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This handbook contains biographical data about the MPs of legislature XVIII of the Assembly of Albania. It contains also the list of MPs according to electoral zones, districts, the composition of Parliamentary groups, permanent parliamentary committees, parliamentary delegations to different international organisations, as well as other different statistics.

The biographic data have been taken from the forms that the MPs themselves filled out.

The handbook reflects the MPs biographic data, gathered until December 2011.

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**Foreword by Ambassador Eugen Wollfarth,
Head of OSCE Presence in Albania**

Dear Reader,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the handbook entitled “Legislature XVIII–2009 to 2013”, which has been produced by the Albanian Assembly in co-operation with the OSCE Presence in Albania as part of a parliamentary support project funded by Germany.

This publication seeks to provide an institutional memory for the current parliament and facilitate knowledge on the main representatives elected by Albanian citizens. As a compressed form of the elaborated version in Albanian language produced for the use of all 140 MPs and all parliamentary staff, this handbook is a positive step forward in disseminating key information to all stakeholders of the Assembly in Albania and beyond.

The performance of a democratically elected parliament correlates directly with the building of a viable modern democracy and an open society. The parliament is critical for the further strengthening of democratic traditions and practices and fundamental in establishing and cementing the rule of law, protecting human rights, overseeing transparent governance processes, and ensuring national compliance with all international obligations.

It is encouraging to see the progress the Assembly and Albanian people have made in recent years. More strategic challenges lie ahead, including European integration aspirations.

I seize this opportunity to thank the Speaker of the Albanian Assembly, H.E. Mrs Jozefina Çoba Topalli, her administration and all MPs for their strong co-operation in the production of this handbook.

In wishing the current Albanian parliament future success in their work,

I hope that you also will find this publication to be a useful key to your work related with the Assembly.

With kind regards,

Ambassador Eugen Wollfarth
Head of OSCE Presence in Albania

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**Excerpt from the greeting speech of
Speaker Jozefina Çoba Topalli on the occasion
of the beginning of the legislature XVIII**

I would like to congratulate all the Members of Parliament for their election, and to wish you a good work as MPs. You represent the will and wish of your people.

It is often said that an institution is the man's *tall shadow*. This institution is the *tall shadow* of all men and women, who voted for being represented here.

As one of the 140 MPs, a representative of the Albanian people, in the highest law-making institution is a great honour. In fact, it is a special privilege. But, above all, it is a great responsibility.

This parliament will have a very ambitious agenda during the next four years, and it will do its best to support the great projects of the nation.

This Assembly will be committed to the highest level of approximation of its legislation with the European Union. Together we will do everything to turn this institution into the engine of the European legislation of Albania. Together, we will strengthen parliamentary diplomacy. We will be the advocates of the interests of Albania and Albanians. We will work together to increase the control of government over every pillar of the state. The Parliament will play its primary role in the integration processes, as it is supposed to do.

In the next four years this *temple* shall be the place of reforms. Reforms are our philosophy. Reforms will be the essence of our work, our commitment. Reforms are the beginning and conclusion of what this Parliament will do.

In the next four years, together with you, I will do everything I can to increase the dignity of the Assembly of Albania. I do not have a bigger dream as the Speaker of this Parliament than to see this hall as an arena of real debate,

a temple of truth to the best interests of Albanians, of the nation, of an economy that is always growing, of a nation that is growing, in defence of the rule of law, for the purposes of integration.

I have often reflected on leadership and decision–making, and I have learned that daring in politics is not only to have the nerve to take difficult decisions or to do the right things, even though sometimes only God knows which the right thing is, but it is mainly to take your responsibilities, and move forward. I am certain that we will achieve this together.

God bless Albania and the Albanian people!

Jozefina Çoba Topalli
Speaker of the Parliament of Albania

Biography
Mrs. Jozefina Çoba Topalli

SPEAKER OF ALBANIAN PARLIAMENT

Jozefina Çoba Topalli (mathematician) is the first woman Speaker of the Albanian Parliament. She assumed duty in September 2005, and was re-elected as Speaker of Parliament for a second four-year mandate in September 2009. In two previous consecutive legislatures (1997-2001; 2001-2005), Mrs. Jozefina Çoba Topalli served as Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

Born in Shkodër, in November 1963, Jozefina Çoba Topalli received two degrees from the University of Shkodër, in Mathematics and Law. She studied International Relations at the University of Padua, Italy, and received Master Degrees on “Public Administration”, and “European Studies” from the University of Tirana. In 2010, she obtained doctoral degree.

In 1996, Jozefina Çoba Topalli was elected for the first time Member of the Democratic Party at the Assembly of Albania. Until 1996, she worked as chancellor and lecturer at “Luigj Gurakuqi” University of Shkodër.

In 1997, Mrs. Jozefina Çoba Topalli was elected Deputy Chair of the Democratic Party.

Mrs. Jozefina Çoba Topalli was elected Member of the Albanian Assembly for four mandates in succession.

During 2004-2005, Mrs. Jozefina Çoba Topalli participated into CoE monitoring group for the elections in Ukraine, Palestine etc.

