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Workshop on Improving Public Order Statistics System

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

During February 2026, the SCPA Program Management Team (PMT), in cooperation with representatives of the Albanian State Police, organized the second and third session of the workshop rounds titled “Improving the System of Statistics Produced and Used by Public Order Structures.”

The workshops brought together representatives from public order institutions, including the General Directorate of State Police, Local Police Directorates, and the IT Directorate.

Members of the Working Group continued their joint work led by close cooperation with the objective of establishing a functional system for public order and security statistics.

During these sessions, participants focused on police-relevant data, reviewing statistical forms and exchanging experiences and insights on how to improve their content.

The current statistical reporting system was analyzed and compared with selected EU models.

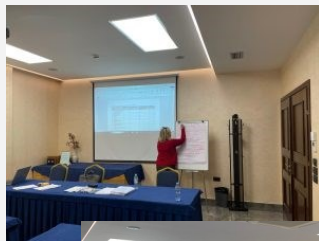
Through these workshops and their outcomes, the Joint Working Group aims to enhance the accuracy, reliability,

comparability, and effective use of public order and safety statistics.

These improvements are intended to support both strategic and tactical decision-making, strengthen institutional transparency, and improve the monitoring of local police performance.

The Working Group will continue its collaboration to further advance the accuracy, reliability, comparability, and effective use of public order and security statistics.

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



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Selection of winning applications for second call for Grants Scheme concludes

The second call for this phase of the Grants Scheme was launched in December 2025, covering four regions: **Tirana, Gjirokastra, Kukes, and Korca.**

Through a dedicated awareness campaign, NGOs and community-based organizations (CBOs) received detailed information about the scheme and

available funding opportunities. This outreach resulted in the submission of **25 project proposals** by the close of the application period.

Between January and February 2026, Local Selection Committees were established in each region. These committees carried out a thorough tech-

anical evaluation of all proposals, following the defined assessment criteria.

We are pleased to announce that out of the **25 applications, 12 projects** have been selected for funding. These initiatives will contribute to strengthening local communities and advancing regional development.

Activities within the framework of support from the Grants Scheme.



During **February 2026**, several important activities were carried out within the framework of strengthening public safety, inter-institutional cooperation, and community engagement, particularly the involvement of youth.

In **Malësi e Madhe, Shkodra**, a meeting of the **Local Council for Public Safety (LCPS)** was held, marking the first meeting for 2026. The meeting took place within the framework of the **Grant Scheme** and in cooperation with the organization **Woman to Woman**, with the participation of representatives from local institutions of the municipality, police, and education sector.

The meeting focused on the presentation and discussion of the results of the **Local Safety Measurement System (LSMS)**, based on data collected from citizen surveys conducted in two sub-areas of the municipality. Representatives of the **SCPA Programme** emphasized the importance of inter-institutional cooperation at the local level as a key element for effectively

addressing public safety issues. It was also underlined that the study should not be viewed merely as a statistical report, but as a practical data tool through which local institutions can reflect on the issues that citizens perceive as positive, as well as on the areas that require greater attention and institutional support.

The meeting contributed to strengthening inter-institutional dialogue and laid the groundwork for identifying priorities and concrete interventions aimed at increasing community safety and trust.

In **Lushnja**, on **February 27**, the first meeting of the **Local Council for Public Safety (LCPS)** for 2026 was held at the **Municipality of Lushnjë**. With the presence of the Mayor, **Eriselda Sefa**, and the involvement of all local stakeholders, important issues related to public safety in the municipality were discussed. During the meeting, the **LCPS operating regulation** was approved

and work began on drafting the **Local Action Plan**, based on concrete data and the real needs of the community.

The findings of a study on public safety in **Fier Region** were presented, with a particular focus on the three police zones of the Municipality of Lushnja. The following issues were addressed: **Public safety and fire prevention; Safety in schools; Improvement of lighting** in problematic areas; **Prevention of youth crime** through educational, sports, and extracurricular activities as well as **Empowerment and inclusion of vulnerable groups**.

The **Municipality of Lushnja** considers public safety a priority and will continue strengthening it through supportive projects, particularly in the field of civic education and youth empowerment.

The activity was organized within the framework of the project **“Public Safety Team 2 – Partners for a Safe Community**

Training of the General Patrol and the Command and Control Room Staff on the Implementation of Community Policing – Tirana Local Police Directorate



On February 17–19 and February 24–26, 2026, the seventh and eighth groups of General Patrol Officers and personnel from the Command and Control Room of the Tirana Local Police Directorate participated in a training organized by the SCPA Program Management Team, held at Police Station No. 1.

The training was designed as a combined theoretical and practical program, aimed at strengthening participants' knowledge and professional skills related to the philosophy of Community Policing and its concrete application in the daily work of State Police officers.

Throughout the sessions, participants engaged in interactive discussions, group work, and case analyses, sharing experiences and reflecting on challenges encountered in the field.

A key component of the training involved practical exercises and real-life

scenario simulations, where officers worked in teams to analyze and resolve different operational situations.

These exercises were intended to foster a proactive and cooperative approach, essential for the effective implementation of Community Policing principles and for building trust-based relationships with citizens.

Special attention was devoted to handling cases of Domestic Violence, with participants examining procedures, the role of the police in protecting victims, and coordination with other responsible institutions.

This module combined theoretical presentations with practical exercises, helping participants improve their professional approach to managing such sensitive cases.

As part of delivering a comprehensive and inter-institutional training program, the SCPA Team also collaborat-

ed with the **Center for Coordination Against Violent Extremism (CVE)**.

Its experts conducted interactive sessions on preventing and combating violent extremism, emphasizing the crucial role of the police in early identification and mitigation of community risk factors.

Best practices from the European Union in the field of Community Policing were also presented and discussed, creating opportunities for experience-sharing and adaptation of these practices to the context of the State Police.

At the conclusion of the training, participants gained new knowledge and skills that contribute to strengthening the professional capacities of State Police officers, reinforcing the practical application of Community Policing philosophy, and supporting a more effective, citizen-oriented approach.

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 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 February 2026, special attention has

been given 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, Durres Fier, Lushnja Korca, Pogradec, Shkodra, Lezha, Berat, Kukës, Elbasan, Vlora, and Sarandë,**

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

In total, **352** materials and activities have been posted, which have been interactively viewed by **4676** users,

demonstrating strong public interest.

Furthermore, **151** 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.

