victim protection and assistance system based on human rights principles, to ensure that all trafficked persons have access to adequate services, legal assistance, personal safety and reintegration. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 163,200. Donor: Austria.

To be funded:

Good governance approaches to solid waste management (SWM)

Goal: To promote improved systems of SWM by involving civil society in local authority planning and decision-making. Extra budgetary amount: EUR 24,000. Donor: To be identified.

Technical assistance project to build the capacity of the Government to create a physical compensation fund

Goal: To help establish a geographic information system (GIS) to be used by the Property Restitution and Compensation Agency (PRCA) in establishing and managing a physical compensation fund. A GIS will provide the PRCA (and other Government agencies) with the technical capacity to more easily identify state land and property that may be used for physical compensation of restitution claimants/former owners, thereby speeding up the process and reducing costs. This first phase of the project would only entail the consultancy for the design and initial piloting of the GIS.

Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 70,000. Donor: To be identified.

Human Dimension

Funded:

Civil Registry and Address Modernization Project

Goal: To provide technical assistance to the Government in modernizing Albania's address and civil registration systems, bringing them in line with the Government's civil registration system concept. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 2,507,590. Donor/status: EC, US/funded.

Parliamentary Support Project - Phase II

In partnership with the Assembly, this project aims to help strengthen the capacity and infrastructure of the Albanian Parliament. In addition to building on the activities of the first phase, the project also aims to improve procedures for parliamentary committees, modernize the library and archives, enhance transparency and support an internship programme. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 1,209,467. Donor/status: Netherlands/funded.

Legislative and public administration reform

Public participation in legislative drafting

Goal: To increase the quality and quantity of consultation in drafting legislation. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 105,000. Donor/status: Finland/funded.

Human Rights

Funded:

Child protection

Goal: To facilitate the implementation of the National Strategy for Children, developing a comprehensive juvenile justice system. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 27,482. Donor/status: France/funded

Continuation of the National Network of Civil Society Development Centres (CSDCs)

Goal: To promote civil society development and good governance through six CSDCs which train and co-ordinate local civil society activists and link them to local governments with the aim of increasing public participation in local decision making. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 219,387. Donor/status: Germany, UK, Norway, SIDA/partially funded, EUR 71,000 sought.

"No!" to domestic violence: Kukes Women's Counselling Centre

Goal: To provide counselling services for female victims of violence and trafficking, and raise public awareness about the problem of violence against women and its relation to gender inequalities. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 34,276. Donor/Status: Germany/partially funded, EUR 11,000 sought.

Support to national mechanisms for gender equality

Goal: To assist the national gender machinery in establishing an efficient structure and effective work procedures to implement the Gender Equality Law. This follows a project run jointly by the National Gender Equality Committee, the OSCE Presence in Albania and the UNDP in 2005-2006 to improve the underlying legal and sub-legal framework of the Gender Equality Law. Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 10,200. Donor/status: Lichtenstein/funded.

To be funded:

Supporting female mayors of Albania

Goal: This multi-year programme aims to support female mayors and municipal councilors through awareness-raising, advocating and networking, as well as to directly assist the

country's few elected female mayors. This last component requires additional funding. It aims to provide the mayors with:

- Short-term training in professional skills required for holding public office, such as skills for local governance, project management, public speaking and computers);
- Computer equipment and Internet connectivity, including training in the use of it, which are required for managing a modern local government (most computer equipment would be donated by the OSCE); and
- Assistance and consultancy in establishing websites for the respective municipalities.

Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 30,000. Donor: To be identified.

Opinion Polling Project:

Goal: To help establish a monthly polling tradition in Albania. With the exception of a few isolated opinion polls organized and funded by various international and national entities, polling has not been used in Albania.

While the project should become self-sustainable after ten polls in one year's time, this proposal only covers the cost of the first three polls, to be conducted by the end of 2007 (by hiring a politically impartial agency with a proven track-record in the field).

Extra-budgetary amount: EUR 45,000. Donor: To be identified.

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