As one of the most outstanding personalities of Albanian parliamentarism and politics, Jozefina Çoba Topalli is well-known for her intensive activity in the field of parliamentary diplomacy facilitating Albania’s integration processes into NATO and EU, as well as the visa liberalization for Albanian citizens.

Jozefina Çoba Topalli is initiator, promoter and leader of several campaigns of social character, such as: the fight against breast and cervix cancer; the fight to stop violence against women; the fight against domestic violence; awareness-raising campaigns against children violence; campaigns for the protection of families and strata in need, etc.

Another very important aspect of Mrs. Jozefina Topalli's activity as Speaker of Parliament and as a politician is the support, promotion and strengthening of women's role in politics and society.

For her significant contribution and accomplishments, Mrs. Jozefina Topalli was awarded several prizes and medals.

In July 2010, the International Mediterranean Forum for Peace, with the proposal of the Italian Senate, bestowed Mrs. Jozefina Topalli with the "Mediterranean Award" in recognition of her political activity and career.

In October 2010, the Speaker of Parliament, Jozefina Topalli was declared the First Ambassador of UNICEF for the protection of children's rights in Albania, by the UNICEF Albania, as well as representatives of NGO-s and institutions dealing with children's rights.

In November 2010, in Saint Petersburg the Speaker of the Parliament, Jozefina Topalli, was honored the "Medal of Honour", for her valuable contribution to politics.

In December 2010, the Speaker of Parliament, Mrs. Jozefina Topalli was honoured with the international title "Millennium Peace Award: Cavaliere per la Pace" by the International Peace Union, at the Sacro Cuore University, region of Lombardy, Italy.

In 2010, Jozefina Çoba Topalli was elected Deputy Chair of the World Conference of Speakers of Parliament.

Jozefina Çoba Topalli has a good command of English, Italian and French.

Despite her ambitious agenda, and the demanding parliamentary and political life, Jozefina Çoba Topalli manages to find time to dedicate to her family, her husband and their two children.

Biographies of MPs



Sadri ABAZI

Born on 10 February 1957 in Dibra

MP for the Dibra region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Economics (1981–1986); graduated at IRU Academy, Geneva (2002).

Political activity: MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII



Arben AHMETAJ

Born on 28 June 1969 in Gjirokastra

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Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: Studied English Language at the University of Tirana and graduated in English and American Literature (1991); M.A. International Trade and Diplomacy Patterson (1996); Kentucky University, US (1996); Management of Public Economic Policies, George Washington University, Department of Economy; Georgetown University, Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service, Washington, US; International Finance, international finance markets (1999–2000); Patterson Scholarship (1994); George Town University program Scholarship, supported by the US Congress (1999); Khokalis Scholarship Harvard University, program Athens (2004); study projects in Texas, A&M University Project on economic developments in Albania and final elections (1996); public services and benefits in Albania, a project finance by the Italian Chamber of Commerce (1996).

Scientific degree: Doctor of Energy and National Security, Bucharest University, Rumania (2005–2009)

Political activity: Advisor to the Minister of Finance (1992 – 1993); Chief of Cabinet in the Ministry of Finance (1997 – 1998); Deputy Minister of European Integration (2004 – 2005); Deputy Minister of Energy and Industry (2003 – 2004); MP in legislature XVIII.



Enkelejd ALIBEAJ

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MP for the Fier region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Justice (1993–1997); Magistrate School (1997–2000).

Political activity: Minister of Justice (2007–2009); member of the Inquiry Committee “On the inquiry of state institutions’ activity, to detect, identify, face, neutralise, prevent and punish organised crime activities related to the violation of institutions and overturning of constitutional order on 21 January 2011”; MP in legislature XVIII.



Ledina ALOLLI

Born on 19 September 1975 in Korça

MP for the Korça region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information; Committee on Economy and Finance.

Higher education: She studied at the Fan S. Noli University, Faculty of Economy, Marketing branch (1993–1997); Neofilt Rilski University, Bllagoevgrad, Bulgaria, Master’s degree in Business Administration (2003–2005).

Scientific degree: She received her PhD in Economic Sciences, University of

Tirana, Faculty of Economy (2005–2009).

Political activity: Member of the Democratic League of Women Chairmanship (1998); Chair of the Democratic League of Women, member of the DP Korça branch Chairmanship (2006); member of the Korça Municipal Council (2007); MP in legislature XVIII.



Ndrëçim BABASI

Born on 1 January 1967 in Fushë–Kruja

MP for the Durrës region

Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: He has completed university studies at the Academy of Public Order (2002).

Scientific degree: Doctor in Police Sciences

Political activity: MP in legislatures XVI and XVII

He was mandated MP by CEC decision no. 188, dated 29.03.2011 as the next candidate in the DP multi-name list in this region after the resignation of the MP Ferdinand Xhaferri, who ran for Mayor of Durrës.



Taulant BALLA

Born on 12 August 1977 in Librazhd

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on European Integration

Higher education: He followed his University and Post–University Studies in Political Sciences and International Relations at A.I.Cuza University, Iasi, Rumania.

