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The SCPA program supports the development of the School Safety Package

Four ministries are joining forces to ensure a safer school environment for children—at school, on the way to school, and in the digital space.

As part of the presentation of the School Safety Package, a joint meeting was held at the "Ibrahim Rugova" High School in Kamëz, attended by representatives from institutions responsible for children's safety, education, health, and well-being.

The School Safety Package is an inter-institutional initiative that unites the responsibilities and efforts of four ministries: the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. It aims to strengthen mechanisms for the prevention, early identification, referral, and handling of cases that compromise children's safety and well-being.

Special attention is paid to ensuring student safety not only within school premises but also in the areas surrounding the school, during the commute to school, and in the digital environment. The SCPA Program, in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal

Affairs and relevant institutions, has made a significant contribution through its expertise to the process of drafting the School Safety Package. This engagement is part of the Program's ongoing support for strengthening community policing and inter-institutional cooperation, as well as enhancing the safety of children and youth.

This initiative aims to strengthen cooperation among institutions, schools, parents, and the community, establishing a coordinated and comprehensive approach to preventing and addressing issues related to school safety.



- ### MAIN ACTIVITIES:
- ◆ The SCPA program supports the development of the School Safety Package
 - ◆ Fourth Steering Committee Meeting of the SCPA Programme
 - ◆ Training of the General Patrol Officers and Command and Control Room Staff on Community Policing Implementation – Elbasan LPD
 - ◆ Kavaja Municipality holds the first meeting of its Local Council for Public Safety
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 - ◆ NSPK-të për edukimin fillojnë punën ndërgjegjësuere në shkolla



Fourth Steering Committee Meeting of the SCPA Programme



On 23 September 2026, the fourth Steering Committee meeting of the SCPA Programme was held, bringing together representatives of the State Police, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and partner institutions.

The meeting was co-chaired by Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Ms Anisa Ruseti, Director of the Department of Public Safety at the Albanian State Police Mr Dhimitraq Ziu, and Programme Manager at the Embassy of Sweden in Albania Ms Linda Gjermani.

The meeting reviewed the progress of the SCPA Programme during the reporting period and discussed key

achievements in strengthening community policing, including the delivery of trainings, reform of statistical reporting, strengthening of Local Public Safety Councils, implementation of the Local Safety Measurement System, and approval of the School Safety Package. The importance of continued cooperation on the development of the new Public Safety Strategy 2027–2030 and on strengthening inter-institutional cooperation was also highlighted.

Recognizing the many years of cooperation, the meeting emphasized the importance of ensuring that the re-

sults, knowledge and practices developed with the support of the Government of Sweden are fully absorbed and institutionalized within the State Police, ensuring that the achievements of the SCPA Programme are sustained and continue beyond the end of the assistance.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of activities planned for the upcoming period and a shared commitment to continued cooperation in support of more community-oriented policing and enhanced public safety.

Training of the General Patrol Officers and Command and Control Room Staff on Community Policing Implementation – Elbasan LPD



On 28-30 September 2026, General Patrol Officers and Command and Control Room (21 trainees) from Elbasan Police Directorate participated in the training delivered by SCPA PMT.

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 Coun-**

tering 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.

Kavaja and Peqin Municipality holds the first meeting of its Local Council for Public Safety



On **15 and 25 September 2026**, Kavaja and Peqin Municipality held their first meeting of its Local Council for Public Safety (LCPS). Participants included representatives of local institutions, Vice Minister of Interior, the Office of the Prefect of Tirana Region, the State Police, the Municipal Police, regional institutions represented on the Council and the Swedish Community Policing Support Programme (SCPA).

The meeting focused on concerns raised by the community, including

safety around schools, public order, road safety, noise and pollution. Participants also discussed infrastructure issues and coastal erosion.

They stressed the need for regular, formalized cooperation among institutions so that the Council can follow up on the issues identified.

As a next step, participants from both Municipalities proposed that , the Municipal Police and the State Police develop a joint plan to monitor schools

across the municipality, the beach area and locations where problems recur.

Such a plan would also help coordinate road safety and public order measures, particularly during periods of high visitor numbers.

