

Advancing Albania's Public Sector Towards the EU EU for Good Governance Project (EU4GG)



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A key initiative that directly contributes to Albania's EU accession process by strengthening the foundations of good governance under Cluster 1 – Fundamentals.



Our Mission

Funded by the European Union under IPA II, the EU4GG Project supports Albania's governance transformation, ensuring a transparent, accountable, and citizen-focused public administration in line with EU standards.



Four Key Focus Areas

EU4GG provides strategic, technical and institutional support to the Government of Albania to implement key reform included into the EU Accession Roadmaps related to:

Public Administration Reform (PAR) – Strengthening policymaking, civil service, and service delivery for a modern, accountable administration.

Public Financial Management (PFM) – Enhancing budget planning, fiscal responsibility, and anti-fraud measures for a sustainable financial system.

Support to Local Self-Governments – Enhancing municipal performance, decentralization, and citizen engagement to empower local governance.

Anti-Corruption & Transparency – Supporting integrity policies, open data initiatives, and accountability frameworks to prevent and combat corruption.

The project ensures that reforms are designed and aligned with EU standards and best practices, implemented effectively, and systematically monitored for results and compliance.



Key Achievements

Delivering on EU Roadmaps & Reform Agenda

The project remains fully aligned with the Government's EU accession agenda. Strategically, the most significant achievements are linked to developing strategic framework that underpin the Albanian authorities' efforts related to good governance.



Public Administration Reform (PAR)

EU4GG contributes to building a capable, accountable and responsive public sector aligned with EU standards, through:

- Preparation and implementation of the PAR Strategy 2030.
- Improving Civil Service legislation and human resources management, including merit-based recruitment.
- Modernising the organisational set-up of public institutions to increase efficiency, managerial accountability, and performance monitoring.
- Enhancing Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) and public consultations mechanisms.
- Strengthening of strategic planning and policy coordination.

Impact on EU accession: Improved policy coherence and professional civil service directly accelerates compliance with the EU Principles of Public Administration and ensures structured implementation of the PAR Roadmap within Cluster 1 – Fundamentals of the accession process.



Public Financial Management (PFM)

EU4GG contributes to a more credible, transparent and performance-oriented budget system, aligned with EU standards and good governance principles, through:

- Preparation and implementation of the PFM Strategy 2023–2030.
- Strengthening budget planning, monitoring and reporting, and enhancing budget transparency.
- Developing Albania's first Citizens' Budget Execution Report and introducing the first structured Spending Review Framework.
- Improving Public Investment Management and National Single Project Pipeline.
- Enhancing managerial accountability, financial management and control, and internal audit capacities aligned with international standards.
- Strengthening AFCOS and anti-fraud coordination mechanisms to protect EU financial interests and reinforce integrity in public spending.

Impact on EU accession: Supports fiscal transparency, accountability, and protection of EU funds – essential elements under the Fundamentals Cluster.



Local Governance & Decentralisation

EU4GG strengthens central–local cooperation and municipal performance through:

- Strengthening cooperation and improve policy dialogue between local and central government
- Strengthening the role of local governments in the interinstitutional cooperation via the Consultative Council
- Strengthening municipal financial autonomy and increased standards of municipal performance;
- Improving allocation formulas for unconditional grants
- Enhancing own-revenue collection incentives
- Performance-based municipal benchmarking

EU4GG Project supports local governments in improving standards of municipal performance, strengthens the intergovernmental policy dialogue and supports municipalities in responding to the needs of the local communities through:

- Improving policy dialogue between local and central government by strengthening the role of local governments in the framework of the interinstitutional dialogue via the Consultative Council including support for internal regulations and piloting Ad Hoc Advisory Committees.
- Strengthening financial autonomy of local governments by enhancing their ability to implement their competences in line with specific standards.

- Supporting the local governments in mapping legal and other obstacles, to the implementation of their competences.
- Strengthening the dialogue between local governments and citizens. Strengthening public consultation at local level by developing tools that enhance transparency and citizen participation in decision-making.
- Supporting municipalities in translating EU policy objectives into concrete actions at the local level.

