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## New Law “On registration of Non – Profit Organizations”



In the Official Gazette No. 121 dated 02.08.2021 was published the Law No. 80/2021 “On registration of Non – Profit Organizations”. The new law is expected to enter into force 15 days upon its publication on the Official Gazette. Meanwhile the relevant bylaws should be introduced and approved by Council of Ministers within 3 months upon the entrance into force of the law and the date when will be active the electronic register of Non-Profit Organizations will be published by the High Council of Justice no later than 30 August 2021.

*The newly introduced law aims to improve the legislative framework for the registration of Non – profit Organizations in Albania, more specifically:*

- a.** to streamline the process as well as modernizing and digitalizing it.
- b.** to increase the quality of the information held for each Non – Profit Organization that carries out non-profit activities in the country. With the introduced changes, the information for Non – Profit Organizations will be available and accessible to the public, increasing transparency and trust.

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- c.** to introduce practical registration procedures.

*In particular the law has introduced the following key novelties:*

- a.** Request to register the establishment of newly *incorporated* NPOs and any changes incurred to Non – Profit Organization within 30 days period.
- b.** The law has introduced the Electronic Register for the Non – Profit Organization where will be registered and made public any required data for the NPOs.

- c.** In general, the law now specifies terms within which the Court should issue its decision, which are:

- Within a 15 days period, once the request for establishment has been presented along with all the relevant documents, the Judge should issue the Decision for registration of NPO;
- Within a 5 days period, the Chancellor of the court must issue Court Decisions regarding the changes incurred in any Non – Profit Organization.



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## Saranda Airport Construction Race – Opened

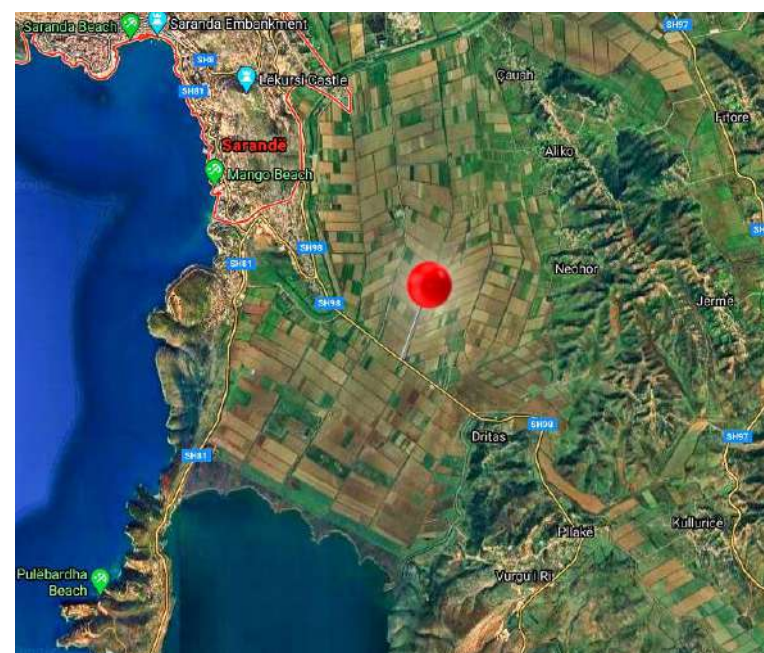
The Albanian government has launched the tender for the construction of a **NEW Airport**, located 6 km away from the city of Saranda, close to the national road as per the following map:

The construction works will be financed through private investment with Project estimated value **34,320,000 Euro (VAT excluded)**, and the Contract duration shall be **35 years**.

In a public statement, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Mrs. Belinda Balluku, stated that Saranda Airport will be also used domestically, for round trip Saranda - Kukes flights.

It is expected that the airport will promote **tourism** and economic development.

The bid is requested to be submitted through the electronic means not later than 23/09/2021 at 12:00 CET. The economic operators shall submit the bid electronically at the official webpage of the PPA: [www.app.gov.al](http://www.app.gov.al) ■



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## Approval of the Law no. 65/2021 for some changes and additions to Law no. 10 304, dated 15.7.2010, " On the mining sector in the Republic of Albania ", amended

Are approved and entered in force, the changes and additions of the new law "On the [mining sector](#) in the Republic of Albania". The key changes and additions highlighted that this law has brought are as follows:

- The term of validity for [licenses](#) of exploration for the group of metallic minerals, non-metallic, coal and bitumen can be extended one time with the request of the holder of the permit, for a period of 1 year.
- The terms of 3 months of obligations for permit holders according to this law for reporting and providing information on production, investments, value of products sold, mining works and all operations performed for environmental rehabilitation and waste management, in accordance with the obligations of the mining permit and the annual plan, in articles 18, articles 25, 27, are extended and changed for a period of 6 calendar months.
- Also, the obligations of various notifications with deadlines set for the holders of the career exploitation permit of minerals and the group of construction minerals are added in article 25.
- Now, with the new changes, the search-discovery permit has a validity of one (1) year from its entry into force, with the



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possibility of extension for one (1) year, with an area no more than 50% of the initial surface.

- The whole article entitled "Transfer of mining rights from the Owner" has also undergone radical changes.
  - Currently with the new changes, mining permits, issued according to competitive procedures, are transferable only after a period of 5 years from the date of issuance of the permit and are transferred only after the prior approval of the Minister.
  - Mining permits for which a facilitation agreement has been concluded are not transferable.
  - Meanwhile, other mining permits, issued according to the procedures of law no. 7796, dated 17.2.1994, "Mining Law of Albania", as amended, are transferable only after prior approval by the Minister.

***The approval or rejection of the Minister is made within a period of 60 calendar days from the date of submission of the transfer request by the holder of the mining permit.***

- Other changes are identified in Article 31 entitled "Financial guarantees for the development of mining activities." With the latest changes, the value of the financial guarantee for the realization of the investment for exploration permits is returned to the permit holder at the end of the investment period determined according to the minimum work program, when the value of the investment is realized over 90 percent and within foreseen time limit. The full return of the financial guarantee of the investment is made when the investment is 100 percent realized and within the foreseen time frame ■





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