

# NEWSLETTER

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## Grant Scheme Activities– Youth and Road Safety – Tirana

Two awareness activities on road safety were held in Tirana during **April 2026** by the Road Safety Curatorium (RSC), within the framework of the SCPA Program and with the support of educational and police institutions:

**April 15, 2026 – “Ismail Qemali” High School** The first activity launched and promoted the slogan: **“I respect the traffic rules. You should too!”**

Topics of discussion included:

- Use of the road by pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, and drivers
- Basic principles of traffic circulation
- Causes and prevention of accidents
- Education and behavioral norms
- Importance of seat belts and helmets

Students experienced a simulated accident, gaining practical understanding of the vital role of seat belts.

**April 23, 2026 – “Sami Frashëri” High School** The second activity focused on senior students as the new generation expected to improve road behavior culture. Topics of activities included:

- Information on legal restrictions

for new drivers (specific vehicle power  $\leq 55$  kW/ton; for hybrid vehicles  $\leq 65$  kW/ton)

- Discussion on the consequences of driving without a license, emphasizing administrative and criminal sanctions
- Practical demonstration with KRS’s driving simulator vehicle, highlighting the importance of seat belts while driving

**In essence**, both activities aimed to raise youth awareness about road safety, respect for traffic rules, and accident prevention, combining theoretical information with practical experiences.



## MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Grant Scheme Activities– Youth and Road Safety – Tirana
- ◆ Training of the General Patrol Officers and Command and Control Room Staff on CP Implementation – Korca LPD
- ◆ Workshop on ‘Psychological Aspects of Awareness Raising Campaigns’
- ◆ Grants’ Scheme Activity – LCPS & LSMS – Shkodra & Elbasan
- ◆ Grants’ Scheme Activity – Gjirokastra & Fier
- ◆ CPOs Youth Educators Continue Awareness Efforts in Schools



## Training of the General Patrol Officers and Command and Control Room Staff on CP Implementation – Korca LPD



Between **14-16 April**, **21-23 April** and **28-30 April 2026**, three successive groups—comprising General Patrol Officers and Command and Control Room staff of the Korca Local Police Directorate—participated in a structured training program.

The training was organized and facilitated by the SCPA Program Management Team and conducted within the premises of Korca | Commissariat

In total, **69 police** employees attended the sessions, ensuring broad participation across operational and command

staff. 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 **Coordination Center for Countering Violent Extremism (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.

## Workshop on ‘Psychological Aspects of Awareness Raising Campaigns’



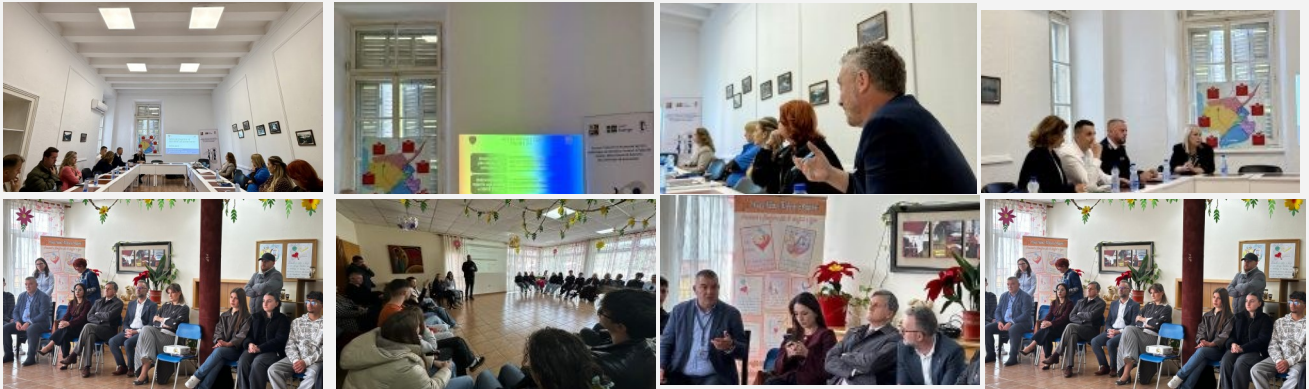
On **02-03 April 2026**, Community Policing Officers (CPO) educators participated in a training session focused on the psychological aspects of engaging and educating school students during awareness-raising campaigns through respective modules. The training was delivered by SCPA Program PMT in cooperation with ASP Public Order Directorate.