Scientific degree: Doctor of Political Sciences

Political activity: Member of SP (since 1995); member of the SP Steering Committee in Librazhd, and member of the General Committee of the SP Youth

Forum; he has been a member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the monopoly mobile telephony market and drafting of recommendations for the liberalization of this market in Albania” and member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the Tender Procedures for Durrës–Morina Road” (2006); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Ilir BANO

Born on 11 May 1951 in Lushnja

MP for the Fier region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment; Substitute in the Committee on Education and Means of Public Information, Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights, and the Council on the Rules of Procedure, Mandates and Immunity.

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Geology –Mines, University of Tirana (1970–1974).

Political activity: He has been a member of the DP National Council (since 1997); DP Secretary for Organisation (1999–2005); DP Secretary for Human Resources (since 2005); Deputy Chair of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the monopoly mobile telephony market and drafting of recommendations for the liberalization of this market in Albania” as well as Deputy Chair of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the purpose and procedures of the Albtelecom privatization contract for 2001 and on” (2006); MP in legislatures XV, XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Besnik BARAJ

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MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied Industrial Chemistry at the Faculty of Natural Sciences (1976–1981).

Scientific degree: PhD (1988); Associated Professor (1994); Professor (2001).

Political activity: Deputy Minister of Environment, European Integration, and Defence (2003–2005); Chair of the South–Eastern Europe Ministerial (2005–2006); MP in legislature XVIII.



Koço BARKA

Born on 30 March 1954 in Gjirokastra

MP for the Vlora region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: University of Tirana, Mine Engineering

Political activity: Deputy Chair of the District Council (1997–2000); Deputy Chair of Vlora Region (2000–2005); Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (2005–2008); politically engaged with the democratic movement (1991); elected in the political forums of the Human Rights Union Party (1996–2008).

He won the MP mandate by decision no. 189, dated 29.03.2011 of the Central Electoral Committee, as the next candidate in the multi–name list of the Democratic Party in this region due to the resignation of the MP Ardian Kollozi, who ran for Mayor of Vlora.



Lulzim BASHA

Born on 12 June 1974 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

Parliamentary group: DP

Higher education: He completed studies in Law at the Utrecht University, Netherlands, major in European Law and Public International Law.

Political activity: Minister of Interior (2009–2011); Minister of Foreign Affairs (2007–2009); Minister of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication

(2005–2007); spokesperson for the Electoral Campaign (2005); member of the DP Chairmanship (2005 to date); member of the DP National Council (2005 to date); Coordinator of the DP Committee on Policy Orienting, (2005 to date); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.

He resigned on 31.03.2011 because he ran for Mayor of Tirana in the local elections of 8 May 2011. Mayor of Tirana since August 2011.



Astrit BECI

Born on 21 March 1966 in Shkodra

MP for the Shkodra region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of General Medicine, University of Tirana (1984–1989); specialised as oculist, University Hospital Center, Tirana (1991–1993); graduated at the University of London (1993–1994); received a Master’s Degree in public health, at the National School of Public Health (1999–2001).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Fatos BEJA

Born on 29 November 1948 in Vlora

MP for the Fier region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of History–Philology, Philology branch (1966–1970); specialisation in Geneva (1992) and specialisation on minority issues, in Washington (1993); specialised in International Humanitarian Law, in Budapest (1991) and in Vienna (1995); specialised in visual media, in Prague (1991) and in Paris (1996).

Political activity: Diplomatic Adviser to the President of the Republic (1992–

1997); member of the DP Chairmanship (1997–2005); Secretary for the DP organisation (1997–1999); DP Secretary for Elections and Human Resources and Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Affairs (1999–2001); member of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights (2005–2006); Deputy Chair of the Assembly of Albania (2005–2008); Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights (2006–2008); Minister of Education and Science (2008–2009); member of the Inquiry Committee “On the inquiry of facts, circumstances and responsibilities related to the Bar massacre in 1945”; MP in legislatures XIV, XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Ilir BEJTJA

Born on 17 January 1966 in Elbasan

MP for the Elbasan region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy, Business branch (1984–1988); Aleksandër Moisiu University in Durrës (2010–2012); Joint European Master’s Degree in Comparative Local Developments, University of Trento, Italy (2004–2006); CEFAL Bologna, Italy, formative course on the preparation of curricula for the 1-year post-graduate course on public administration to be implemented in the University of Elbasan in the framework of the project “Tempus JEP Stride One”, Arguments of preparation–Marketing and Analyses, Costs and Profits (2003); URI Tirana and USAID Tirana, formative course on training the public administration and on the types of priority for the requests of the local communities, as well as regarding the decision-making process at the local level (2003); Business planning and mixed marketing in SMEs and preparation of trainers for training the staff of small and medium enterprises, Training Institute, US (2003).

Scientific degree: PhD in Economy

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Marko BELLO

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of History–Philology, University of Tirana, French Language Branch (1981–1985); post–university course in diplomacy, Tirana University (1985–1987); executive programme in John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, US (2004); program on security and fight against terrorism, Marshall Centre in Garmisch, Federal Republic of Germany (2007).

Scientific degree: Doctor in Juridical Sciences and International Relations, Faculty of Law, Nicolae Tutulescu, State University of Krajova, Rumania (1997–2000).

