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Information on corruption including: general information and regarding Water Infrastructural Projects in Kamez, Tirana

A report issued in April 2017 by *Business Monitor International* states that:

“Lack of institutional development and endemic corruption remain key challenges to stability over the long term” (Business Monitor International (1 April 2017) *Stumbling Towards The EU*).

In February 2017 the *European Parliament* notes in a report that:

“...that corruption remains high and prevalent in many areas and continues to pose a serious problem, eroding people's trust in public institutions...” (European Parliament (15 February 2017) *European Parliament resolution of 15 February 2017 on the 2016 Commission Report on Albania (2016/2312(INI))*).

In November 2016 the *European Commission* states in a report that:

“Corruption remains prevalent in many areas and continues to be a serious problem” (European Commission (9 November 2016) *Albania 2016 Report*, p.4).

In November 2016 a report produced by the *European Asylum Support Office* states that:

“...Albania scored 36 out of 100 (0 meaning highly corrupt, 100 meaning very clean) in the 2015 corruption perceptions index...In a recent poll, 49.6 % of the 1,000 respondents indicated having been asked to give a bribe in the last year and 40.2 % indicated having given a bribe...” (European Asylum Support Office (November 2016) *Report Albania Country Focus*, p.24).

Transparency International in September 2016 states in a report that:

“Albania's ubiquitous corruption poses a key challenge to the country's democratic development and EU integration aspirations. All sectors of the public sphere are prone to both petty and grand Corruption” (Transparency International (8 September 2016) *National Integrity System Assessment Albania 2016*, p.28).

Business Anti-Corruption in August 2016 states that:

“Corruption is a serious problem in Albania. It is one of the country's greatest stumbling blocks, impeding its bid for EU candidacy and hindering its investment climate” (Business Anti-Corruption (August 2016) *Albania Corruption Report*).

A document released in April 2016 by the *United States Department of State* points out that:

“Corruption was pervasive in all branches of government” (United States Department of State (13 April 2016) *2015 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices – Albania*).

No further information on these issues could be found among sources available to the RDC, including that pertaining to Kamez.

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This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Refugee Documentation Centre within time constraints. This response is not and does not purport to be conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please read in full all documents referred to.

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