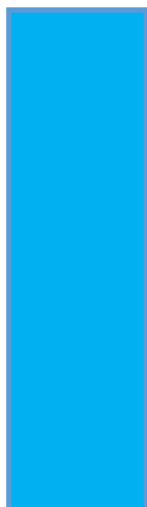


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Training of the General Patrol Officers and CCR Staff on Community Policing Implementation – Berat LPD

In September 2025, two rounds of training sessions—held on September 17–19 and 24–26—were conducted at the Local Police Directorate in Berat, targeting General Patrol Officers and staff from the Command and Control Rooms (CCRs).

These sessions were organized by the SCPA Program Management Team.

During the training, participants engaged in both theoretical instruction and practical group exercises, with a focus on the philosophy of Community Policing (CP) and the integration of its core elements into the daily routines of Albanian State Police officers.

In addition, participants were given practical scenarios and exercises to solve collaboratively in groups, with the goal of identifying proactive measures for implementing the CP elements.

Special attention was given to the theoretical and practical treatment of cases of **Domestic Violence**.

In order to provide a comprehensive training module on Community Policing, SCPA cooperated with **CVE**, whose experts provided interactive lecturing

on Countering Violent Extremism.

Best EU practices on CP philosophy implementation were shared with the ASP officers.

At the end of such training the ASP officers are able to enhance their knowledge and capacities on implementation of CP.



MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Training of the General Patrol Officers and CCR Staff on Community Policing Implementation – Berat LPD
- ◆ Training of the Community Policing Officers Youth Educators – Tirana LPD
- ◆ Meeting in the framework of support for LCPS in the Municipality of Divjake.
- ◆ LSMS- 2025 survey concludes in 4 Regional Police Directorates
- ◆ Activities from the Grant Scheme against Domestic Violence in Shkoder, Durres, Fier, and Elbasan
- ◆ Activities from the Grant Scheme for Public Safety and Road Safety in Durres, Kavaje, Shijak, and Puke
- ◆ CPOs Youth Educators Continue Awareness Efforts in Schools



Training of the Community Policing Officers Youth Educators – Tirana LPD



As part of the SCPA Program work plan, the PMT organized a two-day training on **03–04 September 2025** for the second group of newly appointed CPO Educators from Tirana LPD. The training aimed to align participants with their roles and responsibilities, foster the exchange of experiences, and deepen their understanding of effective youth engagement strategies.

Special attention was given to the use of the online Facebook forum as a communication tool to promote youth education and awareness. The training focused on objectives and activities as per their roles and exchange of experi-

ences and knowledge gained during their exercise of duty. Emphasis was also given to the online Facebook forum as a mean of communication to raise awareness on youth education.

The first day of the training focused on the analysis of the work carried out by the CPO Educators in terms of the community policing and their contacts with the youth in schools while delivering various awareness campaigns focusing on youth safety.

The second day of the training focused on the proactive measures to be taken through awareness campaigns and community policing to prevent and fight against use of drug precursors by

youth and encourage respect of traffic rules and increase of road safety.

In addition, the training included a communications module to equip new CPO Educators with foundational communication and presentation skills to ensure consistency and quality in awareness activities conducted in schools.

The training was organized through practical scenarios and role-plays which aimed to strengthen the ability of CPO Educators to design and deliver impactful awareness campaigns, tailored to youth audiences and also have a friendly approach towards youth to ensure their safety.

Meeting in the framework of support for LCPS in the Municipality of Divjakë.



In the framework of the project “Public Safety Team – Partner for a Safe Community”, on **8 September 2025**, a workshop was held in the municipality of Divjaka with the participation of the managers of the Municipal Police Directorate, the Directorate of Infrastructure and Urban Develop-

ment, the Local Directorate of Education, the Directorate of Agriculture and the Directorate of Programming and Development.

During the meeting, the legal changes for the functioning of the LCPS were presented, community safety issues were discussed and identified, and the

steps for drafting the Action Plan for Public Safety were determined. The directorates committed to collecting the necessary information, which will serve as a basis for specific budgeting for public safety and will be presented for discussion at the next meeting of the LCPS.

Local Safety Measurement System (LSMS) 2025 survey concludes in 4 Regional Police Directorates

The Local Safety Measurement System (LSMS) 2025 survey has been conducted in four Local Police Directorates (Durrës, Fier, Elbasan, Shkodër). This survey aims to identify community concerns in their residential areas related to public safety and street crime.

It consists of 6,600 valid interviews across 13 municipalities/police stations and 26 police zones. The LSMS results have been processed into a report format and are being presented at dedicated Local Council for Public Safety (LCPS) meetings in the respec-

tive municipalities. The data will also be specifically used by the respective Local Police Directorates to identify hotspots and to plan and carry out police services in these areas to prevent various incidents.

Activities from the Grant Scheme as part of support against Domestic Violence in Shkoder, Durrës, Fier, and Elbasan.