Political activity: Ambassador of Albania in Rumania (1997–2000); Minister of State for Integration (2002–2002); member of the ad–hoc Committee on European Integration and Stability Pact (2002–2004); Chair of the Delegation of the Assembly of Albania to the European Parliament (2003–2004); member of the SP Chairmanship (2003–2007); Chair of the Anti–Corruption Policies Commission in the SP (2003–2005); Chair of the Committee on the Public Means of Information (2006–2007); SP Regional Secretary for Berat Region, (2007–2009); member of the Ad–hoc Committee on the Integration of Albania in NATO (2007–2009); MP in legislatures XV and XVII and XVII.



Ilir BEQJA

Born on 18 February 1968 in Tirana

MP for the Shkodra region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana and graduated in

Informatics (1985–1990); completed the Master’s Programme in Enterprise Administration, in Tirana (1999–2000).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII

In October 2011, the Constitutional Court found the mandate of Mr. Ilir Beqja inconpliant with the Constitution of Albania.



Sali BERISHA

Born on 15 October 1944 in Tropoja

MP for the Tirana Region

Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Chairman of the Council of Ministers

Higher education: He studied Medicine at the University of Tirana, Cardiology branch, and was later appointed as Assistant/Professor at the same University; during the 70s, he worked as a Professor of Cardiology at the University of Tirana; he received a UNESCO nine-month scholarship for advanced studies and training in Paris (1978).

Scientific degree: He received the title Professor from the University of Tirana (1989).

Political activity: In December 1990, he joined immediately the student demonstrations against the Government, which led the latter to allow a multi-party system. He became the leader of the Democratic Party (DP), the first and largest opposition party, and he was later officially elected the Chairman of this party in February 1991 at the first National Congress. On 8 April 1992, he was elected the first President of the post-Communist state. He was re-elected as the Chair of DP in 1997, and he continues to hold this post. He was elected the Chairman of the Council of Ministers on 8 September 2005, and re-elected in September 2009. MP in legislatures XII, XIII, XV, XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Gazmir BIZHGA

Born on 29 November 1971 in Tirana

MP for the Durrës region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: He studied at the Polytechnic University of Tirana, Faculty of Construction Engineering, Hydro–technique branch (1990–1995).

Political activity: Member of the SP Youth Forum (1991); member of the SP (1992) and Durrës delegate in all SP congresses; Chair of the SP Youth Forum, Durrës Region (1994–1997); member of the SP Youth Forum Chairmanship (1995–1996); member of the SP Chairmanship for Durrës Region (1992–1998); Deputy Chair of SP in Durrës branch (1996–1997); member of the Durrës Municipal Council (1996–2001); SP Political Secretary in Durrës district (1997); member of the SP National Assembly (1996 to date); SP Chair, Durrës district (1998– 2008); member of the Durrës Regional Council and member of the Durrës Regional Council Chairmanship (2000–2001); SP Regional Secretary, Durrës Region (2007– 2010); Chair of the Standing Committee of the Albanian Assembly to the WEO Parliamentary Assembly (2003–2005); member of the Durrës Municipal Council (2007–2009); MP in legislatures XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Ben BLUSHI

Born on 1 January 1969 in Tirana

MP for the Korca region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of History–Philology, Language–Literature branch.

Political activity: Spokesperson/adviser to the Prime Minister (1997–1999); Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (1999–2000); Prefect of Korça Region

(2001); Minister of Education and Science (2001–2002); Minister of Local Power and Decentralization (2002–2005); MP in legislatures XVI, XVII and XVIII.



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MP for the Elbasan region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy

Higher education: Studied at the Aleksandër Xhuvani University, Linguistic – Literature (1985–1989); University of Tirana, Faculty of Law (1996–2003); Master’s Degree in Literature (2000); PhD (2004).

Scientific degree: Doctor of Sciences (2004)

Political activity: Founder of the DP Youth Forum (1991–1992); Secretary of DP’s section at Aleksandër Xhuvani, University (1992–1996); Chair of Elbasan DP Branch (2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Ridvan BODE

Born on 26 June 1959 in Korça

MP for the Korça region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Finance

Higher education: He studied at the Agricultural University of Tirana, Finance branch; Post-graduate studies, Montpellier, France, “Diplome de specialisation Post Universitaire”, with honours “Maxima Cum Laude” (1992–1993).

Scientific degree: He completed the comprehensive cycle of post-graduate studies in Montpellier, France and received the title Master of Science in Scientific Research with honours “Maxima Cum Laude” (1992–1995).

Political activity: Minister of Finance (1996–1997); DP General Secretary, and member of the DP Chairmanship and National Council (1997–1999); DP

General Secretary, member of the DP Chairmanship and National Council (1999–2001); DP General Secretary, member of the DP Chairmanship and National Council (2001–2005); DP General Secretary, member of the DP Chairmanship and National Council (2005 to date); Minister of Finance (2005–2009); Minister of Finance (2009 to date); MP in legislatures XIV, XVI, XVII and XVIII.



Gerti BOGDANI

Born on 7 July 1980 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information; Secretary of the Committee on European Integration and Substitute member in the Committee on Foreign Policy.

Higher education: He holds a degree in Computer Science, graduated with summa cum laude (with highest honour), and recognized as Outstanding Graduate, Gold Medal (2000–2004).

