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The Commission attaches great importance to minority rights, education and good neighbourly relations.

As part of the accession negotiations, Albania is required to take measures to foster inclusive education, including for persons belonging to minorities. Albania must uphold educational rights stemming from its law on the Protection of National Minorities, which will have to be fully implemented. Furthermore, the 2025 Enlargement report¹ by the Commission sets out that Albania needs to strengthen the quality and inclusiveness of its education system. The Commission will continue monitoring developments related to this field.

The EU common position on Cluster 1: The fundamentals of the accession process sets clear and ambitious interim benchmarks that Albania needs to fulfil to advance in accession negotiations, including protection of rights and rights of persons belonging to minorities, whose education-related issues are assessed and monitored in conjunction with Cluster 3: Competitiveness and inclusive growth.

¹ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/fe9138b7-90fe-4277-a12c-3a03f6d1957f_en?filename=albania-report-2025.pdf.