



# European Union for Law Enforcement in Albania (2<sup>nd</sup> phase) EU4LEA 2

#### RECRUITMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR AT EU4LEA 2 PROJECT

## **Background information:**

Albania maintains a high political engagement toward the EU accession process. In the context of accession negotiations, Albania submitted the three roadmaps that will guide its reforms efforts, including the Rule of Law roadmap that extensively addresses subfields such as justice reform, the fight against corruption, fundamental rights, the fight against organized crime, migration, asylum and visas.

In October 2024 the EU opened negotiations with Albania on Cluster 1: Fundamentals, which includes Chapter 23 – Judiciary and fundamental rights and Chapter 24 – Justice, freedom and security. The EU and Albania agreed on interim benchmarks to be met during the negotiation process both on the horizontal level for the cluster, and specifically for chapters 23 and 24.

Also, Albania has actively engaged in the implementation of the new Growth Plan for the Western Balkans across the four pillars of gradual integration with the EU single market, regional economic integration, fundamental reforms and increased financial support. The Reform Agenda covers several areas of reforms including fundamental rights and the rule of law. Finally, for the first time, the European Commission's 2024 rule of law report covered Albania.

In this evolving context towards EU accession, the phase 2 of the European Union for Law Enforcement in Albania (EU4LEA 2) Project seeks to provide targeted support to Albania to promote full alignment under chapter 23 and 24. The expected impact of EU4LEA 2 is that Albanian capacities to fight organized crime and corruption are upgraded, in line with key provisions under the EU accession pathway. Support will be provided to Albanian institutions in their efforts against organized crime networks and high-level corruption.

To this aim a team of 5 Permanent Experts (project coordination, organized crime investigation, organized crime and high-level corruption prosecution, financial investigation, evolutionary form of organized crime/forensics) will be deployed alongside mid-term and short-term expertise in relevant subjects.

Targeted institutions include the Ministry of Interior, the General Prosecution Office (GPO), Albanian State Police (ASP), Special Prosecution Office (SPO), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Albanian Financial Intelligence Agency (AFIA), General Directorate of Taxation (GDT), Agency of the Administration of Seized and Confiscated Assets (AASCA) and other pertinent entities and institutions.







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The International Project Coordinator will play a crucial role in ensuring that assistance is fully owned by the beneficiaries and delivered against cost-efficient and results-oriented implementation plans.

The Action is jointly co-financed by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) with a total budget of 10.2 million EUR (EU contribution 9,700,000 EUR and BMZ contribution 500,000 EUR). It is implemented by the Italian Ministry of Interior (MoI), CIVIPOL and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The duration of the Action is scheduled to be around 48 months, depending on contract signature.

While phase 2 of the project is in its finalization stage, the contract has not yet been signed as negotiations are still ongoing. Consequently, any vacancies related to EU4LEA 2 are published under a suspensive clause, pending contract signature.

#### We offer

We offer the post of an INTERNATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR. Under this post the recruited person will be attributed functions as foreseen within the job description and ad-hoc tasks based on the needs of the EU4LEA 2 project. Upon recruitment the successful candidate will occupy a specific job function as INTERNATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR. Under this job function the successful candidate will report to and will work under the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of Interior, or any other person assigned by the latter. The successful candidate will be fluent in English and with strong technical skills in their given field. He/she will have excellent interpersonal skills and will be able to work effectively on an independent basis as well as part of a team. Previous experience of working on EUfunded projects would be a strong asset.

For additional information such as required profile and relevant job description, please check EU4LEA 2 website at: <a href="https://www.eu4lea2.eu/">www.eu4lea2.eu/</a>

#### How to apply

If you are interested in applying for the aforementioned post, please send your application including your cover letter in English and detailed CV in English (preferably in Europass format and PDF) to <a href="mailto:info@eu4lea2.eu">info@eu4lea2.eu</a>. Please include your contact details (telephone number and email address) in your CV. The subject of the e-mail should be INTERNATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR Application.

### The procedure







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After the deadline for applications, the applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee set up for this purpose. The Selection Committee will prepare a short-list of candidates who are considered the most suitable for the post based on a preliminary assessment of the information provided in their cover letter and CV. Evidence on education and professional experience will be required for the short-list candidates. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted by e-mail/telephone. Applicants should be available online and in person interviews within February 2025 and no later than mid-March 2025. Once the recruitment procedure has been completed EU4LEA 2 will inform the short-listed candidates of the result of the procedure (if the candidate has or has not been recruited).

The deadline for the applications is 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.







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