Political activity: Mayor of Borough No. 10 (2007–2009); Political Spokesperson (2007); Spokesperson of the 2007 electoral campaign for Tirana (2006–2007); Spokesperson, Adviser to the Minister of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication (2005–2007); MP in legislature XVIII.



Erion BRAÇE

Born on 2 April 1972 in Tirana

MP for the Berat region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy, Finance branch.

Political activity: Member of the SP General Steering Committee (1994);

Deputy Chair of the SP Youth Forum; member of the Inquiry Committee on the Issue of the General Prosecutor (2006); Chair of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the expenditures of the State Budget available for the ministries, main subordinate institutions and public enterprises, through public procurement for 2001 and on”; MP in legislatures XIV, XV, XVI, XVII and XVIII.



Majlinda BREGU

Born on 19 May 1974 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Integration

Higher education: Studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Social Sciences (1992–1994); Master’s Degree in Social Policy Studies, University of Tirana (2001–2003); practice and mid-term courses at McGill University, Montreal, Canada; NOVA Institute on Scientific Research and Social Policies, Oslo, Norway; Viadrina University, Germany, etc.

Scientific degree: She defended the dissertation on the sociology of cultural phenomena and normative process, at Urbino University, Italy (2001–2004).

Political Activity: Minister of Integration and Spokesperson of the Government (2007 to date); Chair of the Albanian Parliamentary Delegation to the European Parliament; member of the Parliamentary Committee on Health and Social Affairs; Chair of the subcommittee on Minors and Gender Equality (2005–2007); member of the DP National Council (2004); Coordinator of social policies in the DP’s Policies Orientation Committee (2004); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Rajmonda BULKU

Born on 16 August 1958 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

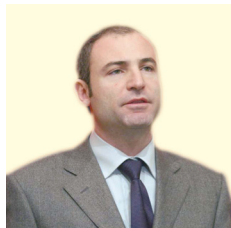
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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information; Committee on European Integration.

Higher education: She studied at the Academy of Fine Arts, Acting (1981–1986).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Aldo BUMÇI

Born on 11 June 1974 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Culture, Tourism, Youth and Sports

Higher education: Graduated in International Relations from the Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta and Northern Cyprus; studied at Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey (1993–1997); Fellowship from Open Society Institution, International Policy Fellow Research on Albania–Montenegro cross-border relations (2001); Magistrate in International Relations (1997–1999).

Political activity: Member of the DP National Council, Chairmanship, and Policy Orientation Committee; Minister of Justice (2005–2007); Minister of Culture, Tourism, Youth and Sports (2011 to date); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Astrit BUSHATI

Born on 21 August 1962 in Shkodra

MP for the Shkodra region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights; Council for the Legislation and Substitute in the Committee on Education and Means of Public Information.

Higher education: He completed studies at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Law in 1996; College for the Protection of the Academy of Defence (2002);

Faculty of Economy, Master's Degree in Public Administration (2003).

Political activity: DP member (1991); member of the Shkodra Municipal Council (1996–2001); Chair of the Shkodra DP branch (1997–2001); member of the DP National Council and Chairmanship (1998–2001); Chair of the DP branch in Shkodra (2005 and on); MP in legislatures XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Ditmir BUSHATI

Born on 24 March 1977 in Shkodra

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: European Integration Committee

Higher education: Graduated with golden medal at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Law (1999); specialisation in European Law, at the European Public Law Centre in Athens, Greece, in the framework of TEMPUS program (2000); training diploma Abo Academy University, Finland (2000); Master's Degree in International Public Law at Leiden University, Netherlands (2001); researcher in International and European Public Law to the TMC Asser Institute in the Hague, Netherlands (2003); training diploma, International Law Academy, Dallas (2003); training diploma in post-graduate programs at Harvard University (2006).

Political activity: Member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on EU–Albania Stabilisation and Association; member of the Tirana Municipal Council (2007–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.

Elected Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on European Integration in November 2011, after Ms. Ermelinda Meksi resigned as MP.



Aurel BYLYKBASHI

Born on 22 December 1966 in Elbasan

MP for the Elbasan region

Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Parliamentary Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment
Higher education: Studied Mechanical Engineering in the Tirana Polytechnic University (1990–1995); studied Law in the Tirana University (2004); specialisation in Engineering at Polytechnic University, in Bari, Italy (1995).

Political activity: Chair of Elbasan Regional Council (1997–1999); Secretary of Elbasan DP branch (1997–2001); Chair of Elbasan DP branch (2001); member of the Elbasan Municipal Council and member of the Regional Council (2003); MP in legislature XVII.

Became an MP by decision no.193, dated 29.03.2011, of the Central Election Commission, after the resignation of MP, Lulzim Basha, who ran for Mayor in Tirana, as he was the next candidate in line, in the DP multi name list of candidates for this region.



Albert ÇAÇI

Born on 30 September 1957 in Fier

MP for the Fier region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: He graduated in Economics at the Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana.

Political activity: Advisor to the Prime Minister on Oil (1991–1992); Deputy Minister of Public Works (1999–2001); member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the purpose and procedures of the Altelecom privatization contract from 2001 onwards”; member of the Council on the Rules of Procedure, Mandates and Immunity (2001–2005); MP in legislatures XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Igli CARA

Born on 16 March 1969 in Durrës

MP for the Durrës region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Secretary of the Committee on Economy and Finance; substitute member of the Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment.

