

ALBANIA



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Geography

Area: 28,748 km²
Borders: 691 km (Greece 212 km, North Macedonia 181 km, Montenegro 186 km, Kosovo 112 km)
Coastlines: 362 km (Adriatic Sea)
Capital: Tirana
Official language: Albanian

Source : The CIA World Factbook



Population

Population: 2,761,785 (2023 est.)
Crude natural change rate: 0.2‰ (2022)
Population: 17.9% under 15 years old, 14.6% over 65 years old (2023 est.)
Crude migration rate net for 1000 inhabitants: -3.2‰ (2022 est.)
Life expectancy: men 77 years, women 83 years (2023 est.)
Religions: Muslim 56.7%, Albanian Orthodox 6.8%, Roman Catholic 10%, Atheists 2.5%, Bektashi 2.1%, Others 5.7%, Non-specified 16.5% (2011 est.)

Sources: Eurostat, The CIA World Factbook



Economy

Currency: *Lek* (ALL) (exchange rate in November 2023: 1€ = 102.43 ALL)
GDP: € 21,255.4 million (2023)
GDP per capita (PPP): € 5,390 (2022)
GDP growth: 0.4% (June 2023)
Inflation: 2.5% (May 2024)
Unemployment rate: 10.7% (July 2023)
Public deficit: -3.8% of GDP (December 2022)
Public debt: 67% of GDP (December 2022)
Foreign direct investment from the entire world: 7.6% (2022)

Sources: IMF, Eurostat, World Bank, BNP Paribas, Bank of Albania, Trading Economics, World Bank



Political System

Republic, monocameral parliamentary democracy
Head of State: Bajram Begaj, elected by the Parliament on July 24th 2022.
Prime Minister: Edi Rama, since the 15th September 2013. He was reelected on 25th April 2021. The Kuvendi is made up of 140 deputies who are elected via direct universal suffrage for four years.



Political Representation

Parliamentary composition in July 2024:

- 75 seats Socialist Party (PSSH)
- 44 seats Democratic Party of Albania (PDSH)
- 7 seats Democracy and Integrity
- 7 seats Alliance for Change
- 3 seats Freedom Party (PL)
- 3 seats Social Democratic Party of Albania (PSD)
- 1 seat Opportunity Party (PM)

Female representation:

- in government: 13/16
- in Parliament: 50/140

Next elections: Presidential election in 2027 and parliamentary elections in 2025.

Application for membership of the European Union:

Albania signed a Stabilization and Association agreement (ASA) with the European Union on 12th June 2006; it entered into force on 1st April 2009. On 24th April 2009, Albania submitted its application for EU membership. A visa facilitation agreement with the EU entered into force in January 2008, and in December 2010, a visa free regime for Schengen area was introduced. Albania is an official candidate to the European Union since 27th June 2014.

On 26th June 2018 the General Affairs Council adopted conclusions regarding the EU-Western Balkans stabilisation and association process, covering Albania. On 17th and 18th October 2019, the European Council decided to come back to the issue of enlargement before the EU-Western Balkans summit in Zagreb in May 2020.

On 25th March 2020, the member states of the European Union gave their agreement to start the negotiations to integrate Albania into the Union. On 19th July 2022, the EU opened enlargement negotiations with Albania.

Source: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/europa.eu/en/policies/enlargement/albania>