



# EU-Albania 7th Stabilisation and Association Committee held in Tirana



The 7th Stabilisation and Association Committee meeting between the EU and Albania was held on 9 June in Tirana.

The meeting was co-chaired for the EU by Ms Ruiz Calavera, Director in the European Commission Directorate General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, and for Albania by Minister Gjoshka, Minister of European Integration.

The meeting provided the opportunity to review all aspects of Albania's reform process, take stock of progress made, but also identify gaps and provide guidance on the way forward. The Albanian authorities provided an overview of the recent achievements in the areas of rule of law, public administration reform, trade, economic development, agriculture and fisheries, industry, internal market, information society, social policy, and connectivity. European Commission representatives recalled the main findings of the Albania Report 2015, which noted steady progress on all reform priorities, and welcomed the commitment by the authorities of Albania to further pursue achievements on the reform agenda.

In particular, European Commission representatives commended the work done so far on the justice reform and expressed strong support for the continuation of the democratic process to ensure the adoption of the legislative package without delay. An independent, accountable, professional, impartial and efficient judiciary is what Albania's citizens demand and deserve.

Beyond the rule of law, European Commission representatives underlined that consistent and sustainable progress needs to be demonstrated in all other areas, including by achieving concrete operational results in all chapters covered by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

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