



Kick-off meeting REACT

**“Reactivating European Citizens: a
network of inclusive town”**

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MIGRATION PROFILE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA, by Ministry of Internal Affairs

Legal base:	Law 108/2013 “On Aliens”
Responsible	Ministry of Internal Affairs
Institutions:	General Directorate of Border Migration in the Directorate of State Police Directorate of Asylum

Institutional framework

- Albanian legal framework and the sublegal acts has marked improvements , with regard to procedures for the treatment of irregular aliens including fight against illegal migrants, as well as unaccompanied children, permission of stay, employment, family reunification ect.
- In **2015 a joint order** (MIA, MFA, IS) for the treatment of aliens staying regularly in the territory of Albania.

Situation of migration

- Migrant flows of Albanians to: Greece, Italy, other EU countries, USA, Canada
- Aliens residing in Albania = 0.3% of population
- Origin of aliens:

European countries 71% (28% Italian, 26% Turkish, 26% other European countries)

Asia 16% (50% Iranian, 20% Chinese, 8% Syrian, 6% Indian)

Africa 3%

American Continent 10% (65% USA)

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Resident population	2.900.247	2.896.652	2.893.654	2.889.167
Registered immigrants	7353	8330	9118	10563

Data on regular migration

- **Motivation of stay:**

- employment purpose,
- self employment,

- **Sectors:**

- Construction
- Services
- Extractive industry
- Trade

- **Gender:**

- Male: 89.5% (in 2015)
- Female:

Foreign employees without work permit are 10% in 2012, 4% in 2012 1% in 2014, 0.8% in 2015

Data on irregular migration

Irregular aliens have declared that their aim was to transit through the country to the final destination in EUMS

State	2102	2013	2014	2015
Algeria	439	66	-	-
Syria	163	543	1941	1354
Maroco	147	47	-	-
Afghanistan	127	138	35	-
Palestine	99	-	17	29
Tunisia	79	13	-	-
Pakistan	26	400	30	-

Albanian citizen requesting asylum in EUMS

2012	2013	2014	2015
7336	11040	12222	68945

Main countries : Germany, Greece, Sweden, France, UK, Belgium

The main reason: economic reason

National strategy for Development and Integration (2015-2020), by Council of Ministers

Chapter on the migration management:

Albania:

- country of origin for economic migration
- transit country for other destinations
- destination for economic emigrants, asylum seeking and refugees

International strategy for Development and Integration (2015-2020)

- The country depends on the **remittances** of the emigrants which have been reduced since 2013. (from 953.000.000 Euro in 2007, in 544.000.000 Euro in 2013 and 592.000.000 Euro in 200 in 2014);
- The number of Albanian emigrants in EU for economic reasons have increased 3.5 times in 2015 compared with 2014 (59.030 cases in 2015 and 16.945 cases in 2014)
- In 2014, 25.100 persons returned

Strategic objectives for a more effective migration management in Albania

- 1) Promotion of the legal ways of emigration in Albania in order to prevent the illegal emigration through:
 - i. bilateral agreements for migration and work
 - ii. Programs for placements with international companies in order to improve the skills of human resources
 - iii. Agreements for youth exchange in EU, including placement programs for more employment in the future.
 - iv. Improvement of the legislation in the field of working migration.

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- 2) Promotion of the influence of the emigrants to the general development of the country:
 - i. Improvement of the services for the emigrants remittances towards new investments;
 - ii. Protection of the emigrants rights in the country of emigration
 - iii. Organization of the Albanian communities abroad in order to improve the collaboration with the state institutions in the country of emigration
 - iv. Promotion of the Albanian emigrants investments abroad for the promotion of philanthropy, tranfer of technology and information

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- 3) **Sustainable integration** and support of the Albanians that turn back from emigration.
- i. increase the number of information desks for different kind of emigrants
 - ii. Improvement of activities that aimed to promote the skills and expertise of the emigrants that come back in Albania
 - iii. Promotion of self employment of the turned emigrants

Strategic objectives for a more effective migration management in Albania

- 4) Advanced implementation of migration policies, in order to treat the asylum seekers in accordance to the international standards
- i. insurance of the respect of the right of emigration to all the citizens that ask for asylum seekers;
- li. Albanian institutions capacity building for addressing the flow of immigrants;
- lii. Review of custody system for the immigrants in order to use it only as the last measurement
- Iv. Measuremenst in order to integrate the immigrants and their families at the ordinary social and economic life in Albania

Strategic objectives for a more effective migration management in Albania

- **5) Consolidation of the legal framework, the management structure**
- i. fulfillment of the legal framework by approving an action plan for the management of migration;
- li. Improvement of the coordination for the management of migration
- lii. Improvement of data gathering, monitoring system in order to review regularly the Extended Migration profile of Albania.

The Anti discrimination perspective

Article 144 of law 108/2013 “The Aliens”:

The public institutions coordinate in accordance to their competences, with all the social partners in order to guarantee a non discrimination treatment for the aliens in all the activities where they are involved.

It is forbidden the direct and indirect discrimination to the foreigners from juridical persons, public or private, during all their integration process.

