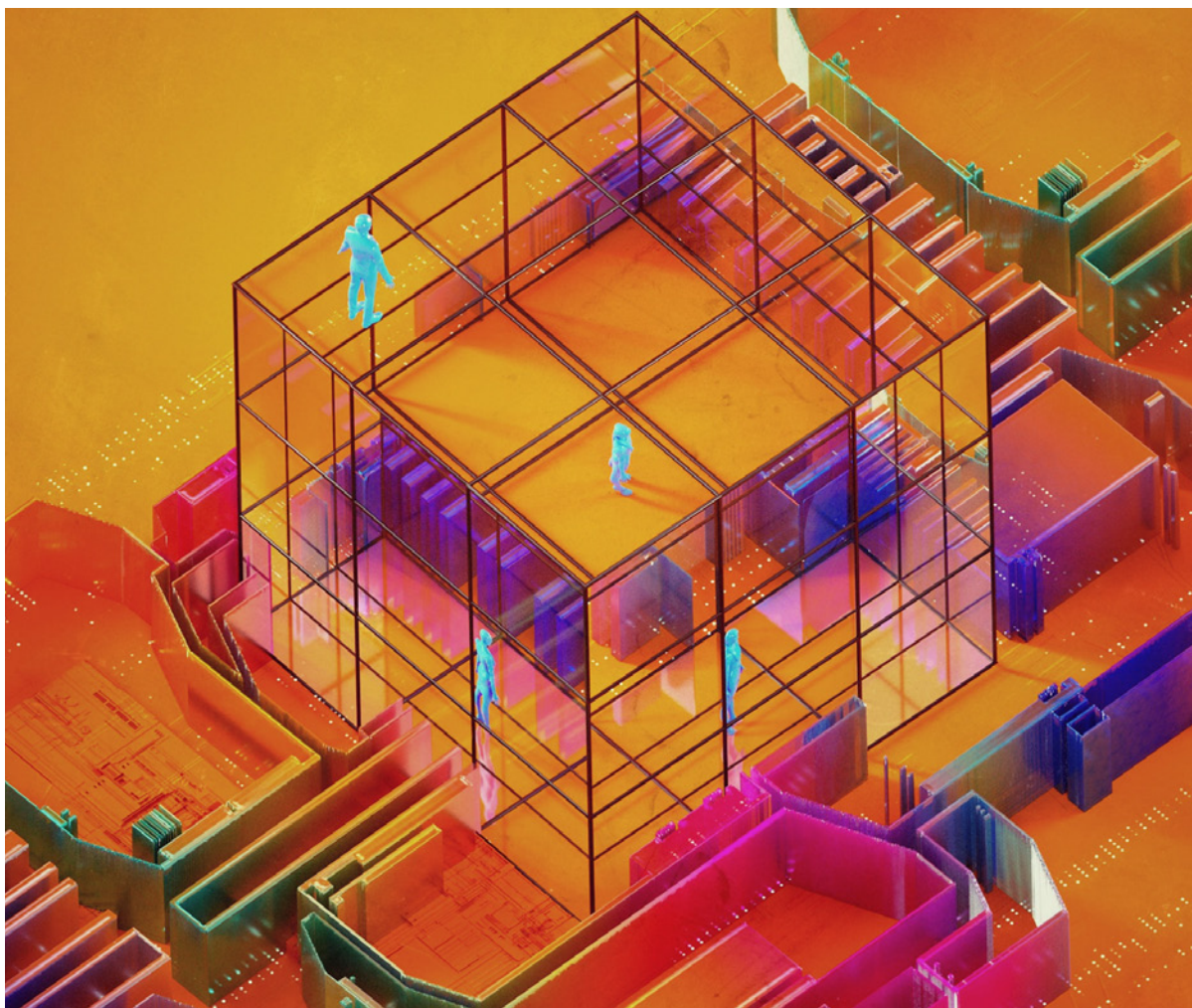


Newsletter

November 2018



- **Law 67/2018 For an Amendment to Law No. 55/2015 "On Strategic Investments In The Republic Of Albania"**
- **Adhering into the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration**
- **Open tender on the construction of the professional IT school in Tirana**
- **New tender on the disposal of pharmaceutical hospital waste (medicines and expired medical materials) for 2018**

Albana Fona

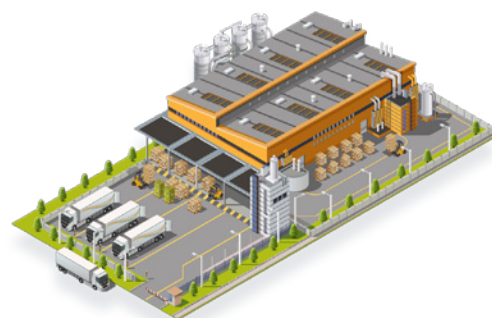
Law 67/2018 For an Amendment to Law No. 55/2015 "On Strategic Investments In The Republic Of Albania"

Law No. 67/2018, issued on 04.10.2018, published in the Official Gazette No. 152, has amendment Article 36 of Law 55/2015 "On Strategic Investments In The Republic Of Albania" by postponing the Deadline for submitting applications to be categorized as "Strategic Investment" until 31 December 2019.

Hereby, we recall that the Purpose of Law 55/2015, is to promote and attract strategic domestic and foreign investments in those sectors that are identified as strategic sectors in the Law i.e. **Energy and**

mining; Transport, electronic communications infrastructure and urban waste; Tourism (tourist structures); Agriculture (large agricultural farms) and fisheries; Economic zone; Development priority areas; by introducing special favorable, easing or expediting administrative procedures for supporting and providing services to the investors.

