

## Information Guide



### Albania

**A guide to information sources on the Republic of Albania, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites**

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## General information

- Albania: [Welcome to Albania](#)
- Wikipedia: [Albania](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Country Profile: [Albania](#)
- United States: CIA: World Factbook: [Albania](#)
- United States: Department of State: [Albania](#)
- BBC News: Country Profiles: [Albania](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Albania](#)
- Find websites on [Albania](#) through Google
- The Guardian: World news: [Albania](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Albania](#)
- UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies Library: Internet resources on: [Albania](#)

## Agricultural information

- Albania: [Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development](#) (Ministria e Bujqësisë, Pylltarisë dhe Zhvillimit Rural) [in Albanian]
- FAO: Country Profiles: [Catalog of data sources](#) [select theme then country]
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe: [Albania](#)

## Competition policy information

- Albania: [Competition Authority](#) (Autoriteti i Konkurrencës)

## Culture and language information

- Albania: [Ministry of Culture](#) (Ministria e Kulturës) [in Albanian]
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: [Albania](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Albania](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of [Albania](#)
- University of the Highlands and Islands: [European Minority Languages](#) [select language]

## Defence and security information

- Albania: [Ministry of Defence](#) (Ministria e Mbrojtjes)
- Albania: [Intelligence Agency](#) (SHISH, Sherbimi Informativ Shteteror) [in Albanian]
- NATO: Relations with [Albania](#)

## Economic information

- ESO: [Albania]: [Albania: Economic situation](#)
- Albania: [Ministry of Finance](#) (Ministria e Financave) [in Albanian]
- Albania: [Bank of Albania](#) (Banka e Shqipërisë)
- International Monetary Fund: [Albania](#) and the IMF
- OECD: Countries: [Albania](#)
- UNIDO: Country profile: [Albania](#)

- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Albania](#)
- WTO: [Albania](#) and the WTO
- LSE/WIIW: Balkan Observatory: Country Report 2016: [Albania](#)
- United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in [Albania](#)

## Education information

- Albania: [Ministry of Education and Sport](#) (Ministria e Arsimit dhe Sportit) [in Albanian]
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC – Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: [Albania](#)
- OECD: Education: [Albania](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Country and Regional Profiles](#) [Albania]
- World Bank: EdStats: [Country Profiles](#) [select country]
- BrainTrack: Universities and Colleges in [Albania](#) [select country]
- EuroEducation: European Education Directory: Education in [Albania](#)
- NationMaster: [Education Statistics](#) [Albania]
- Wikipedia: Education in [Albania](#)

## Employment information

- Albania: [Ministry for Social Welfare and Youth](#) (Ministria e Mirëqenies Sociale dhe Rinisë) [in Albanian]

## Energy information

- Albania: [Albania-EU Energy Efficiency Centre](#)
- International Energy Agency: Countries: [Albania](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Albania](#)

## Environmental information

- Albania: [Ministry of Environment](#) (Ministria e Mjedisit) [in Albanian]
- European Environment Agency:
  - EIONET – European Environment Information and Observation Network: [Albania](#)
  - EPANET – European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies: [Albania](#)
- FAO: Country Profiles: [Catalogue of data sources](#) [Albania]

## European policies and relations with the EU

- Albania: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) (Ministria e Punëve të Jashtme)
- National Bank of Albania: [Albania and the Euro](#)
- European Commission: DG Enlargement: [Albania](#)
- European External Action Service (EEAS): [Delegation to Albania](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Albania](#)

## Geographic information and maps

- FAO: Forestry Country Information: Maps: [Albania](#)
- Lonely Planet: Map of [Albania](#)
- Maps of the World: [Albania](#)
- University of Texas: Perry-Castañeda Library: Map Collection: [Albania](#)

## Health information

- Albania: [Ministry of Health](#) (Ministria e Shëndetësisë) [in Albanian]
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA): Country Overviews: [Albania](#)
- World Health Organization:
  - Countries: [Albania](#)
  - Regional Office for Europe: [Albania](#)
  - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: [Albania](#)

