



Program Summary

Albania's program is focused on reforming the country's public procurement process and strengthening the Tirana Tax Department to promote fiscal transparency and accountability. It is also supporting the establishment of a National Registration Center to help combat corruption in business registration.

Program Highlights

- The Ministry of Defense, National Registration Center and the Central Purchasing Body published e-procurements through the e-Procurement System, with a combined value of over \$17 million.
- Master's level public procurement class at was initiated at the University of Tirana in early 2008.
- The Procurement Advocate's Office developed a public awareness campaign targeted at the business community. This office received and investigated 39 complaints lodged by bidders concerning government procurements.
- The National Registration Center has processed more than 30,000 applications since opening its Tirana headquarters in September 2007.
- The National Registration Center created a fully accessible electronic database of all registered businesses in Albania, and between January and March 2008 it completed scanning and indexing all of the 41,000 registration files for legal entities and 167,000 files for self-employed individuals that comprise the Albanian business registry.
- All five major tax declarations for e-filing are now available, including: the monthly declarations for VAT, the personal income tax withholding, health and social insurance contributions, estimated profits tax, and the annual profits tax declaration.

Threshold Status

Status.....Implementation, Year 2

Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$13.85 million

Duration.....2 years

Agreement Signed.....April 3, 2006

Country Information

Population.....3,129,678*

GNI Per Capita Income.....\$2,580*

*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005