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Biology–Chemistry branch.

Political activity: Member of the Durrës Municipal Council, and Chair of the Durrës Municipal Committee on Services and Housing; MP in legislature XVIII.



Kreshnik ÇIPI

Born on 15 February 1958 in Vlora

MP for the Vlora region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information; Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment.

Higher education: He completed university studies in teaching.

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Ramiz ÇOBAJ

Born on 8 April in Shkodra

MP for the Shkodra region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights; Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at the Agricultural University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy (1981–1985); Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana (1985–1989); Luigj Gurakuqi University in Shkodra, Law Faculty (1994–2000); High Academy of Public Order, Tirana (1993–1997).

Political activity: Member of the Committee of Civil Service (2010–2011); MP in legislature XVII.

He was mandated MP through CEC decision no. 1221, dated 20.08.2011 as the next candidate in the DP multi–name list in this region after the termination of

the mandate of MP Gëzim Dibra after the latter passed away.



Rrahim ÇOTA

Born on 20 May 1960 in Hotolisht, Librazhd

MP for the Elbasan region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on European Integration; Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment.

Higher education: He studied at the Agricultural University of Tirana (1979–1983); he graduated in Agricultural Engineering; Master's Degree in Business Administration (2000–2002); Leibniz University Institute of Arts and Science at Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, US (2002–2006); Law studies at the Kristal University in Tirana, (2006 to date); he was awarded the title Cavalier for Merits in Enterprise in the Berlusconi castle, Italy (2007); Diamond Medal, International Quality Era Award from Business Initiative Direction, Switzerland (2007); the title Ambassador for Peace from the Universal Peace Federation for Europe, with the Gold Medal Excellence and Business Prestige, US (2006).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Arben ÇUKO

Born on 13 April 1967 in Lushnja

MP for the Fier region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: Has studied at the Skënderbej Military Academy, General Staff Academy, High College of Defence; Luigi Gurakuqi University, Law branch; Senior Crisis Management Course, Washington DC, US.

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Arta DADE

Born on 15 March 1953 in Tirana

MP for the Gjirokastra region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy

Higher education: She studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Foreign Languages, English branch (1972–1975); Post-university studies in the United Kingdom (1992); Humphrey Scholarship from the US Department of State, NJ Rutgers University (1997).

Political activity: SP member (1991); member of the SP Chairmanship (1992); member of the Left-wing European Women Forum (1993); SP candidate for MP (1996); Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports (1997–1998); Deputy Chair of the Committee on Foreign Policy and International Relations; member of the Albanian Assembly Delegation to Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (1998–2001); Minister of Foreign Affairs (2001–2002); Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports (2002–2004); member of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Policy, member of the Permanent Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (2004–2005); International Secretary of SP (since 2005); Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Policy, member of the Permanent Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, member of the Parliamentary Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (since 2010); MP in legislatures XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII.



Alfred DALIPI

Born on 6 October 1970 in Erseka

MP for the Korça region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information

Higher education: Graduated in Italian Language, University of Tirana; studied Law at the Law Faculty, Luigj Gurakuqi University (2003); part-time

studies in Administration and Management, France (1994–1995), and Public Administration at the University of Bari (2000–2001); Transformation of State-owned Enterprises (2002–2003) at Lecce University; participated in training courses on journalism and management in the US, Italy, France, England, Denmark, and Germany.

Political activity: MP in legislatures XVI, XVII and XVIII



Eltar DEDA

Born on 12 February in Vlora

MP for the Vlora region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Tirana, General Medicine branch (1986–1992); followed the course of the family doctor (1994); Master's Degree in Public Health, with the micro-thesis on Challenges of transformation from Public Healthcare Directorate to Regional Healthcare Authority in Vlora Region. (2004–2005); followed the course on Leading and Management at GSK Company in Bulgaria and Egypt.

Political activity: Chair of the Socialist Organisation in the quarter Dëshmorët, in Vlora; member of the SP Steering Council, Vlora (2001); Chair of ZEC for electoral zone 95, Vlora (2005); Chair of the Socialist Party, Vlora Municipality (2006); member of the SP National Assembly; Municipal councillor in Vlora, Chair of the SP Councillors Group (2007); MP in legislature XVIII.



Ndrec DEDAJ

Born on 4 November 1969 in Tirana

MP for the Lezha region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He has completed university studies at the Academy of

Order, Police Institute in Tirana (1990 –1992); Institute of Physical Education, Tirana (1992–1995); Law Faculty, University of Tirana (2003–2007).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII

He was mandated MP during legislature XVIII from 31.03.2011 replacing the vacant position of Mr. Gjok Jaku.



Leonard DEMI

Born on 8 August 1954 in Delvina

MP for the Vlora region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security

Higher education: Graduated at the University of Elbasan, in Linguistic–Literature (1986); studies in Foreign Policy and national security at the Hibru University, Jeruzalem, Israel (1992); George Washington University, Washington D.C. (1993–1994); Naval, Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, US (2001 – 2003).

