

[Press release by the EU Presidency on behalf of the EU, on the Albanian parliamentary elections.]

EU URGES PEACEFUL ELECTIONS, AND ENCOURAGES CITIZENS TO OBTAIN ID DOCUMENTS.

The elections on 28 June will be an important test of Albania's democratic maturity and readiness to move forward towards closer integration with the EU. We, the EU, are watching the elections process closely. It is our hope, and in Albania's interests, that these elections are peaceful and that they are judged to meet international standards.

We, the EU, urge the Government of Albania and political parties to work together to ensure that the elections are conducted in a peaceful manner, and that all those who want to vote on 28 June are able to do so. And we encourage all Albanian citizens who wish to exercise their democratic right and to vote in these elections to make sure they have the necessary ID documents to do so.