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The pace of progress in the accession process is based on the fundamentals cluster. The Commission is closely monitoring Albania's progress in the areas of rule of law, fundamental rights, democracy, and anti-corruption measures. One obligation under the cluster requires the presentation of a roadmap on the functioning of democratic institutions.

As stated in the Commission's Progress Report on Albania 2025¹, Albania's legal framework sets out a generally good basis for the protection of fundamental rights. The adoption in 2025 of a new law on personal data protection, as well as the adoption of implementing legislation on the rights to persons belonging to national minorities represented significant achievements.

As part of the EU integration process, the Commission will continue to support the consolidation of the rule of law and judicial independence in Albania and discuss with the Albanian authorities the proper alignment with the relevant European standards in this area.

The EU closely followed the 2025 parliamentary elections in Albania, including the preliminary findings of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organisation for Security Cooperation in Europe. The Commission will continue to monitor developments in Albania's democratic institutions, including the adoption of further electoral reforms addressing all ODIHR's key recommendations, also those that are still outstanding from previous elections. Building on the assistance provided thus far, for example by supporting campaign finance transparency tools and the role of civil society organisations in monitoring the electoral process, targeted technical assistance will continue as relevant, notably to the Central Elections Committee. Furthermore, the Commission is also monitoring progress in the field of property rights, which is part of the fundamentals cluster.

¹ SWD(2025) 750: https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/albania-report-2025_en.