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Albania: ICITAP Partners with Albanian Security Academy to Launch First-Ever Mandatory Police Ethics and Integrity Training Program

On November 4, 2025, the Albanian Security Academy launched its first-ever mandatory police ethics and integrity training for all basic police and crime-specialist students in the Professional Police College and the School for Security and Crime Investigations. The Rector of the Security Academy and the Dean of the Security and Crime Investigation Faculty hosted the Director General of the Police Oversight Agency and officials from ICITAP to deliver a “Police Ethics and Accountability” module to 150 newly enrolled crime specialists in the three-year BA residential program. Aligned with the new Albanian State Police (ASP) Law (enacted June 2024) — notably Article 47 (which tasks the Academy with proposing professional-development priorities for police, planning training and research in public order and security) and Article 119 (which mandates all police employees observe rules of conduct and ethics) — the training supports the

professionalization of the ASP. At the suggestion of ICITAP, the Academy adopted an academic framework to institutionalize police ethics and integrity training for all new police recruits. The pilot session included an overview of the Police Oversight Agency’s history and mission (inspections, investigations, integrity vetting, and public-complaint handling), and covered topics such as police accountability, public trust, code of conduct, oath of office, ethics, integrity, police culture and corruption, and the “Noble Cause Against Corruption.” The Security Academy embraces U.S. modern policing principles to advance police accountability and professionalism, ultimately supporting U.S. interests in combating crime and strengthening borders in the Western Balkan region. This mandatory Police Ethics & Accountability training, facilitated by ICITAP, bridges the oversight agency’s mission



with frontline ASP officers early in their careers, embedding integrity and anti-corruption principles into formative training experiences.