## Human rights information

- Council of Europe:
  - European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Report on [Albania](#)
  - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Albania](#)
  - European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: States: [Albania](#)
  - European Court of Human Rights: Country Profiles: [Albania](#)
    - Country Profiles: [Albania](#)
    - [Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010](#) [select country]
    - [Violation by Article and by State 1959-2012](#)
    - [Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010](#)
- United Nations:
  - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in [Albania](#)
  - UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information: [Albania](#)
- United States: Department of State:
  - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [Albania](#) (2015)
  - Reports on International Religious Freedom: [Albania](#) (2015)
- The Carter Center: International Peacekeeping and Human Rights Programs: Activities in [Albania](#)
- Human Rights Watch: Human Rights in [Albania](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: Freedom of Information in [Albania](#)

## Intellectual property information

- Albania: [General Directorate of Patents & Trademarks](#)
- European Patent Office: Directory of Patent Information Centres: [Albania](#)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Albania](#)

## Investment information

- Albania: [Albanian Foreign Investment Promotion Agency](#):
  - [Invest in Albania](#)
- World Bank: Countries and Regions: [Albania](#)
- United States: Embassy in Albania: [Doing business in Albania](#)

## Justice and home affairs information

- Albania: [Ministry of Justice](#) (Ministria e Drejtësisë) [in Albanian]
- Albania: [Ministry of Interior Affairs](#) (Ministria e Punëve të Brendshme) [in Albanian]
- Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Albania](#)
  - Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) [select country]

## Living and working information

- Albania: [Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities](#) (Ministria e Mirëqenies Sociale dhe Rinisë) [in Albanian]
- United Kingdom: British Embassy in Tirana: [Living in Albania](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: [Albania](#)
- United States: Department of State: Countries: [Albania](#)

## Media information

- European Broadcasting Union: Active Members: [Albania](#) [Albania]
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: [Albania](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: [Albania](#) [select country]
- Newslink: European Newspapers: [Albania](#)
- Online Newspapers: [Albania](#)
- Radiomap: Radio Stations in [Albania](#)

## Political information (including elections)

- ESO: [Albania: Political situation](#)
- ESO: [Albania: Political situation: Elections](#)
- Albania: [Government Portal](#)
  - [Constitution](#)
  - [Cabinet and Ministries](#)
  - [Prime Minister](#)
- Albania: [Parliament](#)
- Albania: [President](#)
- Albania: [Central Elections Commission](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: [Albania](#)
- United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: [Albania](#)
- Wikipedia: Politics of [Albania](#)
- Wikipedia: Elections in [Albania](#)

## Public management information

- EU/OECD: SIGMA Partner countries: [Albania](#)

## R&D information

- European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National R&D Information Service: [Albania](#)

## Regional information

- Assembly of European Regions: AER Member Regions: [Albania](#)
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): [Members](#) [click on map to select country]
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: [Albania](#)

## Social information

- Albania: [Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities](#)
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: [Albania](#)
- UNICEF: Information by Country: [Albania](#)
- United States: Social Security Administration:

- Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: [Albania](#)
- Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Albania](#) (2016)

### **Statistical information**

- Albania: [Bank of Albania](#) (Banka e Shqipërisë)
- Albania: [National Statistical Institute](#) (Instituti i Statistikës)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: [Albania](#)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Albania](#)
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: [Albania](#)
- NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on [Albania](#)

### **Tourism information**

- Albania: [Albania Tourism](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: Travel: [Albania](#)
- The Telegraph: Destinations: [Albania](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Albania](#)
- Rough Guides: [Albania](#)
- TripAdvisor: [Albania](#)

### **Transport information**

- Albania: [Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure](#) (Ministria e Transportit dhe Infrastrukturës) [in Albanian]
- Wikipedia: Transport in [Albania](#)

### **Weather information**

- BBC Weather: Country Guides: [Albania](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Albania](#)

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