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Workshop on Improving Public Order Statistics System

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The SCPA Programme Management Team (PMT), in cooperation with representatives of the Albanian State Police (ASP), organised the first session of the workshop series entitled **“Improving the System of Statistics Produced and Used by Public Order Structures.”**

The workshop brought together representatives of public order structures from both the ASP Headquarters and Local Police Directorates, including officials from the ICT Directorate.

The Director of the Public Order Directorate and the SCPA Programme Team Leader addressed the participants, highlighting the importance of delivering a series of working group (WG) workshops aimed at improving the public order statistics system.

The workshop was organised in the framework of the implementation of the relevant work plan activity for the elaboration and review of the community policing and public order statistics framework.

It builds upon previous meetings and workshops conducted within this framework.

This session marked the first in a series of WG workshops to be jointly organised by the SCPA Programme and relevant ASP structures. During the session, the current statistics reporting system was reviewed and compared with selected EU models.

Through close cooperation with WG members and with the support of SCPA Programme experts, the workshops aim to undertake a structured and in-depth assessment of existing systems for collecting, processing, and reporting public order and security statistics.

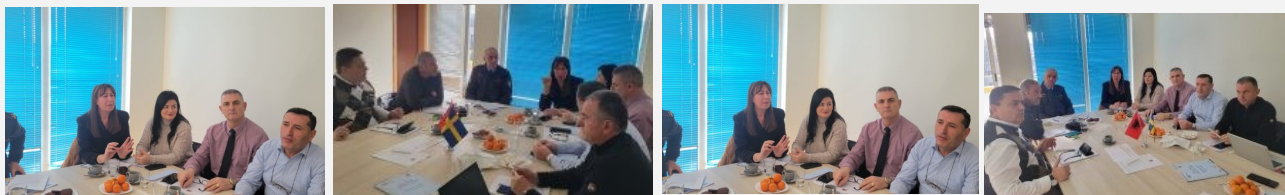
The ultimate goal is to consolidate methodological standards and improve the data systems used by the State Police.

Through this series of workshops and their outcomes, the joint WG seeks to enhance the accuracy, reliability, comparability, and effective use of public order and security statistics, thereby supporting strategic and tactical decision-making, strengthening institutional transparency, and improving the monitoring of local police performance.

- ◆ Workshop on Improving Public Order Statistics
- ◆ Workshop on “Effective Methods and Practices for Developing Awareness-Raising Topics with Students”
- ◆ Call No. 2 for Applications is Announced within the Grant Scheme of the SCPA Program
- ◆ Activities within the framework of support from the Grant Scheme.
- ◆ CPOs Youth Educators Continue Awareness Efforts in Schools



Workshop on “Effective Methods and Practices for Developing Awareness-Raising Topics with Students”



On January 23, 2026, the SCPA Program Management Team, in close cooperation with representatives of the State Police, organized a working seminar dedicated to discussing and finalizing the draft manual “**Effective Methods and Practices for Developing Awareness-Raising Topics with Students.**”

The seminar brought together the Head of the Community Policing Sector at the Directorate of Public Order, as well as 10 Specialists for Education and Youth Work, who are directly engaged in developing awareness campaigns in school environments.

Participants actively contributed to reviewing the content of the draft manual, providing professional comments, concrete suggestions, and

practical examples from their field experience. At the conclusion of the discussions, consensus was reached on the updated final version of the manual, which reflects the real needs of working with students and the current challenges in school settings.

In parallel, the Program Coordinator and the Specialists for Education and Youth Work carried out a joint process of reviewing and updating the training modules in PowerPoint format. These modules are oriented toward raising students’ awareness on particularly important topics such as:

- prevention of drug use,
- alcohol consumption and smoking,
- bullying in schools,
- cybercrime and internet safety.

The updates focused on improving the clarity of messages, using interactive learning methods, and adapting the materials to students’ age groups and everyday realities.

The workshop concluded with full agreement on the improved tools, approaches, and materials, as well as a shared commitment to further strengthen preventive and awareness-raising work in schools.



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

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

The announcement outlined the following details to be duly taken into consideration by prospective applicants **Documentation & Deadlines**

- ⇒ Application Form and Guidelines: cp-project.al
- ⇒ Questions/clarifications: until **December 10, 2025** at [grants@cp-](mailto:grants@cp-project.al)

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- ⇒ Submission of applications: until **January 2, 2026**, only via email at grants@cp-project.al

Implementation Areas: Regions: **Tirana, Korca, Kukes, Gjirokaster.** Not only the central municipalities of these regions are included, but also their constituent municipalities (e.g., Kamez, Pogradec) and administrative units. This program supports the implementation of community policing reform and invites Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), consortia, and community-based organization. During this peri-

od, the SCPA program has completed the application intake process and is currently in the phase of conducting visits across all districts of the country, in cooperation with the local selection committees.

These committees will carry out the review and evaluation of applications in accordance with the program’s established criteria and procedures. Upon conclusion of this process, projects that meet the required standards and criteria will be officially declared as grant winners and will proceed to the next phase of implementation

Activities within the framework of support from the Grant Scheme.



During **January 2026**, several important activities were carried out in the framework of strengthening public security, fostering inter-institutional cooperation, and promoting community engagement, particularly among youth.

In Elbasan, on January 22, the Local Council for Public Safety (LCPS), in cooperation with the organization *Tjetër Vizion*, organized a dialogue meeting with members of the Local Youth Council. The activity created an open space for discussion on community safety challenges, highlighting the role of young people in preventing and reporting incidents, especially in schools. The online application developed by the PARTNER project for reporting incidents in school environments was also presented, serving as a safe and efficient reporting tool. Findings from the citizen perception study on public safety in the district provided the basis for discussions and guidance

for local policy-making.

- **In Kavaja, on January 20**, a meeting was held with around 50 students of “Fiqiri Kurti” school, within the framework of the Grant Scheme. Together with the school staff and Kavajë Police, discussions focused on the school safety package and the improvement of communication and response mechanisms. Students actively contributed with ideas and questions, reflecting on their role in preventing incidents and the importance of school–police–community cooperation. The activity was conducted as part of the project to strengthen local safety mechanisms in Durës District.
- **On January 29, in Elbasan**, professionals from seven Interdisciplinary Technical Teams (ITT) of the district’s municipalities participated in a meeting organized by the Elbasan Women’s Forum. Concrete cases and challenges in their management by the Court, Prosecu-

tor’s Office, Police, and local coordinators against violence were discussed. The meeting served to share positive practices in addressing cases of Domestic Violence and Gender-Based Violence, thereby strengthening inter-institutional coordination.

- **Meanwhile, in Malesi e Madhe**, the LCPS held a meeting to present the results of the Local Safety Measurement System (LSMS) within the SCPA program. Data from surveys highlighted citizens’ concrete concerns, stimulating discussion among institutions and laying the groundwork for action plans guided by the real needs of the community.

These initiatives demonstrate that community involvement—particularly of youth—the use of digital tools, and data-driven decision-making are contributing to the creation of safer, more aware, and more cooperative communities.

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 **January 2026**

The primary objective of this program is to raise youth 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 **January 2026**, special attention has been given Cyber Bullying and aware-

ness 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, Durres Shkodra, Fier, Lushnja, Kukes Lezha, Korca, Pogradec, Elbasan, Kurbin, Vlora, Saranda, Gjirokastra dhe Permet.**

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

In total, **319** materials and activities have been posted, which have been interactively viewed by **4397** users, demonstrating strong public interest.

Furthermore, **130** 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.

