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**17  
June  
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*Fête de l'Été*  
*Summer Fest*



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**Invitée d'honneur:**

**Son Excellence Madame Christina VASAK  
Ambassadeur de France en Albanie**



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## Festivali i verës dhe djathit në Hotel Rogner



Festivali i veres Franceze dhe djathit Italian organizuar dje nga Napoleon Wine & Spirits dhe Hotel Rogner....Mjafton shume pak per te qen i lumtur...Nje gote vere e mire , ushqim i shijshem dhe biseda mes miqsh...

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**From : Mrs ELVANA MINO ( CARA)  
GENERAL MANAGER**

### **INSIG JETE .S.C.**

**Dear Friends,**

We are glad to announce you that, starting from May 2017, the ownership of the Company Insig Jete sh.a. was transferred to new shareholders with the shares now being owned by Mr. Samir Mane 45%, Mr. Shefqet Kastrati 45% and the remaining 10 % of shares by Eurosig sha.

The change in the company ownership, with the introduction of the two most successful Albanian investors, is a strong indicator of the bright and successful future that lays ahead for the company. Such change has been made in the best interest of our customers and it will certainly be a good step forward toward the company consolidation.

Incorporation of these three powerful Groups is a guarantees and secure support for INSIG LIFE S.C. Company, either in the market development or the solvency of this company.

INSIG JETA s.c. Company has followed carefully the market needs regarding the insurance services and will continue to provide a full package of services which currently covers: life insurance, health, personal accident insurance, life and travel health insurance, Combined life insurance etc., by maintaining a fast, accurate and professional service for our clients.

This joint venture will guarantee support for the new growth rates of INSIG-Life Company through an ambitious strategy to grow in the insurance market by applying the most contemporary concepts of management and customer service, information technology, expanding the range of services with new methods and insurance packages, and improving further the quality of services for company customers. To be as close as possible to customers, INSIG LIFE Company assures its customers, it will develop insurance products that will meet the client's requirements or offer what is known as a "tailor-made insurance policy". INSIG LIFE Company will also raise the image of quality, either in the domestic market or international one, aiming to become the first choice of every customer.

**La Maison d'Albanie à Paris** accueillera une exposition du 17 au 30 juin 2017 autour des créations « Cécile & Albana ». Le vernissage est prévu le 17 juin à 18h.

**“Maison d'Albanie” në Paris** do të mirëpresë një ekspozitë mbi krijimet “Cécile & Albana” nga data 17 qershor deri më 30 qershor 2017. Hapja është parashikuar më 17 qershor në orën 18:00.

# Cécile & Albana EXPOSITION

Du 17 au 30 Juin 2017



Vernissage le 17 Juin 2017 à 18 h

  
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## ***A LA UNE CETTE SEMAINE /HIGHLIGHTS***

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### **High State Audit reports 169 million euros of damages in the Albanian public administration**

High State Audit reports 169 billion euros worth of damages has been caused by the public administration to taxpayers in the first four months of the year. The newly published Audit bulletin includes the period from January to April this year. According to HAS, most of this financial damage, namely 162 million euros has come as a result of the failure to collect revenues which should have gone in the public accounts or the abuse with expenses made by the administration. Meanwhile, the other part of 7,1 million euros relates to financial violations made by audited institutions. Divided based on the domains, 30% of the damage comes from abuses with procurements. On the second place it's the taxation sector and on the third place are customs. Based on these damages which have been discovered, HAS says that it has sent 13 cases for prosecution, 9 of which are being investigated and 4 others are being assessed by the Prosecution.

(Scan TV)

### **Businesses unhappy with the new customs practices**

The business sector is worried about the new customs practices which entered in force on June 1. Businesses have talked to public authorities and have raised a number of concerns as far as the legal provisions are concerned. Meanwhile, the vice director of Customs says that everything is ready for the application of the new law, while the business sector must insist on boosting cooperation with public authorities. "The new code has been approved. The third part of the code will enter in force, but it cannot take effect for as long as there are no provisions, that's why we have drafted new provisions which we have also published on the web in order to receive feedback from businesses", the vice director of customs, Mirela Zeko says.