6 Pilot Municipalities supported: Berat, Divjakë, Përmet, Pogradec, Pukë, Shkodër. A few others are involved in certain assignments.

Impact on EU accession: Promotes multilevel governance, subsidiarity transparency, sound financial management and fulfilment of local competences in line with EU local governance standards. Enhances the role of local governments as key actors and partners in the EU integration process by translating EU policy objectives into concrete actions at the local level.

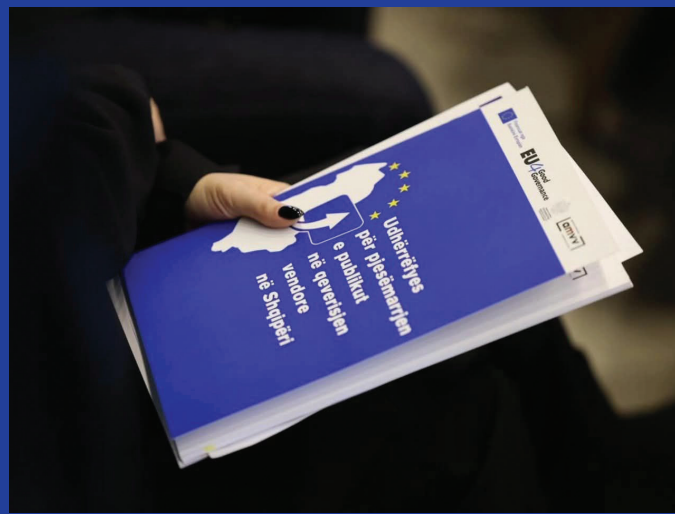


Anti-Corruption & Integrity

EU4GG supports strengthening prevention of corruption, transparency, responsibility and accountability of public institutions through technical assistance for:

- Preparation and implementation of the of the Intersectoral Anti-Corruption Strategy (ISAC) 2024-2030
- Developing of sector specific corruption risk assessment methodology and conducting corruption risk assessments in sectors vulnerable to corruption
- Improving transparency and access to information as well as data protection
- Improving of procedures for verification and transparency of asset declarations
- Improving implementation of advanced ethical standards in the administration
- Drafting amendments to the Law on Whistleblowing and Whistle-blower Protection
- Drafting the Law on Donations and Sponsorships
- Strengthening institutional coordination and prevention mechanisms
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Impact on EU accession: Reinforces rule of law benchmarks and strengthens preventive integrity systems.





Our Team

The **EU4GoodGovernance Team** operates under the leadership of the **Team Leader**, responsible for overall project management and direction.

Our four **Key Experts** specialize in **Public Administration Reform, Public Finance Management, Local Governance, and Anti-Corruption**.

Senior & Junior Non-Key Experts (NKEs) provide specialized support when needed.



Who We Work With

We collaborate with **key institutions** to ensure effective reforms:

Government

Office of the Prime Minister
Ministry of Finance
Minister of State for Public Administration & Anti-Corruption
Minister of State for Local Government
State Agency for Strategic Programming and Aid

Coordination (SASPAC)
Department of Public Administration (DoPA)
Albanian School of Public Administration (ASPA)
Agency for Support of Local Government (AMVV)
General Directorate for Anti-Corruption (GDAC)
Public Procurement Agency
Anti-Fraud Coordination Service (AFCOS)

Independent Institutions

Commissioner for the Right to Information & Data Protection (IDP)
High Inspectorate of Declaration and Audit of Assets (HIDAACI)

Local Authorities & other Partners

Pilot Municipalities: **Berat, Divjakë, Përmet, Pogradec, Pukë, Shkodër**
Civil Society and Academia

Why EU4GG Matters

Alignment with EU Standards – Supporting Albania's path toward EU membership.

Stronger Institutions – Strengthening institutional capacity and reform implementation; Boosting transparency and enhancing accountability and good governance at all levels.

Better Public Services – Making government services more accessible and efficient for citizens.

Governance reform is not just about legislation – it is about building capable institutions that deliver measurable results.

The EU4GG Project is committed to shaping a modern, capable and responsive towards citizens' needs, efficient, transparent, accountable, inclusive and effective public sector at national and local level, building better governance for Albania's European future.

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