

## Harmonised area: Quality infrastructure

In January 2025, further staff were recruited to the ministry responsible (Ministry of Economy, Culture and Innovation (MECI)). Market surveillance needs to be reinforced. From September 2024 to July 2025, 1 295 market surveillance inspections were carried out, resulting in 26 warnings, 15 fines, and one emergency measure.

Albania's legislation on accreditation, on market surveillance and on conformity assessment remains partially aligned with the EU acquis.

It has a high level of alignment in regard to standardisation. Albania's General Directorate of Standardisation continues to address the issues identified by the peer review of the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (CENELEC) following its application to become a full member of CEN/CENELEC. National standards are adopted in line with EU standards.

There are now 115 conformity assessment bodies in Albania that have been accredited by Directorate of Accreditation (DPA), compared with 118 in 2024, including 56 testing laboratories, one calibration laboratory, and 24 inspection bodies.

The General Directorate of Metrology is fully staffed and operational. 63 Albania has not prepared its legislation to be aligned with the EU requirements on notification of national legislation.