

**Question for written answer E-000281/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Albania - zero progress on EU fundamental principles

Albania has very serious structural problems concerning transparency, mismanagement and political interference in institutions.

The OLAF report for 2023 confirmed the misuse of European funds under IPARD II, as EUR 33 million were classified as unlawfully spent, resulting in Albania being excluded from IPARD III.

At the same time, the 2025 parliamentary elections, although theoretically free, were again characterised by misuse of public funds, unequal campaign conditions and systematic non-implementation of key OSCE/ODIHR recommendations, in particular regarding the independence and pluralism of the media.

Judicial reforms continue to be undermined by political interference by the Rama regime, serious shortages of effective legal staff and the repeated failure to enforce Constitutional Court decisions. Of particular concern are recent allegations of selective and surprise demolitions of private properties, including cases with valid permits, without prior judicial protection, as a continuation of an earlier Albanian practice against the homes and churches of the Greek ethnic minority of Northern Epirus.

Such practices directly call into question the separation of powers and respect for property rights and effective access to justice.

Accordingly:

1. How does the Commission justify continuing the accession process without strict and measurable conditionality, when repeated violations of fundamental European principles have been observed?
2. What concrete and binding measures will the Commission take to ensure that financing, electoral processes and property protection in Albania are linked to real consequences and not mere recommendations?

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