(Panorama/web)

### **411 cases of money-laundering, politically-exposed officials involved**

The General Directory for Preventing Money Laundering reported 411 cases last year at the Prosecution and State Police. The numbers were made public at the annual report of this institution, which says that there have been 1290 suspicious transactions during 2016. After the review, the institution reported 411 cases. Among the suspects there are four people who are politically involved, but their names are not made public. The Directory has no investigation competences. They simply analyze suspicious cases from banks, notaries and money transfer companies.

(Top Channel)

## ***A LA UNE CETTE SEMAINE/HIGHLIGHTS***

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### **World Bank Albania's GDP to rise by 3.5 pct in 2017 and 2018**

The Albanian economy is forecasted to grow by 3.5 percent in 2017 and 2018, World Bank confirmed Monday. The bank increased the forecast for Albania's gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2019 by 0.1 percentage point, to 3.8 percent, compared to the projection made in January, the World Bank said in its June 2017 Global Economic Prospects report. In 2016, Albania's economy expanded by an estimated 3.2 percent, World Bank further said in its report. WB also noted that private investments in two large energy projects will continue to support growth, aided by private consumption as the labor market improves, and net exports supported by demand from the European Union. With two large energy projects the bank means the Trans-Adriatic gas pipeline (TAP) and the Devoll hydro power plant currently being implemented in the country. The Bank also revised upwards its growth projections for Albania's neighboring countries such as Macedonia by 0.4 percent and Serbia by 0.3 percent, while it has revised downward Montenegro's growth by 0.7 percentage point. A few days ago, even the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) said in a report that it has confirmed its forecast for Albania's 2017 economic growth at 3.5 percent.

(Panorama/web)

### **TAP about to Complete Supply of 13,000 Pipes in Albania**

TIRANA - The 24th International Oil and Gas Conference in Caspian, which carried out the works at the beginning of June in Baku, emphasized the importance of developing natural gas as a key factor in securing Europe's energy stability.

Ulrike Andres, Director of Trade and Foreign Relations in the Trans Adriatic Pipeline Project (TAP), said in this conference that Europe continues to be focused on issues such as security and energy diversification. Thus, natural gas, as the fossil fuel, will continue to play a key role in securing sustainable energy diversity, she said.

Andres, focusing on TAP's performance as one of the most important energy infrastructure projects in Europe, foresees the development of a pipeline that will carry natural gas from the Caspian region to Europe, emphasized that "Until the beginning of May, we have welded more than 35% of the steel pipes and more than 25% of the pipes are already lying on the ground (covered). As to the overall performance of the project, we have completed about 41% of it, including engineering, procurements and construction."

She noted that, in order to ensure the safe transport of steel pipes, TAP completed the First Phase of rehabilitation of auxiliary roads and bridges in Albania in 2016. A second phase for the rehabilitation of 120 km of other roads will be undertaken by our EPC contractor, Spiecapag, which has been mobilized and has started its main works.

"In the framework of the pipeline construction, by the beginning of May, more than 100 km of land have been cleared, 95 km of pipes are stretched and connected, and 80 km of such are welded. About 85% of the 13,000 pipes needed to build the 215 km section of Albania have already arrived in the country," said the Chief of Trade and Foreign Relations at the TAP project.

According to her, TAP will invest more than Euro 55 million in environmental investment projects in Greece, Albania and Italy. While in the coming months and years to come, a broader range of initiatives will be implemented, while our project goes further with its implementation phases.

Meanwhile, Durres Port authorities say a commercial ship with 4.515 metric tons of steel pipes arrived at the country's biggest port this week, registering the 14th vessel since the first pipes were unloaded in April 2016. The final 15th shipment is expected by late June.

About 13,000 pipes of mostly 18 metres are being used for the Albanian section of TAP, which includes a route of 215 km onshore and 37 km offshore in the Albanian part of the Adriatic linking it to Italy.