Under the provisions of the Law 55/2015, the assessment whether the strategic investment is of public interest or not, is based on the a) investment amount; b) period of investment execution; c) invest-



ment productivity and added value; d) creation of jobs; c) priority economic sector; d) regional and local economic development; dh) development and improvement of conditions and standards for the production of goods and provision of services; e) introduction of new technologies in order to increase competitiveness and effectiveness of the investment etc..



Kostina Prifti

Adhering into the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration



By means of the law no. 66/2018 dated 24.09.2018, Albania adhered into the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration. An appellation of origin is a special kind of geographical indication generally consisting of a geographical name or a traditional designation used on products which have a specific quality or characteristics that are essentially due to the geographical environment in which they are produced. Consumers are familiar with these products and often request them – even unknowingly – using their geographical name.

The Lisbon Agreement provides for the protection of appellations of origin, that is, the "geographical denomination of a country, region, or locality, which serves to designate a product originating therein, the quality or characteristics of which are due exclusively or essentially to the geographic environment, including natural and human factors" (Article 2). Such denominations are registered by the International Bureau of WIPO in Geneva upon the request of the competent authority of a Contracting State. The International Bureau keeps the International Register of Appellations of Origin

and formally notifies the other Contracting States of the registrations.

A Contracting State may declare, within one year of receiving the notice of registration, that it cannot ensure the protection of a registered appellation within its territory (Article 5(3)). Such a declaration must include grounds for the refusal of protection. Contracting States may subsequently withdraw a refusal, according to a procedure foreseen under the Lisbon system.



A registered appellation will be protected against usurpation or imitation, even when used in translation or accompanied by words such as "kind", "type" or the like (Article 3), and may not be deemed to have become generic in a Contracting State as long as it continues to be protected in the country of origin (Article 6).

An appellation of origin is a special kind of geographical indication generally consisting of a geographical name or a traditional designation used on products which have a specific quality or characteristics that are essentially due to the geographical environment in which they are produced.

Uendi Vata

Open tender on the construction of the professional IT school in Tirana

Ministry of Finance and Economy published the announcement for the development of the electronic procurement procedure for the signing of the contract "Construction of the professional IT school in Tirana" with a total fund limit of 259 341 079 ALL (VAT excluded), an investment funded by the state budget.

The school is expected to have a capacity of 1000 high school students aspiring to study in the IT field. The building is expected to have 36 classes with 32 students per each and 10 labs with 30 students per each, all equipped with personal computers.



Meanwhile, approximately 370 m2 of the terrace will be used for the library and other archives of the school, which can also be used for various activities and seminars.

Duration of the execution of the contract is 12 months from the signing of the contract. Final deadline for the submission of bids is 10.12.2018.

New tender on the disposal of pharmaceutical hospital waste (medicines and expired medical materials) for 2018



University Hospital Center "Mother Teresa" in Tirana has published the Open Procurement Procedure with object "Disposal of pharmaceutical hospital waste (medicines and expired medical materials) in UHC Mother Teresa for year 2018."

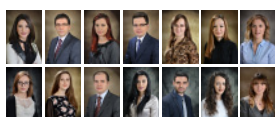
The tender has a fund limit of 10,284,483.84 ALL (VAT excluded) and is expected to last until 31.12.2018 or until the full disposal of pharmaceutical hospital waste and expired medical materials if the latter is performed prior than 31.12.2018.





Legal Services

Tirana - Pristina - Ljubljana - Skopje - Podgorica



LEADING LAW FIRM IN ALBANIA



AREAS OF PRACTICE

Corporate/M&A
Immigration
Employment
Competition
Intellectual Property
Antitrust and Unfair

Banking and Finance
and Privatization
Commercial Tax
Property and Real Estate
Aviation
Administrative Procedures and Appeals

Energy & Infrastructure
Projects Bankruptcy -
Insolvency - Restructuring
Litigation and Arbitration
Insurance
Internet Law
Debt Collection

LPA LEGAL refers to one or more of LPA LEGAL Network in Slovenia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Albania or Kosovo.

Legal and Professional Services Albania is a limited liability company (LLC), its regional network of member Firms, and their related entities. Each of its member Firms are legally separate and independent entities. LPA (also referred to as "LPA NETWORK") does not provide services to clients. Please see www.lpalbania.com/about to learn more about our regional network of member firms.

LPA LEGAL provides, legal consulting, financial advisory, due diligence services, tax and related services to public and private clients spanning multiple industries. Our Network serves more than 50 companies of Fortune Global 500® companies in more than 5 countries and territories bringing exceptional capabilities, insights, and high-quality service to address clients' most complex business challenges.

To learn more about how LPA LEGAL NETWORK approximately 120 professionals make an impact that matters, please connect with us on Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter.

This communication contains general information only, and none of LPA LEGAL, its member firms, or their related entities (collectively, the "LPA Network") is, by means of this communication, rendering professional advice or services. Before making any decision or taking any action that may affect your finances or your business, you should consult a qualified professional adviser. No entity in the LPA Network shall be responsible for any loss whatsoever sustained by any person who relies on this communication.

© Copyright LPA LEGAL 2018. All rights reserved.

www.lpalbania.com
info@lpalbania.com
LPA LEGAL®