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Chapters 2,5,7: Free Movement of Persons, Public Procurement, and Intellectual Property

Priorities for law harmonization and beyond

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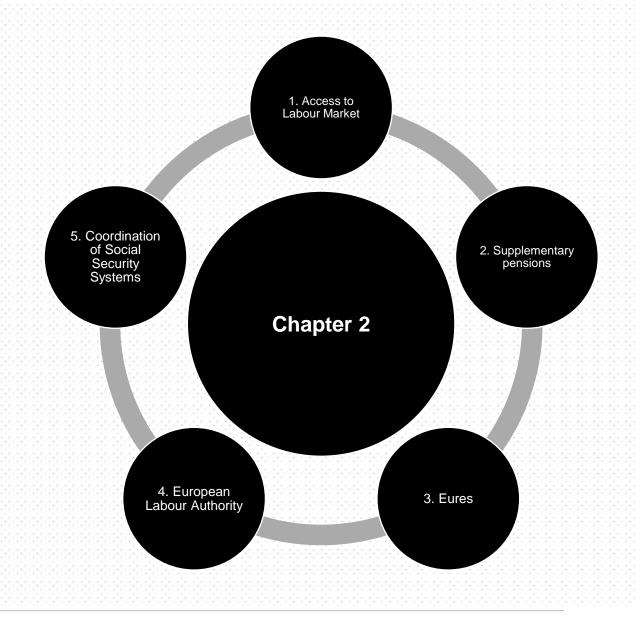






Chapter 2: Free movement of persons

Chapter 2 consists of 5 subchapters









Background for prioritization



European Commission's Report 2021

Commission Staff Working Document: 2021 Communication of EU Enlargement Policy, Report on Albania (COM(2021) 644 final, 19.10.2021)



Expert-level review & analysis

Review and analysis of Albania's legal acts, institutional information as well as materials of the Project: LGA, ToCs, and IAGA









Rationale of prioritization



Absence of Albania's national transposition of the EU FMP acquis or critical gaps in transposition and/or implementation

MEDIUM PRIORITY

Partial national transposition of the EU FMP acquis or moderate flaws in transposition and/or implementation

LOW PRIORITY

Largely transposed EU FMP acquis or no current relevance due to inextricable links between approximation and accession

NO PRIORITY

Fully transposed EU FMP acquis or nonrelevance of the acquis due to its complete non-applicability to Albania







1. Access to Labour Market



Directive 2004/38 (Citizens' Rights Directive) Directive 2014/54 (Measures Facilitating FMP) Regulation 492/2011 (Rights of Workers)

- Inextricably linked to EU Membership (subject to transitional periods)
- Preparation of a roadmap for approximation
- Screening of Albanian legislation as to compliance with Article 45(4) TFEU







2. Supplementary pensions



Directive 98/49 on the supplementary pension rights Directive 2014/50 on improving the acquisition and preservation of supplementary pension rights

Inextricably linked to EU Membership









Development of IT infrastructure to enable connection with EURES

3. EURES

Regulation 2016/589 on EURES (plus implementing decisions)

Inextricably linked to EU Membership







4. European Labour Authority

No approximation relevance









Negotiation of bilateral agreements with EU Member States on social security

5. Coordination of Social Security Systems

Regulation 883/2004 on coordination of social security systems Regulation 987/2009 implementing Regulation 883/2004 Regulation 1231/2010 extending the application of Regulations 883/2004 & 987/2009 to third country nationals

• Inextricably linked to EU Membership and directly applicable







Summary of priorities



- Development of IT system to enable connection to EURES
- Negotiation of bilateral agreements on social security with EU
 Member States



LONG TERM PRIORITIES Q3 2023 - onwards

- Adoption of legislation fully compatible with Directive 2004/38 and
 Directive 2014/54
- Screening of Albanian legislation as to compliance with Article 45(4) TFEU

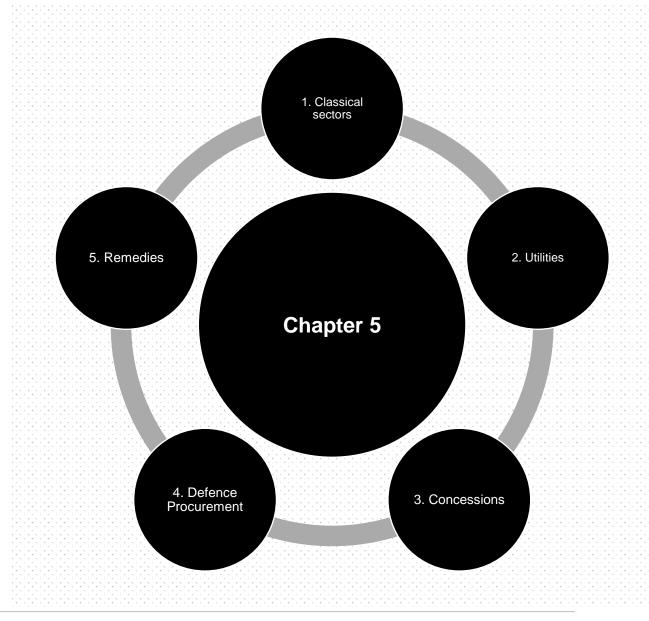






Chapter 5: Public Procurement

Chapter 5 consists of 5 subchapters









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Rationale of prioritization



Absence of Albania's national transposition of the EU procurement acquis or critical gaps in transposition and/or implementation

