

# REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA



# Ministria e Brendshme

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## Ministry of Interior



- During the last years Albania has taken several measures to improve its legislation in order to approximate it to EU countries as well as to reform its organizational structures to fight Organized Crime in the country.



- The Sub Directorate of Organized Crime was set up in October 2001; it was part of the Criminal Police Directorate
- The “Directorate of Organized Crime and Witness Protection” was set up in October 2004.




- This Directorate consists of the following 6 Central and Operational Units:
  1. The Unit of Witness Protection and Collaborators of Justice.
  2. The Unit of the fight against Illegal Traffics and Human Beings.



3. The Central Anti Narcotics Service.
4. The Unit for the fight against Money Laundering and Economic-Financial Crimes.
5. Criminal Informations Analysis Unit.
6. Special Operations Unit.



- The Directorate for the fight against Organized Crime is supported from the international police missions that are operating in Albania, such as:
    1. Police Assistance Mission of the European Community to Albania (PAMECA)
    2. International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP)
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- These two international police missions have provided logistic support and training courses at different levels for the Directorate of the fight against Organized Crime.





- The Directorate of the fight against Organized Crime has closely cooperated with the following institutions:

1. General Prosecution Office.
2. Serious Crime Prosecution Office.
3. State Intelligence Service (SIS)
4. Police Forces from other countries.



- The cooperation is increased considerably recently with:
  1. Italian Interforza Office.
  2. DEA Office.
  3. SEECI center and counterpart police services.



- The Police Liaison officers have played important roles, such as in Italy, Turkey, Greece and Kosovo.
- Cooperation is established with Council of Europe in the framework of CARPO to draft a regional strategy to fight against organized crime.



- Albanian parliament passed the Anti Mafia legal Package in September 2004.
- These legal amendments have helped a lot to increase the fight against organized crime in the country and the Serious Crime Prosecution Office has made different seizures and confiscations of ill gotten properties of criminals.



- Thank you for your attention.

