



Monthly newsletter

May 2026



Chairman of the ALSAI held open meetings with students and academic staff in the framework of the anniversary of the institution's establishment

As part of the "Open Days" activities and the anniversary of the institution's establishment, the Chairman and staff of the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (ALSAI) welcomed students and professors from the Faculties of Law, Economics, and Civil Engineering to a series of open meetings held on 20–22 May 2026.

During the meeting with students of the Faculty of Law at the University of Tirana, the Chairman of the High Judicial Council, Mr. Ilir Rusi, and the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Ms. Dorina Hoxha, were also in attendance. During the discussion with the students, Mr. Shehu highlighted the institutional journey, responsibilities, and mission that the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (ALSAI) has upheld over the years in the service of the public interest, legality, transparency, and the strengthening of accountability in the management of public finances.

The Chairman of ALSAI emphasized the importance of continuous dialogue among public institutions, the justice system, and academia in strengthening the rule of law. In the continuation of the meeting, Mr. Shehu and Mr. Rusi responded to student's questions regarding institutional activities, professional challenges, as well as the opportunities their institutions offer for internships and employment after graduation.

On the second day, the meeting was held with students from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Tirana. The event was also attended by the Director General of the Financial Intelligence Agency, Mr. Ervin Koçi, as well as the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Prof. Etleva Bajrami. Discussions focused on the constitutional role and activities of the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (ALSAI), as well as on the importance of transparency and oversight of public finances.

The open meetings at ALSAI continued with students and professors from the Polytechnic University of Tirana, together with experts in the fields of engineering and architecture. Mr. Artan Shkreli, along with representatives of the Association of Architects, also took part in the roundtable discussion.

The meeting addressed the main issues encountered in public infrastructure projects, as well as the cooperation between the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution and the Polytechnic University in support of students' practical training and the treatment of matters of common interest.

In conclusion, Mr. Shehu emphasized that the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution considers support for students and academic excellence not only as an institutional responsibility, but also as an important investment in the future.

Albanian Supreme Audit Institutions, 101 Years of Public Audit

20 MAY 1925 – 20 MAY 2026



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Serving transparency and public accountability



ALBANIAN SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTION
"From experience to innovation."

 <p>INTEGRITY Ethics, honesty, and professionalism</p>	 <p>AUDITING Transparency and accountability</p>	 <p>PUBLIC TRUST In service of citizens and the public interest</p>	 <p>COLLABORATION Local and international partners</p>	 <p>INNOVATION Auditing through technology</p>
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Meeting with students of the Faculty of Economics at the University of Tirana



Meeting with students of the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana



Meeting with students and faculty members of the Polytechnic University

The Chairman of the ALSAI, Mr. Arben Shehu, welcomes the delegation of the Venice Commission in a meeting



On May 28, 2026, the Chairman of the ALSAI, Mr. Arben Shehu, together with representatives of the ALSAI, welcomed with the delegation of the Venice Commission, which is conducting an official visit to Albania during the dates of May 27 – 29, 2026, within the framework of the process of providing an opinion on the draft law “On the Financing of Political Parties”.

The meeting was held at the ALSAI premises where the importance of strengthening transparency, accountability and financial control mechanisms was discussed, in accordance with European standards and international best practices.

During the conversation, the ALSAI representatives shared the institutional experience in terms of auditing and financial control with reference to the constitutional mandate, as well as assessments on the importance of a clear and effective legal framework for guaranteeing the integrity of political financing.

The ALSAI considers cooperation and dialogue with international institutions and organizations to be very important, seeing it as an opportunity to exchange experience and further strengthen standards of transparency and accountability. In this context, the institution remains committed to contributing to processes related to strengthening the rule of law.

The ALSAI is represented at the Annual Meeting of IBAN and Supreme Audit Institutions of NATO countries

On 21 May 2026, at the NATO Headquarters Conference Centre in Brussels, Belgium, the Annual Meeting between the International Board of Auditors for NATO (IBAN) and the Supreme Audit Institutions of NATO member countries took place. Two representatives of the ALSAI also participated in this event, confirming the institution's commitment to strengthening professional cooperation and the exchange of best practices in the field of public and defence audit.



Special attention was paid to the audit of public funds in crisis and conflict situations, as well as the role of supreme audit institutions in ensuring transparency, integrity and accountability.

In the closing panel, participants discussed the challenges of maintaining confidentiality in defense audits, emphasizing the importance of balancing security requirements with the obligation for transparency towards the public. The meeting concluded by emphasizing the need for increased international cooperation between supreme audit institutions in order to strengthen transparency, integrity and the efficient use of public funds.

GLOBAL PROJECT ON SAI INDEPENDENCE

IDI and OECD publication of the report of the Global Project on SAI Independence

IDI: *Around the world, the independence of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) is under threat, and it's not just about laws on paper.*

On 27 May 2026, the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) published the final report on the Global Project for SAI Independence. The report sets out to explore and highlight the informal factors affecting the independence of SAIs around the world. The report calls for a comprehensive and system-wide approach to Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) independence.

"Rooted in the INTOSAI Mexico Declaration, this joint IDI-OECD report provides practical guidance and global principles to support stronger engagement between finance ministries, parliaments, and oversight institutions."

