

ALSAI representatives attend the workshop on Promoting an “Open Parliament”

On 5th of November 2024, it was held in Tirana the workshop on promoting an “Open Parliament” in Albania, focusing on the current situation and a plan for improvement. The workshop was attended by Mr Genci Gjoncaj, Secretary General of the Parliament of Albania; Ms Valbona Kuko, Director of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD); Mr. Simon Charter, Director of Programs and International Cooperation at the British Embassy in Albania; Mr. Zef Preçi, Director of the Albanian Centre for Economic Research (ACER); as well as experts and professionals from civil society organizations. ALSAI was represented at the event by Mr. Aulent Guri and Ms Esmeralda Hoxha.



The meeting began with an opening address by Mr. Zef Preçi, who highlighted the benefits of an open, transparent and accountable Parliament. He outlined the progress and challenges faced by the Parliament of the Republic of Albania over the years in ensuring transparency in its activities, emphasizing the importance of transparency in public institutions in general and in the Parliament of Albania in particular.

The agenda continued with discussions by the aforementioned representatives, followed by the presentation of an assessment of parliamentary transparency conducted by experts Brunilda Kosta and Zyhrada Kongoli. In their presentation, they outlined the methodology used to assess the transparency of the Parliament of Albania, clearly explaining the criteria and indicators applied in reaching their assessment.

Their presentation generated considerable interest among both parliamentary representatives and other participants, who raised questions and highlighted shortcomings and areas where greater transparency towards citizens is needed. The meeting continued with discussions on the current situation and areas for improvement, drawing primarily on the findings and conclusions of the assessment conducted by Ms. Kosta and Ms. Kongoli.