Scientific degree: Doctor of Sciences (1992)

Political activity: Member of the DP Chairmanship (since 2005); member of the DP National Council and Secretary for National Security in DP (2003); member of the DP Chairmanship and member of the DP National Council (1997–1999); Secretary for International Relations, DP (1997–1999); MP in legislatures XIV, XVI, XVII and XVIII.



Gëzim DIBRA

Born on 8 November 1956 in Shkodra

MP for the Shkodra region

Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Productive Activities, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana.

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII

He passed away on 12 August 2011 following a serious health condition.



Mesila DODA

Born on 16 February 1971 in Kukës

MP for the Fier region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights; Deputy chair of the Committee on European Integration.

Higher education: She completed university studies in Economy at the University of Tirana (1986–1991); she studied at the Faculty of Philosophy, Pontific Urbaniana University, Vatican, Italy (1991–1995); specialisation in theoretic philosophy at Urbaniana University (1998–1999); MA in Philosophy and PU, Urbaniana University (2006–2008).

Political activity: She was part of the student movement; member of the students strike committee (1991); political chair of the Albanian Youth Federation (1993); Chief of Cabinet at the Ministry of Justice (1997–1997); Press Analyst in the Information Directorate at the Council of Ministers (1997–1998); Spokesperson at the Ministry of Local Government (1998–1999); Spokesperson at the Council of Ministers (1999–2000); member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of facts, circumstances and responsibilities of the Bar massacre, 1945”; MP in legislature XVIII.



Asllan DOGJANI

Born on 15 November 1967 in Kukës

MP for the Kukës region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: Has followed the 2-year Police School in Tirana (1986–1988); Public Order Academy, Tirana (1990–1994); School of Foreign Languages, Toronto, Canada (2003); University of Tirana, Faculty of Law (2001–2005). He received a Master’s Degree from the Department of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (2010).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Namik DOKLE

Born on 11 March 1946 in Durrës

MP for the Tirana region

Parliamentary group: SP

Office: Deputy Speaker

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy

Higher education: He studied Journalism at the University of Tirana (1966–1970); he studied at the Faculty of Agrarian Economy, the Agricultural University of Tirana (1967–1969); specialisation at the Council of Europe on parliamentary issues, Strasbourg (1995); specialisation course on transition issues, Madrid (1997).

Political activity: Member of the SP chairmanship; Chair of the SP Parliamentary group (1991–1997); Deputy Chair of SP (1992–1996); Organisational Secretary of SP (1996–1997); Secretary General of SP (1999–2000); member of the Albanian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (1992–1997); Chair of the Albanian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (1997–2001); Deputy Speaker of the Assembly of Albania (1997–2001); Speaker of the Assembly of Albania (2001–2002); Deputy Chair of the Council of Ministers (2004–2005); Deputy Speaker of the Assembly (since 2010); MP in legislatures XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII.



Tom DOSHI

Born on 6 June 1966 in Shkodra

MP for the Shkodra region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the Law Faculty in the State University, Tetovo (2005).

Political activity: Member of the Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health (2005–2007); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Vangjel DULE

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MP for the Vlora region

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Parliamentary group: Non-attached

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of History–Philology, English language branch.

Political activity: Deputy Chair of the Democratic Union of Greek Ethnic Minority, Omonia (1997–1998); Chair of Omonia (1998–2002); Chair of HRUP (since 2002); MP in legislatures XIV, XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Besnik DUSHAJ

Born on 20 August 1969 in Tropoja

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at Luigj Gurakuqi University, Faculty of Law, in Shkodra (1997); he received a Master's Degree in Law, University of Prishtina (2007); qualifications on the functioning and management of local government, local taxes and public procurement, in France (2001); qualifications on decentralised cooperation, in France (2004).

Political activity: He was member of the DP Chairmanship, Tropoja branch (1997); Chair of the DP Tropoja branch (2009); Head of Fierza Commune (1996); MP in legislature XVIII.



Ermonela FELAJ

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MP for the Berat region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: She studied at the Faculty of Law, Tirana (1995–1999); School of Magistrates (1999–2001).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Bashkim FINO

Born on 12 September 1962 in Tirana

MP for the Fier region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy, Finance branch (1986); specialisation in local government management in the US, Italy, Greece, and Finland (1996).

Political activity: Mayor of Gjirokastra (1992–1996); member of the SP General Steering Committee (1993 to date); member of the SP Chairmanship (1997 to date); Prime Minister of the National Reconciliation Government (1997); Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Local Power (1997–1998); Minister of Local Power (1999–2001); Minister of Public Works and Tourism (2001–2002); Minister of Territory Regulation and Tourism (2004–2005); member of the inquiry Committee “On the implementation of the law on concessions, concession of different state-owned buildings, conditions under which contracts were granted from 2001 and on and the procedures for the start of the works for the construction of Vlora TPP”; MP in legislatures XV, XVI, XVII and XVIII.



Artan GAÇI

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Parliamentary Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at the High Institute of Arts, Sculpture Branch; graduated in Law, Kristal University.

Political activity: He was initiator and organiser of the student movement at the High Institute of Arts (1998–1990); Coordinator of the SP volunteers in Tirana Region (2008); MP in legislature XVIII.



Hazir GASHI

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MP for Durrës region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He has completed his University studies at the Faculty of Law, Tirana.

