



## Parliamentary questions

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Answer given by Mr Hahn on behalf of the Commission

Fighting organised crime is amongst the core policy areas in which the Commission engages with Albania, in the context of the Stabilisation and Association Process. The Commission also monitors progress towards the establishment of a solid track record in the fight against organised crime, which is one of the Five Key Priorities for the opening of accession negotiations.

Through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), the European Union (EU) provides EUR 13 million of support to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Albanian State Police and prosecutors' offices to address organised crime challenges, with a special focus on drug cultivation and trafficking, terrorism, and money laundering.

Also, at the request of the Albanian Government, the Commission is currently working on extending access to the drugs-related component of the Justice Programme to Albania in order to allow the country to further address the drugs-related challenges.

In addition, the EU intends to provide support for the further definition and implementation of the national Action Plan against Cannabis Cultivation and Trafficking 2017-2020, recently approved by the Albanian Government.

The fight against drug production and trafficking will feature very prominently at the agenda of cooperation between the EU and Albania.

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