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Training of the GPPOs and CCR staff on CP Implementation in Gjirokastra & Vlora LPD

On **November 5–7, 11–13, and 19–21, 2025**, three groups of General Patrol Officers, as well as staff of Command and Control Room of LPD Gjirokastra (third group) and LPD Vlora (first group – Sarandë Police commissariat; second group – Vlora Police Commissariat), participated in the training organized by the SCPA Program Management Team. In total, **79 participants** were involved in this training.

During this training the trainees were introduced to both theoretical and practical exercises and group work by focusing on CP philosophy and implementation of its elements into the daily routine of ASP officers.

In addition, they were presented with situations/practical exercises to be handled with and solved by them as they work in groups with the aim of providing measures to be taken proactively in order to implement 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 CP 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.

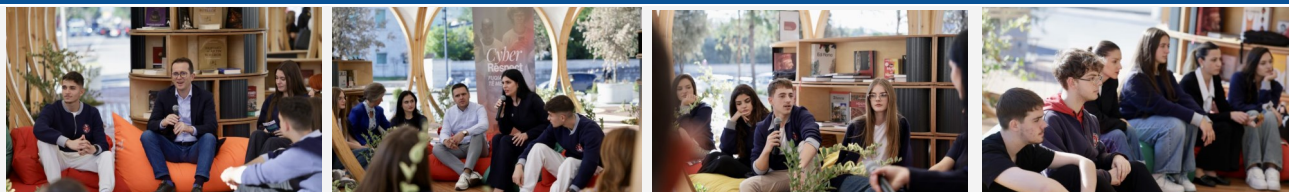


MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Training of the GPPOs and CCR staff on CP Implementation in Gjirokastra & Vlora LPD
- ◆ Cyber respect – The power of the smart generation
- ◆ Training targeting Cybercrime and Cyberbullying
- ◆ Grant Scheme Activity – LCPS and Public Safety – Fier
- ◆ Call No. 2 for Applications is Announced within the Grant Scheme of the SCPA Program.
- ◆ Activities from the Grant Scheme as part of support against Domestic Violence in Fier, and Elbasann
- ◆ Activities from the Grant Scheme for Public Safety and Road Safety in Durres and Shkodra
- ◆ CPOs Youth Educators Continue Awareness Efforts in Schools



Cyber respect – The power of the smart generation!



Under this motto, with the initiative of the Ministry of Interior and the participation of the Cybercrime Investigation Directorate of the Albanian State Police, the Swedish Program “Strengthening Community Policing in Albania” (SCPA) held an awareness-raising meeting with students, teachers and Security Officers of the “Sami Frashëri” and “Ismail Qemali” high schools in Tirana.

The meeting was interactive and in the form of a conversation, where students were introduced to concrete cases of cybercrime and cyberbullying, had the opportunity to openly discuss and ask questions to police officers who deal with such cases daily. Although sometimes these situations

seem like something out of a movie, they are actually present in the Albanian society, among youth.

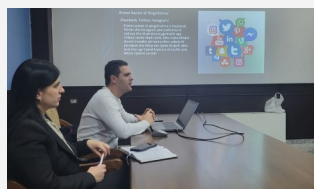
Something that starts as a game has the potential to very quickly turn into a criminal offense with very serious consequences for friends, acquaintances or the surrounding environment.

Students were introduced not only to the forms of cybercrime, but also to ways of preventing, reporting and referring cases to law enforcement agencies.

The aim of the training was to raise awareness for a safer internet, protect youth online and empower them to react to any form of cyber abuse



Training targeting Cybercrime and Cyberbullying



The “Strengthening Community Policing in Albania” (SCPA) Program, in collaboration with the Cybercrime Investigation Directorate of the Albanian State Police, held a training on “Cybercrime and Cyberbullying” on **November 25 and 27, 2025**, with two separate groups of CPOs Educators.

The training was interactive, where the head and experts of the Cybercrime structure shared their professional knowledge and experiences on online security.

Participants had the opportunity to be informed and openly discuss concrete cases of cybercrime and cyber-

bullying, as well as effective ways of responding and reporting to the law enforcement structures.

The aim of the training was to increase the capacities of the CPOs Educators, equipping them with the necessary knowledge to act as trainers and key factors in informing and raising awareness of youth in schools and communities on the risks of the digital space.

This initiative aims to strengthen online safety and increase the protection of young people against cyber threats.



Grant Scheme Activity – LCPS and Public Safety – Fier



On **11 November 2025**, ‘Epoka e Re’ (New Era) NGO, in the framework of the SCPA Program grants’ scheme, organized the recurring workshop in the Municipality of Mallakastra with the participation of the managers of the Directorates of Education, Social Services, Civil Emergencies, Municipal

Police and Infra-structure, as well as with the presence of the Deputy Mayor of the Municipality Ms. Etilda Disha and representatives of the Mallakastra Police Commissariat. The findings of the study on public safety were presented at the meeting and the concrete problems that the

municipality has encountered during this period were discussed. The workshop serves as a preparatory phase for the next meeting of the Local Council on Public Safety (LCPS), strengthening cooperation between institutions for a safer community.



"Call No. 2 for Applications is Announced within the Grant Scheme of the SCPA Program."

Program “Strengthening Community Policing in Albania – Phase 3”, funded by the Swedish Government, announces **Call No. 2 for Applications within the Grant Scheme.**

This program supports the implementation of community policing reform and invites Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), consortia, and community-based organizations to submit project proposals.

