



## Project Partners

Ministry of Interior

Albanian State Police

## Facts and Figures

- EU contribution: € 3 million
- Project implementation: 2011
- 7 vessels for the Albanian Border Police

# Reform of police and judiciary

## EU Provides Vessels for the Border Police

### Albania

*"It is through hard work and determination that EU member states achieved the free movement of people, goods and services that we enjoy today. Albania will be able to enjoy these freedoms fully by showing that it is a reliable partner in the international effort against illegal trafficking and smuggling."*

Ambassador Ettore Sequi, Head of EU Delegation to Albania

## Context

For many years Albania has struggled to police effectively its maritime borders. Illicit trafficking has constituted a security threat to Albania and to its neighbours. The Albanian capacity to patrol its maritime borders remains a major concern, although the government's efforts together with a strong international presence at sea, have had a positive impact. A ban on speedboats has helped diminish the impact of coastal crime. However, Albania still lacks a comprehensive strategy and an action plan to ensure coastal security in the long term.

## Objectives **Strengthening coastal security**

- Institutionalise the cooperation between the Coast Guard and the Border Police, and help setting up the Inter-Institutional Maritime Operations Centre.
- Design and implement a sustainable training scheme for the services responsible for border checks and border surveillance at the maritime borders, i.e. Border Police and Coast Guard.
- Refurbish the facilities of the Inter-Institutional Maritime Operations Centre and refurbish and /or reconstruct the Saranda Border Police Commissariat.
- Supply vessels to the services responsible for border checks and surveillance at the maritime borders.
- Reinforce Albanian State Police's maintenance and logistical capacities.

## Impact

- The Albanian maritime border fleet is renewed and efficient.
- Albania now has more secure coasts under an integrated border management approach.