## **Tobacco growing –Revitalization of a profitable market**

In our country production of tobacco as an agricultural culture is seen as very profitable therefore the farmers are showing a growing interest in its cultivation. According to the experts, revenues from tobacco culture are nearly 3-4 times higher than other agricultural cultures. The land and climatic conditions are very much favorable, particularly in the areas of Dumre (Middle Albania) and Shkodra in north Albania. Although this market has gone from boom to bust just as the socio-economic conditions of the country, the experts express their conviction that the interest of farmers is growing and development of this sector will be palpable in a near future. For tobacco growing, there's no need for new methods and practices because the Albanian farmers are very much capable of cultivating it due to the ancient tradition in the country which saw high yields of tobacco in the past. Instead, there is an urgent need for more collection firms and openness of the market of exports, factors which will encourage the producers of tobacco to revive the successful tradition of Made in Albania products.

(ATSH)

## **Albanian Ministry of Energy receives another proposal for MW-sized solar project**

Albania's Ministry of Energy and Industry has received an application for another MW-sized PV plant. The 2 MW project, which was submitted by the local company AEE sh.p.k., is planned to be located in the municipality of Lushnje, in west-central Albania. The project will require a 2 hectare surface and €1 million investment, the company said in its filing with the ministry. The project, which will be built under the regime for power plants not exceeding 2 MW, will likely compete in the country's upcoming renewable energy auctions, which were introduced with the new renewable energy law approved by the Albania Parliament in February. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is currently helping the Albanian government set up an auction mechanism for large-scale PV plants. Overall, the government hopes to allocate between 50 MW and 100 MW in the first auction. Over the past few months, the Albanian Ministry of Energy and Industry has received several proposals for utility-scale PV projects, the latter of which was submitted in mid-April. The application was filed by local companies Albanian General Electricity SH.A. and A.E. Distribution. The project, which is planned to be located in Fier, in the homonym province, and built at a cost of €2 million (\$2.1 million), will likely compete in the upcoming auction, as well as two more projects submitted last year. In November 2016, a consortium formed by local companies Solar Gamma Sh.p.k., Alfa Energy Sh.p.k., Beta Energy Sh.p.k., Delta Solar Sh.p.k. and Solaris Sh.p.k. has proposed to build a 50 MW PV plant in Malik, a municipality in Korçë County of eastern Albania. Furthermore, the special purpose vehicle Novoselë Photovoltaic PowerPlant Sh.P.K. proposed to build a 50 MW PV power plant in Novoselë, a village in the Vlorë County, in August 2016. The project's required investment was valued at €72 million (\$76.6 million). (Panorama/web)

## **E-Albania.al online portal – over 500 services to serve citizens**

Online portal e-Albania.al is the official government's online page to offer citizens over 500 day-to-day electronic services all year round. Citizens can perform numerous procedures in a better, quicker way thus avoiding phenomenon such as corruption and bureaucracy. Any citizen, after being registered, can apply for construction permits, check if employers have paid social contributions, check taxes or automobile penalties it even offers 51 services related to property deeds which response to is given electronically. This portal will soon provide certificates and attestations holding the digital seal which enables them utter legal value. This is in part what e-Albania.al offers to serve citizens with documentations needed in a fast and fair way under a new standard and low cost, experts say. E-Albania project is characterized by innovation and approximation to EU standards underlining implementation of the actual Albanian model while identifying concrete examples of innovations in order to improve the quality of public services. According to experts e-Albania.al portal comprises a success history as a fine example of online communication between government's institutions, citizens and businesses.

(Gazeta Shqip)

## **Albania's annual inflation speeds up in May**

Albania's consumer price inflation accelerated to 2% year-on-year in May, from 1.9% in April, the statistical office, INSTAT, said on Thursday. Prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages, which have the largest weight of 40% in the consumer basket, grew by 3.8% on the year in May, after adding 3% a month earlier. Housing, water, electricity and fuel prices, which have a weight of 20.7% in the consumer basket, edged up 0.9% on the year in May, after growing by the same pace in April. On a monthly comparison basis, consumer prices in Albania declined by 1.2% in May, following a 0.6% drop in the previous month. In May, Albania's central bank decided to keep its key interest rate at record low 1.25%. Inflation is anticipated to return to the central bank's target of 3% around the end of 2018.