During September 2025, partner organizations and local institutions carried out a series of awareness activities, trainings, and inter-institutional meetings as part of the **SCPA Program Grant Scheme**, focusing on strengthening **Coordinated Referral Mechanisms (CRM)** and improving institutional responses to **domestic and gender-based violence**.

Outlined below is a series of activities presented in chronological order:

Fier, September 30 – The **National Center for Community Services (NCCS)** organized an evaluation workshop on the functioning of the CRM in Fier Municipality, where a preliminary report was presented and recommendations were discussed to enhance inter-institutional cooperation and case management of violence.

Bushat, September 29 – The organization **“Woman to Woman”** gathered local actors to share best practices and

challenges in handling cases of violence. The need to improve public transport, support vulnerable groups, and allocate budgets for victim services was emphasized.

Shkoder, September 24 – In another meeting organized by **“Woman to Woman”**, challenges in protecting vulnerable groups, lack of shelter capacities, and mental health support were addressed. Standardization of procedures and increased funding for social services were requested.

Manez, September 26 – The association **“Gender, Peace and Security”** held an awareness meeting with high school youth, informing them about forms of violence, the role of the police, and institutions where help can be sought.

Durres, September 22 – In a meeting with working groups from administrative units 4, 5, and 6, discussions focused on the challenges of sheltering

victims and the importance of including women in the ranks of the State Police.

Durres, September 15 – A training was held to strengthen the capacities of CRM actors and the Local Police on the law regarding measures against domestic violence and care for victims.

Belsh, September 18 – The **Elbasan Women’s Forum** organized an awareness meeting with the community and local institutions on the role of the police and cooperation to ensure public safety and protection from violence.



Activities from the Grant Scheme for Public Safety and Road Safety in Durrës, Kavajë, Shijak, and Puke.



During September 2025, a series of awareness and educational activities were carried out as part of projects focused on public and road safety, with a special emphasis on youth involvement and cross-institutional cooperation.

Below is a summary of the main activities:

Open Discussion in Kavaje on School Safety

On September 30, the Center for Development and Social Initiatives organized a meeting with 10th-grade students, school staff, and the Kavaje Police. The session addressed response mechanisms in dangerous situations, included role-play exercises, and presented collaborative practices for a safer school environment.

Accident Simulation and Reflection in Durres

On September 25 and 18, the Albanian Center for Family Development held awareness sessions at "Rilindja" and "Jan Kukuzeli" schools. Students experienced

the impact of accidents through a simulation vehicle and discussed their behavior in traffic, promoting a culture of responsible road use.

Informative Meeting in Shijak on the Safety Package

On September 26, at "16 Shtatori" school, an open presentation and discussion was held with students and the Shijak Police on improving communication and response in school-related safety incidents.

Awareness March in Pukë for Road Safety

On September 22, the organization "Unemployed Northeastern Woman" mobilized students and the community in a march with messages promoting traffic rule compliance and strengthening inter-institutional partnerships for community safety.

Discussion with First-Year Students at "Beqir Çela" School

On September 15, in collaboration with the Durres Police, a meeting was held

to foster trust and communication between youth and authorities, emphasizing the role of parents and teachers in creating a safe school environment.

All activities were part of the projects "Empowering Local Mechanisms for Improving Cooperation and Public Safety" and "Youth Awareness and Engagement for Safety and Education," contributing to the development of a culture of cooperation, awareness, and prevention within the community.



CPOs Youth Educators Continue Awareness Efforts in Schools



In implementation of the Cooperation Agreement between the Ministry of Education and Sports and the Ministry of Interior, as well as in accordance with the Order of the General Director of the State Police No. 1076, dated September 14, 2022, on the implementation of the "Youth Safety" Program in both public and private nine-year schools, Community Policing Assistant Specialists for Education and Youth Work have continued their activities with dedication throughout February.

The primary objective of this program is to raise youth awareness on personal safety, road safety, and other social issues affecting the school community.

As part of this initiative, CPOs (Community Policing Assistant Specialists) have worked closely with local coordinators from Local Education Offices (LEO), jointly developing a detailed monthly schedule to implement various topics in nine-year schools within their respective police zones.

In September 2025, special attention

has been given to Bullying, Cyber Bullying and personal safety topics, which are priority areas in educating children on life protection and risk prevention in their daily lives.

Additionally, other topics related to citizenship education have been addressed, based on the educational community's requests and the specific conditions of each zone.

Through the online activity monitoring platform, an increased engagement has been observed among CPOs operating in police commissariats in the cities of Tirane, Durrës, Shkoder, Elbasan, Lezhe, Vlore, Kurbin, Pogradec, Permet, Sarande, dhe Kukes.

These units have displayed high work intensity, conducting numerous meetings and distributing awareness materials through social media and online forums.

In total, **247** materials and activities have been posted, which have been interactively viewed by **1884** users,

demonstrating strong public interest.

Furthermore, **167** comments have been registered on these posts, most of which were positive, supportive, and appreciative of the dedication shown by State Police specialists.

This indicates that the program is not only being successfully implemented but is also receiving strong community support and approval.