The meeting marked the start of more structured cooperation on local safety priorities. Following up on residents' concerns through concrete action will remain central to the Council's work.

Grant Scheme Activity – School Safety – Fier



On **16 September 2026**, the closing event for the project “Public Safety Team 2 – Partners for a Safe Community”—part of the Grant Scheme and implemented in cooperation with the Fier Local Police Directorate—took place in Divjaka.

The event brought together key stakeholders involved in the project's implementation, including representatives from local institutions, the police, the education sector, justice bodies, and the community. The meeting focused on school safety and the prevention of youth crime, identified as priority is-

ues during the project's activities. Participants reflected on the project's achievements, the challenges encountered during implementation, and the outcomes of the collaboration between institutions and the community. Discussions also centered on measures taken to enhance school safety, the timely identification and referral of problematic cases, the involvement of parents and young people, and the need for improved inter-institutional coordination.

A significant part of the discussion was dedicated to opportunities for contin-

ued cooperation beyond the project's conclusion, aiming to ensure the sustainability of the results achieved and to further strengthen local mechanisms for community safety collaboration.

In conclusion, the importance of a joint, preventive approach was emphasized, wherein education, information, sport, social inclusion, and ongoing cooperation among institutions, families, and the community serve as concrete tools for creating a safer environment for children and youth.

Grants scheme activities – Domestic Violence – Tirana & Shkoder

**Tirana: 18 September 2026****Informational and awareness session with the community in Tirana**

As part of the implementation of the project "Strengthening the Police Response to Domestic Violence," under the Grant Scheme and in cooperation with the Directorate for Social Protection and Inclusion, Municipality of Tirana, the Institute for Strategic Development (ISD) held an informational and awareness session with community members. The activity took place at the "Gonxhe Bojaxhi" Community Center in Tirana.

The session focused on informing participants about the novelties of Law No. 11/2026 and the rights of women and girls facing domestic violence or gender-based violence. An important part of the discussion was devoted to the mechanisms and services that can be activated for their protection and support, so that participants understand what assistance can be requested and where they can turn.

During the discussion, forms of protection and referral pathways in cases of violence were addressed in practical terms. Options for accessing legal aid, psychological and social support, health services, emergency shelter, and other forms of support were ex-

plained, making the information closer and more understandable for the community.

Particular attention was given to the importance of timely reporting and knowing the institutions responsible for handling cases. The role that the community itself can play in identifying and referring cases of violence was also emphasized, since neighbors, relatives, and friends are often the first to notice the signs of a problem.

The session aimed to raise community awareness of existing rights, services, and protection mechanisms, encouraging a more informed and more responsible approach to preventing and addressing domestic violence and gender-based violence.

Shkoder: 22 September 2026**Coordinating support for victims of domestic violence in Shkoder**

Under the Grant Scheme, the meeting of the Interdisciplinary Technical Group for case management of domestic violence victims was held in the Municipality of Shkoder. This mechanism brings together institutions and organizations that work every day to protect and support women and their children, striving to ensure that no case goes unanswered.

Representatives from various institutions and organizations took part in the meeting, each with their own role and experience.

The aim was to coordinate work in supporting beneficiaries and their children, so that interventions are faster, clearer, and less fragmented.

The discussion addressed the main needs presented by the cases being followed.

At the center of attention were housing, legal assistance, and employment, three links that directly affect victims' ability to leave the cycle of violence and begin a safer life. Participants exchanged views on how these needs can be addressed more effectively, with the goal of ensuring safer and more sustainable conditions for beneficiaries.

At the end of the meeting, the actors involved agreed to continue coordinating among themselves to follow up on cases and to implement the necessary legal, social, and economic support measures.

Joint work remains essential so that support continues after the first intervention, and not only at the moment of crisis.

CPOs -Youth Educators start 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 **September 2026**

The primary objective of this program is to raise youth awareness on bullying and cyber bullying & 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 September 2026, special attention has been given to awareness youth awareness on 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 all LPDs and police commissariats. These units have displayed high work intensity, conducting numerous meetings and distributing awareness materials through social media and online forums.

In total, **154** materials and activities have been posted, which have been interactively viewed by **2009** users, demonstrating strong public interest.

Furthermore, **79** 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

