

Albania's road toward integration under the supervision of EU

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the work Albania has done in its long way toward EU integration since the establishment of the democracy system. The justice system and human rights are also two topics that will be presented in this manuscript, as two of the main issues mentioned in the progress reports of EU Commission. Since the beginning of the establishment of international presence in Albania, a continuous improvement of the justice system and human rights protection has been required. Over the years, these improvements have been limited because of the lack of political consensus among parties. In other cases, even when the consensus on the adoption of a particular law has been reached and has allowed a particular law to be adopted, it has not been effectively implemented in practice. The issue of justice reform has been given particular importance during the period 2015-2016 and the European Commission left it as a mandatory task for its adoption by March 2016, such a thing was not achieved after the ongoing political clashes between the political parties, but with strong insistence and ongoing negotiations between political parties through international intervention, it seems that the adoption of justice reform is on the right track and will be closed as a process in 2018. For its proper implementation, the need for international oversight, especially of the special envoys of the European Union, will be indispensable.

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