



**Pledge submitted by Albania to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
December 2023**

Original language of submission: English

Type of pledge: Single (by one state/actor)

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Improving crime policies and better respect of Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System

Albania commits to:

- Adapt the new Criminal Code in line with EU directives and others international standards.
- Amend the Criminal Procedure Code aiming to guarantee the procedural legal rights for persons accused or suspected in a criminal process and to deliver justice in full alignment with EU acquis and the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights.
- Increasing free legal aid access through the opening new services centres and improving the quality of the service.
- Enhance the respect of the fundamental rights for the detainees and convicted persons in the penitentiary institutions.

Pledging entity: Ministry of Justice/Directorate of Codification and Harmonization of Legislation/ Directorate of the free legal aid / General Directorate of Prisons of Albania

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2026

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Fight against corruption

The prevention and punishment of corruption is our priority. Albania commits to:

- Approve of the Cross Cutting Anticorruption Strategy (2024-2030)
- Ensure further alignment with the EU acquis and EU Standards on Anticorruption, by amending/adopting: Law on Conflict of Interests; Law on lobbying; Law on political party financing; ratification of the Convention on Combatting Bribe of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions; The Law on whistleblowing and whistleblowers protection.
- Adopt sectoral risk assessment and risk mitigation plan of integrity and corruption in sectors vulnerable to corruption.
- Sustain the Progress in Implementing GRECO Recommendations.
- Establish a solid track record of anticorruption.

Pledging entity: Ministry of Justice

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2027

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Strengthening the Friendly Juvenile Justice System and Justice for Victims

Albania commits to:

- Fully-implement the Crosscutting Juvenile Justice Strategy 2022-2026 aiming to strengthen access to the Friendly Juvenile Justice System for each child; improve restorative justice programs; enhance monitoring mechanisms and institutional structures guaranteeing friendly treatment, rehabilitation, and reintegration of children in contact/in conflict with the law and promoting the use of alternative sanctions.
- Adopt the Intersectoral Strategy for the Protection for Victims of Crime and the Action Plan 2024-2030.
- Ensuring support, protection and a safe environment, in order for victims to report the crimes.
- Improve access to justice, establish a compensation scheme and facilitate victims' access to compensation, guarantee fair and appropriate compensation to them.

Pledging entity: Ministry of Justice/Directorate of Free Legal Aid/ Directorate of Codification and Harmonization of Legislation/ Directorate of Policies and Strategies in the Field of Justice

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2030