The training aimed to strengthen the capacity of CPO educators to better understand youth behavior, communication approaches, and trust-building techniques when working with students in schools and communities. Participants explored practical methods for delivering awareness sessions in an interactive, respectful, and youth-friendly manner, encouraging active

participation and dialogue.

Through discussions and practical examples, the training highlighted the importance of building trust between police and young people, using effective communication strategies, and creating a positive environment that supports prevention and community cooperation.

## Grants' Scheme Activity – LCPS & LSMS – Shkodra & Elbasan



On **17th April 2026** the Local Council on Public Safety (LCPS) meeting was held in the Municipality of Shkodra, where, among other things, the results of the Local Safety Measurement System (LSMS) were presented and an inter-institutional discussion on public safety was encouraged. Representatives from various local institutions, including the police, social services and civil society organizations, participated in the meeting.

During the presentation, citizens' perceptions of safety and the main issues in the community were highlighted. Police representatives emphasized that some phenomena, such as thefts and criminal activity, are decreasing

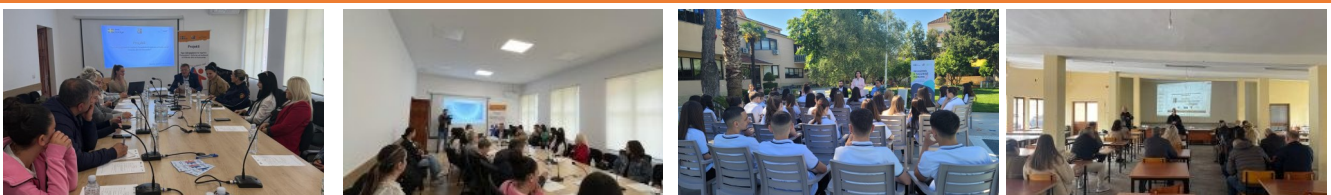
according to official data, while the discussions highlighted the importance of taking citizens' perceptions into account. In conclusion, the need to strengthen inter-institutional cooperation and the regular functioning of the LCPS was emphasized, as well as continuing the analysis of the findings to improve community safety. The development of the LSMS survey was carried out in the framework of the SCPA Program Grants Scheme and it was implemented by the organization Woman to Woman in the Shkodra region.

On **April 14**, The LCPS-Elbasan, in cooperation with the Municipality of Elbasan, organized a youth forum fo-

cused on public safety and the role of youth in preventing violence.

The activity brought together representatives of public institutions, the police, the prosecution, civil society organizations and youth, creating an open space for dialogue and cooperation for a safer community. The forum was also attended by Michel Tarran, Ambassador of the OSCE Presence in Albania, who emphasized the importance of youth engagement in public safety issues. An important moment of the activity was the presentation of the "Report Now" application, developed by TVO organization in the framework of PARTNER project, which is funded and supported by SCPA.

## Grants' Scheme Activity – Gjirokastra & Fier



The Antigonea Multimedia Cultural Center held the launching event on **21st April 2026** in Gjirokastra, within the framework of the project "From Awareness to Action: Preventing the Culture of Bullying in Schools and the Community".

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Child Protection Unit (CPU), the Municipality, social services, the State Police, social workers, school security officers and psychologists, reflecting a joint commitment to

addressing the phenomenon of bullying.

During the event, the objectives and activities of the project were presented, and the importance of inter-institutional cooperation for creating a safe and supportive environment for children and youth was emphasized.

On **April 17 and 30, 2026**, an information and awareness-raising meeting on crime prevention among youth was held at the "Jovan Ndreko" Unified

School in Libofsha. &at 'Numani' school in Fier.

This activity was carried out in the framework of the project "Public Safety Team 2 – Partner for a Safe Community", part of the SCPA Program Grant Scheme, implemented by 'Epoka e Re' organization in cooperation with Fier Local Police Directorate

**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 Officers for Education and Youth Work have continued their activities with dedication throughout **April 2026**

The primary objective of this program is to raise youth awareness on Road Safety and online security. As part of this initiative, CPOs (Community Policing Officers for education and work with youth) 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 April 2026, special attention has been given to awareness youth aware-

ness on Road Safety and online security.

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, Berat, Kurbin, Fier, Lushnja, Durres, Shkodra, Lezha, Korca, Pogradec, Gjirokastra, Elbasan, Kukes, Vlora and Saranda.**

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

In total, **344** materials and activities have been posted, which have been interactively viewed by **4611** users, demonstrating strong public interest.

Furthermore, **123** 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.