Implementation Areas: Regions: **Tirana, Korça, Kukës, Gjirokastrë**

Not only the central municipalities of these regions are included, but also their constituent municipalities (e.g., Kamëz, Pogradec) and administrative units.

Organizations outside these areas must apply in partnership with a local organization/activist.

Types of Grants:

- Up to **€20,000** → projects up to 18 months

- Up to **€10,000** → projects up to 12 months

Fields of Intervention: Grants will support projects aimed at:

- Involving CSOs in creating/strengthening community coalitions for cooperation with the State Police.
- Consolidating Local Public Safety Councils and conducting surveys to measure community safety.
- Improving interaction between police and local actors for the prevention of domestic and gender-based violence.
- Strengthening police–institutions–community partnerships, with a focus on youth and preventive measures in areas such as:
 - road safety
 - conflict resolution
 - rights of persons with disabili-

ties

- consequences of drug use
- bullying and digital crime/violence
- crimes motivated by homophobia

Documentation & Deadlines:

- Application Form and Guidelines: cp-project.al
- Questions/clarifications: until December 10, 2025 at grants@cp-project.al
- Submission of applications: until January 2, 2026, only via email at grants@cp-project.al
- Full details available at: www.cp-project.al

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



During November 2025, within the framework of the SCPA Program and with the support of institutional and community partners, a series of activities were carried out focusing on the prevention and treatment of domestic violence and gender-based violence.

Main Activities:

The National Center for Community Services (NCCS) and local partners organized several important activities within projects supported by the SCPA Grant Scheme.

- **Training for the Empowerment of Women and Girls – Portëz, Fier**
- **Date:** November 7–8, 2025
- **Participants:** Women and girls from the community
- **Objective:** Improving the efficiency and quality of services for victims of domestic violence (DV) and gender-based violence (GBV).
- **Result:** Participants gained

knowledge and practical skills for employment, professional development, and economic independence – a concrete step toward empowerment and active community involvement.

Awareness Workshop at “Naun Kacaku” School – Portëz, Fier

- **Date:** November 6, 2025
- **Participants:** Psycho-social staff and students of the school
- **Focus:** Prevention of gender-based violence and strengthening the sense of safety in school environments.
- **Key Moments:**
- Open discussions on responding to situations of violence
- Emphasis on cooperation among local institutions (Local Education Office, Police, Social Services)
- Creation of the “Safety Club,” a space for ideas and concrete actions toward a violence-free school

Online Meeting of the Elbasan Women’s Forum

- **Date:** November, 2025
- **Participants:** 15 professionals from the Coordinated Referral Mechanisms (CRMs) of 7 municipalities in Elbasan Region
- **Objective:** Discussion of 8 cases with Protection Orders (women and children) and sharing of positive practices in handling violence cases
- **Result:** Strengthening partnerships between the State Police, local actors, and the community in addressing domestic and gender-based violence

These activities represent important steps toward:

- Empowering women and girls through professional and economic skills
- Building a safe and inclusive school environment
- Strengthening institutional cooperation to support victims of violence

Activities from the Grant Scheme for Public Safety and Road Safety in Durres and Shkodra



During September 2025, a series of activities were organized under the support of the SCPA Grant Scheme, focusing on public and road safety.

Meeting with Students in Durres – November 4, 2025

Within the framework of the Grant Scheme, an activity was held at the General Secondary School “Dhosi Lipëri” with students from Durrës Region. Present were representatives of the Local Police, teachers, psychologists, security officers, as well as the organization “Vatra.”

Discussions focused on school and community safety: internet use, risks from narcotic substances, bullying, trafficking, and the role of community policing.

The activity aimed to raise youth awareness and strengthen cooperation between the school, community, and public order structures. This meeting was carried out within the project

“Strengthening Local Mechanisms for Improving Cooperation and Public Safety in Durres Region.”

Exhibition and Road Safety Activities in Shkodër

The association **EKO Mendje** organized an exhibition with photographs, statistics, and educational messages on one of Shkodër’s main streets.

The activity was accompanied by artistic performances from circus actors, practical demonstrations of crossing according to road signage, and distribution of awareness brochures for pedestrians and drivers.

Participants included students from the high schools “28 Nëntori,” “Oso Kuka,” the school “Dëshmorët e Prishtinës,” the kindergarten “Borë Bardha,” as well as volunteers and coordinators of EKO Mendje.

The activities were carried out in cooperation with the Road Police and the

Municipal Police of Shkodër, ensuring on-site support. The message of respecting traffic rules was also spread through local media and social networks, as part of the project supported by the SCPA Program.

Educational Activity with Children in Shkodër

In the courtyard of the school “Dëshmorët e Prishtinës,” **EKO Mendje** organized the awareness game “Searching for Home,” where children learned to follow road signs to move safely. T

hrough the game, they identified signs, crosswalks, and signals, gaining basic knowledge about careful behavior on the road.

The activity was characterized by positive energy, cooperation, and great enthusiasm from both students and teachers.

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 **November 2025**

The primary objective of this program is to raise youth awareness on personal safety, Bulling , Cyber Bullying and awareness against drugs, alcohol and smoking.

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 November 2025, special attention has been given to Bulling , Cyber Bullying and awareness against drugs, alcohol and smoking.

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 **Tirana(7 respective Commissariats) , Fier, Lushnja, Durres, Shkodra, Lezha, Kurbin, Mirdita, Korca, Pogradec, Elbasan, Vlora, Gjirokastra and Kukes.**

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

In total, **273** materials and activities

have been posted, which have been interactively viewed by **3991**users, demonstrating strong public interest.

Furthermore, **107** 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.