MEDIUM PRIORITY

Partial national transposition of the EU procurement acquis or moderate flaws in transposition and/or implementation

LOW PRIORITY

Largely transposed EU procurement acquis or no current relevance due to inextricable links between approximation and accession

NO PRIORITY

Fully transposed EU procurement acquis or non-relevance of the acquis due to its complete non-applicability to Albania







1. Classical sectors

Directive 2014/24 on classical sectors

- Very high level of approximation: priority adoption of bylaws
- Capacity enhancement & public outreach activities for contracting authorities, judiciary
- Preparation of case-law manuals (CJEU)







2. Utilities



Directive 2014/25 on utilities (water, energy, transport, and postal services)

- Adoption of bylaws
- Capacity enhancement & public outreach activities for contracting authorities, judiciary
- Preparation of case-law manuals (CJEU)







3. Concessions



Directive 2014/23 on concessions

• Partial approximation: new law for consideration











Directive 2014/23 on concessions

Partial approximation







5. Remedies



Directive 89/665 on remedies in classical sectors

Directive 92/13 on remedies in utilities sector

- Full approximation
- Capacity enhancement & public outreach activities for contracting authorities, judiciary
- Preparation of case-law manuals (CJEU)







Summary of priorities



- Adoption of relevant bylaws to newly adopted Laws on Public
 Procurement and Law on Defence Procurement
 - New Law on Concessions
 - Implementing measures

LONG TERM PRIORITIES Q3 2023 - onwards

• Implementing measures for Defence Procurement and Remedies

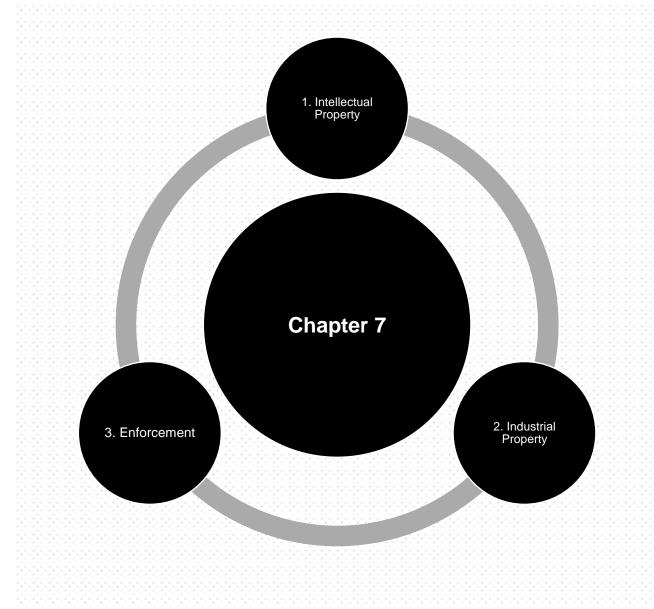






Chapter 7: Intellectual Property

Chapter 7 consists of 3 subchapters









Rationale of prioritization



Absence of Albania's national transposition of the EU IP acquis or critical gaps in transposition and/or implementation

MEDIUM PRIORITY

Partial national transposition of the EU IP acquis or moderate flaws in transposition and/or implementation

LOW PRIORITY

Largely transposed EU IP acquis or no current relevance due to inextricable links between approximation and accession

NO PRIORITY

Fully transposed EU IP acquis or non-relevance of the acquis due to its complete non-applicability to Albania







1. Intellectual Property



Directive 2012/28 on orphan works Directive 2017/1564 on permitted use of certain works Directive 2001/29 on information society

- Draft Law to be adopted
- Strategy to be adopted
- Enforcement of adopted rules
- Capacity enhancement & public outreach activities for contracting authorities, judiciary
- Preparation of case-law manuals (CJEU)







1. Intellectual Property



Directive 2019/789 on on-line transmission Directive 2019/790 on digital market

- Feasibility study to be developed
- Drafting of provisions giving effect to both directives







2. Industrial Property



Directive 2015/2436 on trademarks Directive 98/71 on legal protection of designs (Regulation 2017/1001 on Union trademark & Regulation 6/2002 on Community design)

- Further approximation required
- Enforcement of approximated rules
- Capacity enhancement & public outreach activities for contracting authorities, judiciary
- Preparation of case-law manuals (CJEU)







3. Enforcement



Directive 2004/48 on enforcement Directive 98/71 on legal protection of designs (Regulation 2017/1001 on Union trademark & Regulation 6/2002 on Community design)

• Enforcement of approximated rules







Summary of priorities



- Further approximation of Albanian legislation
 - Enforcement of adopted rules
 - · Capacity enhancement activities
 - Public outreach activities

LONG TERM PRIORITIES Q3 2023 - onwards

• Approximation with Directive 2019/789 and Directive 2019/790







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