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The Commission attaches the highest importance to the respect of rule of law and fundamental rights, including the protection of minorities in Albania.

Through the enlargement process and the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement¹, the Commission closely follows reforms on the rule of law and the strengthening and protection of the fundamental rights in Albania, including rights of persons belonging to minorities – matters that fall under the so-called fundamentals of the enlargement process.

The Commission assesses progress and provides policy recommendations in its annual report². Moreover, as from 2024 Albania also participates in the annual Rule of Law Report³, which assesses Albania's progress on the protection of fundamental rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02009A0428%2802%29-20210901>

² SWD(2024) 690 final, https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/a8eec3f9-b2ec-4cb1-8748-9058854dbc68_en?filename=Albania%20Report%202024.pdf

³ SWD(2024) 828 final, https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/0154dce1-5026-45de-8b37-e3d56eff7925_en?filename=59_1_58088_coun_chap_albania_al.pdf