

Visa roadmap implementation in Albania Comparison May/October 2009*

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Block 1: Document security		
EMA/ESI assessment: Albania generally meets the benchmarks under block 1.		
1.1 Issue biometric passports in line with ICAO and EC standards	2-	1
1.2 Ensure integrity and security of the personalisation & distribution process	3+	1
1.3 Establish anti-corruption training & ethical codes for officials (passports, visas)	3+	2
1.4 Report lost and stolen passports to Interpol/LASP database	2+	1
1.5 Ensure a high level of security of breeder documents and ID cards, incl. issuance procedures	2+	1
Block 2: Illegal Migration including readmission		
EMA/ESI assessment: Albania generally meets the benchmarks under block 2.		
2.1.1 Adopt and implement legislation on movement of persons at the external borders, legislation on border authorities in line with 2007 National Strategy of Integrated Border Management	3	2-
2.1.2 Take budgetary & other measures ensuring efficient infrastructure, equipments, IT at borders	3	2
2.1.3 Establish anti-corruption training & ethical codes for officials (border management)	2	2
2.1.4 Conclude working arrangement with FRONTEX	1	1
2.2.1 Adopt and implement legislation on carrier's responsibility	1-	1-
2.3.1 Adopt and implement asylum legislation, which is in line with internat. Standards	1-	1
2.3.2 Provide adequate infrastructure (reception centres for asylum seekers) & strengthen bodies responsible for asylum procedures	1	1
2.4.1 Mechanism to monitor migration flows (incl. migration profile), set up responsible bodies	1	1
2.4.2 Implement the 2005 National Migration Strategy and its Action Plan	1-	1-
2.4.3 Conduct inland detection, improve capacity to investigate org. facilitated illegal migration	2	2
2.4.4 Adopt and implement a law on the admission and stay of third-country nationals	1-	1-
2.4.5 Ensure expulsion of illegally residing third-country nationals	1-	1-
Block 3: Public order and security		
EMA/ESI assessment: Albania meets a large majority of the benchmarks under block 3.		
3.1.1 Adopt and implement draft strategy to fight organised crime (in particular cross-border aspects) by adopting and implementing an action plan	3+	2-
3.1.2 Adopt and implement draft strategy and action plan to fight trafficking in human beings	3	1-
3.1.3 Adopt and implement a strategy to fight money laundering and financing of terrorism, implement legislation on confiscation of assets of criminals	2-	2+
3.1.4 Implement 2004-2010 National Strategy and National Drug Action Plan, make info on drug seizures and persons involved accessible at BCPs, develop cooperation with relevant int. Bodies	2+	1-
3.1.5 Implement 2007-2013 National Anti-corruption Strategy, adopt and implement Anti-Corruption Action Plan, take additional measures	2	2+
3.1.6 Implement relevant UN and CoE conventions as well as GRECO recommendations in the areas listed above and the fight against terrorism	3+	2
3.2.1 Implement internat. conventions on judicial cooperation in criminal matters	3+	2-
3.2.2 Improve judicial cooperation in criminal matters with EU MS and regional countries	1-	1-
3.2.3 Develop working relations with Eurojust	1	1
3.3.1 Improve law enforcement co-operation among relevant national agencies	3+	2
3.3.2 Set up coordination mechanisms for information exchange between national agencies	2+	2+
3.3.3 Improve law enforcement cooperation and info exchange regionally and with EU MS	1-	1-
3.3.4 Improve operational and special investigative capacity of law enforcement services to tackle cross-border crime	2-	2+
3.3.5 Prepare for the conclusion of operational cooperation agreement with Europol	1-	1-
3.4.1 Implement March 2008 Personal Data Protection Law, set up supervisory authority	2-	1-
3.4.2 Sign, ratify and implement internat. conventions on personal data protection	1	1
Block 4: External Relations and Fundamental Rights		
ESI/EMA assessment: Albania generally meets the benchmarks under block 4.		
4.1.1 Ensure freedom of movement for citizens without discrimination	1-	1-
4.2.1 Ensure access to travel and identity documents for all citizens	1-	1-
4.2.2 Ensure access to identity documents for refugees	unclear	1-
4.3.1 Adopt and enforce legislation against discrimination	2	2+
4.3.2 Specify conditions and circumstances for acquisition of Albanian citizenship	1-	1-
4.3.3 Ensure investigation of ethnically motivated incidents in the area of freedom of movement	1-	1-
4.3.4 Ensure that constitutional provisions on protection of minorities are observed	1-	1-
4.3.5 Implement relevant policies regarding minorities, including Roma	2	2+

*based on Albania's updated second readiness report of 2 November 2009 including all annexes. The grading system uses 3 grades, from 1 (top) to 3, and the corresponding colours.