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The Commission closely followed the 2025 parliamentary elections in Albania and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)'s preliminary findings. The Commission will continue to monitor developments in Albania's democratic institutions and has encouraged Albania to continue pursuing all reforms required for its future accession to the EU, including the adoption of further electoral reforms addressing all ODIHR's key recommendations, including those that are still outstanding from previous elections.

In the context of the accession negotiations, Albania has presented a roadmap on the functioning of democratic institutions. This foresees further progress on effective application in practice of the right to vote, through the enforcement of revised legislation; of the strengthening of transparency through digitalisation and enhanced procedures; and of increasingly ensuring equal treatment before the law and equal opportunity in the electoral process, including the rights of vulnerable groups to be informed on the process.

The Commission will closely monitor progress in this regard, including in the context of the accession negotiations related to Cluster 1 – Fundamentals. Building on the assistance already provided (among others, by supporting campaign finance transparency tools, and the monitoring of the electoral process by civil society organisations), targeted technical assistance will continue to be provided where necessary, notably to the Central Elections Committee.