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Local Council for Public Safety and Local Safety Measurement System – Durres

On 2 July 2026, the meeting of the Local Council for Public Safety (LCPS) was held in the Municipality of Durres, with the participation of the Deputy Minister of Interior and Chair of the National Council for Public Safety, Ms. Anisa Ruseti, the Mayor of Durres, Ms. Emiriana Sako, representatives of the State Police, local institutions and the SCPA Program. The meeting focused on the analysis of the security situation in the municipality and the strengthening of inter-institutional coordination to address community priorities.

In her welcoming speech, the Deputy Minister of Interior and Chair of the National Council for Public Safety, Ms. Anisa Ruseti, emphasized the importance of strengthening the role of the Local Councils for Public Safety as mechanisms of inter-institutional coordination, underlining that community safety is a shared responsibility of central and local institutions and that the planning of measures should be based on analysis, evidence and continuous inter-institutional cooperation.

The Mayor of Durres, reconfirmed the municipality's commitment to continue close cooperation with the State Police and other responsible institutions in

implementing measures to increase security and improve the quality of life of citizens. She praised the LCPS as an important mechanism for coordinating inter-institutional actions and addressing security priorities at the local level.

During the meeting, the results of the Local Safety Measurement System (LSMS) 2025 were presented, which provided evidence of high levels of citizen trust in the State Police, low reported crime, and identify the main priorities for intervention, including traffic and parking management, improving lighting and security in public spaces, and strengthening security near schools. The discussions focused on how these findings will be translated into concrete measures through the cooperation of the LCPS member institutions.

In conclusion, the members of the LCPS agreed that the findings of the LSMS should serve as a basis for updating the Local Action Plan, defining concrete actions and clear responsibilities for each institution. The meeting reaffirmed the importance of inter-institutional cooperation and the use of data in planning policies and measures for a safer community.

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Local Council for Public Safety and Local Safety Measurement System – Durres
- ◆ LCPS Activities Supported by the Grants Scheme
- ◆ The draft policy document regarding the implementation of the School Safety Package prepared.
- ◆ Awareness activities against DV & Gender Based violence
- ◆ Activities in the framework of DV Pillar



LCPS Activities Supported by the Grants Scheme



LCPS Meeting of the CLSP in Elbasan, July 30, 2026

A LCPS was held in Elbasan, with the participation of the Mayor, Gledian Llatja, the Deputy Minister of Interior, Anisa Ruseti, the Prefect Ilir Bejtja, the Police Director Fatmir Hoxha, the head of the Prosecution Office Kreshnik Ajazi, the SCPA Program, as well as representatives of local institutions, education, civil society, and the media. Mr. Llatja emphasized that disinformation on social networks is fought through civic trust, institutional cooperation, and investment in young people, praising the Council's role in involving them in security matters.

Ms. Ruseti praised Elbasan as a model of cooperation among the 61 municipalities, while announcing that the Ministry is drafting the new Public Safety Strategy.

The measures of the 2026–2027 School Safety Package were also discussed, and the "Report Now" application was presented for reporting problematic cases and protecting children. The meeting concluded with a commitment to strengthen inter-institutional cooperation, once again confirming the Elbasan CLSP as a model of success.



LCPS Meeting in Shijak Municipality, 15 July 2026

A meeting of the Local Council for Public Safety (LCPS) was held in Shijak Municipality, with the participation of representatives of the Ministry of Interior, the Prefecture of Durres Region, Shijak Municipality, the Albanian State Police, educational institutions and the Strengthening Community Policing Program in Albania (SCPA). The focus of the meeting was on security priorities during the summer season, preparations for the start of the new school year and strengthening inter-institutional cooperation within the framework of the new Public Safety Strategy. Mayor Elton Arbana praised

the LCPS as an effective coordination mechanism, while Deputy Minister Anisa Ruseti highlighted Shijak's good results in the 2025 LSMS (Local Safety Measurement System) and requested verification of cameras and security officers in schools before the start of the school year. Prefect Adrian Gurra promised full institutional support.

The Police presented their operational priorities (fire prevention and combating narcotics cultivation), while the SCPA Program (Mr. Ansi Shundi) proposed awareness-raising activities for September on children's cybersecurity, online bullying, and road safety for minors. Participants agreed to strengthen the role of the LCPS.

The draft policy document regarding the implementation of the School Safety Package prepared.

During July 2026, the SCPA program team held a series of working meetings with the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Education, and the General Directorate of State Police.

The purpose of these meetings was to strengthen safety and security in educational institutions.

Following the discussions held, the SCPA program experts drafted the

policy document regarding the implementation of the School Safety Package, based on existing documentation.

The aim of the School Safety Package is to treat school safety as a daily process, in order to create a fully protected environment for students, teachers, and parents through cooperation among state institutions, teachers, parents, students, and the community. This document represents an im-

portant step toward creating a sustainable framework for the safety of students and staff in school premises, building on the practices and prior experience gathered by experts in the field.

Going forward, an internal discussion is planned between the Ministry and the project, before the document is passed on for consultation to the other institutions involved in the process.

Awareness activities against DV & Gender Based violence



On 9th July 2026, the Institute for Strategic Development (ISD) held an information and awareness-raising meeting with women and girls from the community at the National Multidisciplinary Center, in Administrative Unit no. 9, Tirana.

The activity aimed to increase the participants' knowledge on the forms of domestic violence and gender-based violence, its early signs, as well as the mechanisms available for reporting, protection and support. Special attention was also paid to forms of violence facilitated by technology, which can be

exercised through telephone, messages, digital platforms and social networks.

The participants were also introduced to the latest developments in the legal framework, victims' rights, support services and institutions responsible for the treatment, referral and follow-up of cases.

The information was conveyed through concrete situations, with the aim of translating legal and institutional knowledge into clear and usable guidelines: how to identify signs of

violence, when to seek help and where women and girls can turn for protection and support.

The activity was organized in the framework of the project "Decision-Making that Protects – Strengthening Police Response and Professional Standards in Dealing with Domestic and Gender-Based Violence", implemented by the Institute for Strategic Development, in the framework of the Grant Scheme from the SCPA Program "Strengthening Community Policing in Albania".

Activities in the framework of DV Pillar

During July, intensive work was carried out on reviewing and discussing drafts of secondary legislation implementing **Law no. 11/2026 "On the Prevention of and Fight Against Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women."**

The process included the review of draft decisions of the Council of Ministers, joint orders of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, as well as risk assessment forms for victims of violence.

The program's gender experts provided their technical contribution to improving these documents, offering comments and recommendations based on the best standards and practices.

On July 27, 2026, a meeting of the group of experts was organized at the premises of the Ministry of Interior, with the participation of Deputy Minister Ms. Anisa Ruseti.

During the meeting, issues related to improving the secondary legislation

documents, harmonizing inter-institutional procedures, and reflecting the comments of participating institutions were discussed, with the aim of finalizing the acts in accordance with the requirements of the new law.

On July 30, 2026, a working meeting was held with a group of representatives consisting of Community Police officers (CPOs)/ Criminal Police officers (CIDs), during which the new risk assessment form for victims of violence was tested.

The discussions focused on the practical applicability of the form, the clarity of the questions and risk indicators, the assessment methodology, and the need to unify the practices for its use by the responsible structures.

Participants shared concrete comments and suggestions for improving the form, with the aim of enabling it to provide as accurate an identification of the risk level as possible and to support the timely adoption of protective

measures for victims.