For more information about the Global Project on SAI Independence and the report, please visit the IDI website as well as the OECD website.

THE GLOBAL PROJECT ON SAI INDEPENDENCE

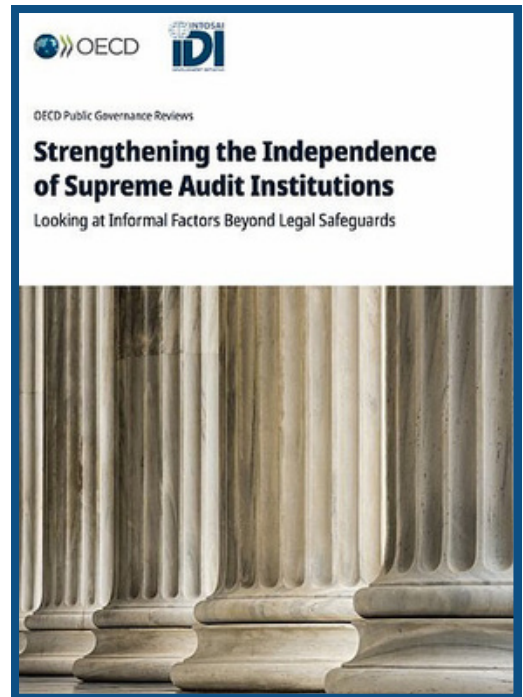
Too often, unclear rules and informal power dynamics hold SAIs back from doing their job: holding governments to account. That's why IDI launched the Global Project on SAI Independence to shine a light on the real-world barriers institutions face and help change the game. This pioneering effort goes beyond auditors by targeting parliaments, executives, and civil society to develop research, practical principles, and bold advocacy.

SAIs play a vital role in overseeing governments' performance and use of public resources. Their independence is central to their credibility and effectiveness in serving the public.

Evidence collected in recent years shows that SAI independence is increasingly under threat for a variety of reasons. Even though SAI independence is often set in the law, in practice it is shaped by many informal factors. The informal factors influence how SAIs interact, make decisions, and engage with other actors within the accountability ecosystem.

ABOUT THE GLOBAL PROJECT FINDINGS

- SAIs face challenges to independence when they lack budgetary autonomy, access to information, and protection from undue influence.
- SAI independence is shaped by informal factors: relationships with other actors; reputation; political dynamics and professional norms.
- Trust in the SAI is a foundation to safeguard its independence. Stakeholders are more likely to continue to support an SAI that has a credible, fair, and legitimate reputation.
- SAIs that have a reputation for being transparent, effective, fair, and deliver results with integrity are more likely to see improved outcomes in accountability and oversight.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The OECD-IDI Report calls for a comprehensive and system-wide approach to SAI independence.

This includes:

- Reinforcing legal provisions
- Improved institutional practices
- Enhanced stakeholder coordination
- Fostering trust
- SAI independence is a dynamic outcome shaped by institutions, relations, and trust.
- OECD and IDI recommend that to enhance the resilience, credibility, and impact of SAIs, both formal and informal dimensions of independence need to be addressed.



EUROSAI IS COMING TO TIRANA

ALBANIA WELCOMES THE YOUNG AUDITORS OF EUROPE



For the first time, the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution will host the international conference of young auditors, Young EUROSAI (YES) 2026



The 7th edition of the Young EUROSAI (YES) Conference, an initiative of the European Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (EUROSAI), will take place on 9–10 June 2026 in Tirana.



The main theme of the conference is *“Future-Ready Auditors: Catalysts for Change in a Sustainable and Digital World.”*



The Young EUROSAI Conference is a forum that brings together young auditors from Supreme Audit Institutions across Europe, with the aim of exchanging experiences, innovative ideas, and best practices in public auditing.



YOUNG EUROSAI (YES) 2026

TIRANA, 9–10 JUNE 2026

THE JOURNEY OF THE YOUNG EUROSAI 2013-2026

YOUNG EUROSAI I

YES 2013

21-22 November 2013, Rotterdam. The conference theme was "Innovation and the Challenges Faced by SAIs." Approximately 150 auditors from European Supreme Audit Institutions participated in the event.



YOUNG EUROSAI II

YES 2015

9-12 October 2015, Jerusalem. The conference was held under the theme "SAI & Me." A total of 77 young auditors from 40 SAIs took part in the conference.

YOUNG EUROSAI III

YES 2017

11-14 September 2017, Tallinn. The conference theme was "Updates Available." Around 100 young auditors from 40 SAIs participated in the event.



YOUNG EUROSAI IV

YES 2019

4-7 November 2019, London. The conference focused on the theme "How Can SAIs Remain Relevant to Their Audiences?" and brought together approximately 79 young auditors from 39 SAIs.

YOUNG EUROSAI V

YES 2022

12-15 September 2022, Stockholm. The conference theme was "Experimental Culture." The event gathered 90 auditors from 40 SAIs.



YOUNG EUROSAI VI

YES 2024

25-27 June 2024, Warsaw. The main theme of the conference was "Yes AI." A total of 42 auditors from 34 SAIs participated.

YOUNG EUROSAI VII








YES 2026

9-10 June 2026, Tirana. The main theme of the conference is "Future-Ready Auditors: Catalysts for Change in a Sustainable and Digital World."



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