(Scan TV)

## **360 thousand tourists have visited Albania in May**

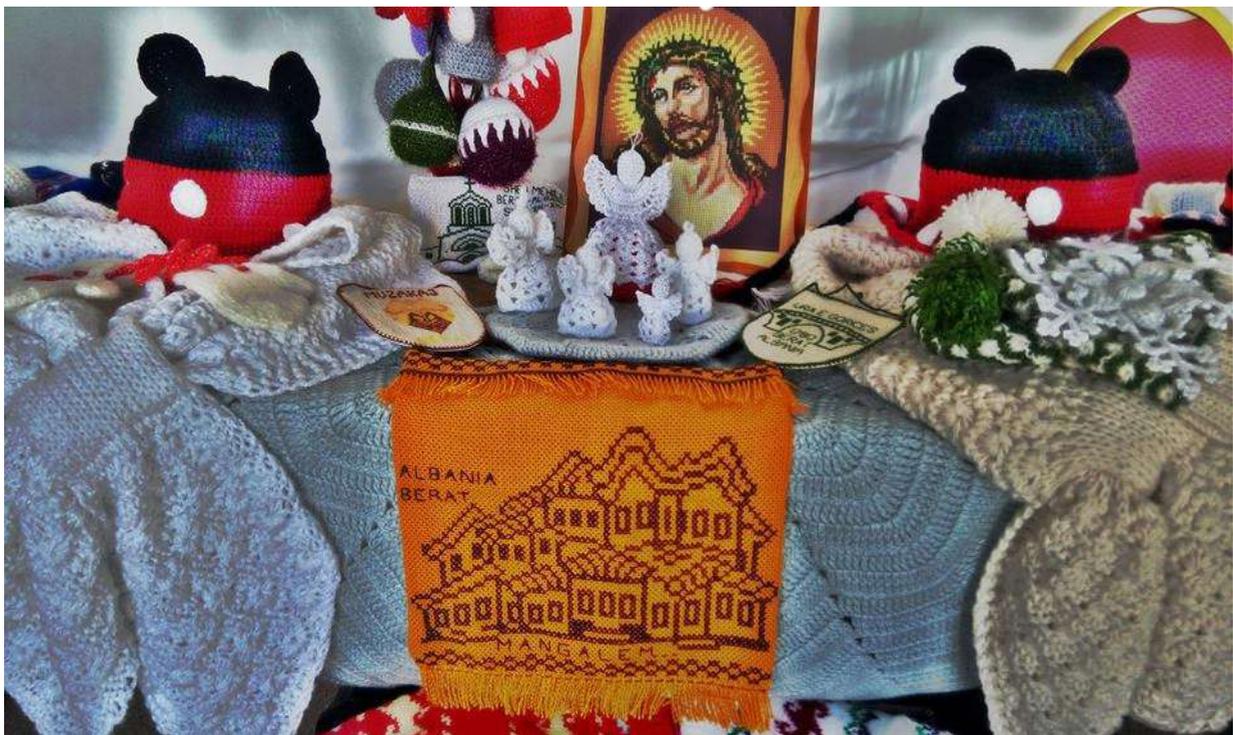
In the month of May alone, the number of tourists who visited Albania was 360 thousand. This figure is given by Border Police, according to which, around 132 thousand of them have reported that they have arrived in our country for tourism. Meanwhile, experts of this institution add that in the coming months, the number of foreign tourists who will visit our country is expected to grow. According to the Institute of Statistics, the number of foreign nationals who have entered the country in the first four months of 2017 has grown by 13,4% compared to the same period of 2016. "The number of foreign visitors who have entered Albania for holidays in the month of April 2017 was 126.789, while in April 2016 this number was 63.911", INSTAT reports.

(Balkanweb)

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