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Jemin GJANA

Born on 5 May 1950 in Kukës

MP for the Kukës region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Chair of the Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Agrarian Economy (1971–1975) and due to biography issues he graduated in 1985; completed Master's

studies in Agrarian Economy (1988–1990).

Political activity: Secretary of the DP branch in Pogradec (1991–1992); member of the DP National Council (1991 to date); member of the DP Chairmanship (1997–2005); Deputy Chair of the DP (1999–2001); DP Secretary on organisation (2005 to date); Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Economy and Finance (1992–1993); Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture and Food (2001–2004); Co–Chair of the Bi–partisan Parliamentary Committee on the Electoral Reform (2002–2005); Chair in several Ad hoc committees and Parliamentary Inquiry Committees (1992–2005); Chair of the DP Parliamentary Group (1999–2001); Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection (2005–2009); MP in legislatures XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII and XVIII.



Eglantina GJERMENI

Born on 24 November 1968 in Kruja

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Parliamentary Committee on Labor, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: She studied at the Faculty of History and Philology, University of Tirana (1986–1990); followed a post–graduate course in Social Works, Department of Social Work, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana (1993–1994); Master’s Degree in Social Works, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, US (1997–1998).

Scientific degree: PhD in Social Sciences

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Damian GJIKNURI

Born on 25 May 1972 in Tirana

MP for the Elbasan region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (1990–1994); LL.M in Law, Master of Arts in Public Policy (1990–1994); Master of Arts in Public Policy focusing on National Security Issues at NPS; Monterey School, California, US (2003–2004); Studies on new security issues at the Geneva Centre on Security Policy, Switzerland (2000); LL.M in British Law, London Law College, Great Britain (1995–1996); courses on International Law, Leiden University, Netherlands (1993–1994).

Political activity: SP member (2004); Chair of the Group for Legal Defence during the 2005 national elections; member of the SP National Assembly (2007 to date); Deputy Secretary for Legal Affairs; co–drafter of the Electoral Code in the Committee on the Electoral Reform (2008); MP in legislature XVIII.



Adriana GJONAJ

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information; Committee on Economy and Finance.

Higher education: Mechanical Engineering

Scientific degrees: PhD in Automation Engineering; Professor of Information Sciences, and Invited Professor in Metz University, France.

Political activity: Deputy Chair of the Albanian Democratic Women League; member of Tirana Municipal Council; member of the DP Chairmanship for Tirana; member of the DP National Council; member of the Inquiry Committee on “Inquiry of facts, circumstances, and responsibilities for the Bar massacre, 1945”; MP in legislature XVIII.



Ilir GJONI

Born on 20 April 1962 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Foreign Languages, University of Tirana and graduated in English Language and Literature (1981–1985); course on diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1985–1986); Master’s Degree in Diplomacy at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta (1991–1992); CA Master’s Degree in National Security Issues, Navy Post–graduate School, Monterey, US (2002–2004).

Political activity: Director of the Prime Minister’s Cabinet (1999); Minister of Defence (2000); Minister of Public Order (2000–2002); member of the Foreign Policy Committee (2001–2005); MP in legislatures XVI and XVIII.



Viktor GUMI

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Justice, University of Tirana (1992–1996); LL.M. in International Human Rights Law, University of Essex, England (2001–2002).

Political activity: Deputy Minister of Justice (2008–2009); Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (2009); Secretary of the Inquiry Committee “On the inquiry of state institutions” activity, to detect, identify, face, neutralise, prevent and punish organised crime activities related to the violation of institutions and overturning of constitutional order on 21 January 2011”; Secretary of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of facts, circumstances and responsibilities of the Bar massacre, 1945”; MP in legislature XVIII.



Eduard HALIMI

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MP for the Durrës region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Justice

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (1991–1995); School of Magistrates, Tirana (1997–2000); Police Academy, Tirana.

Political activity: Deputy Minister of Justice (2005–2008); Secretary of the Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights (2009–2010); Chair of the Inquiry Committee “On the inquiry of state institutions’ activity, to detect, identify, face, neutralise, prevent and punish organised crime activities related to the violation of institutions and overturning of constitutional order on 21 January 2011”; MP in legislature XVIII.



Andis HARASANI

Born on 9 August 1971 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: Graduated in Economics from the Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana, and in Law from the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania; Associate Chartered Institute of Bankers, London; Chartered Financial Analyst.

Political activity: MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII



Skënder HASA

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MP for the Elbasan region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: Skënderbej Military Academy, Tirana (1987–1991); Law Faculty at the Kristal University (2005–2007).

Political activity: Mayor of Peqin (2003–2007); MP in legislature XVIII.



Sybi HIDA

Born on 17 April 1975 in Gramsh

MP for the Elbasan region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana (1997); Master's Degree in Business Economic Analysis at Staffordshire University, United Kingdom (2004).

Political activity: Advisor on Economy to the Minister of Finances (2004–2005); MP in legislature XVIII.



Paulina HOTI

Born on 17 November 1973 in Mamurras

MP for the Lezha region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: She studied at the Faculty of Justice, University of Tirana (1992–1996); Bar Exam, University of Tirana and Ministry of Justice; received

the title Advocate; Faculty of Law, University of Nantes, France (2000–2001); Master’s Degree in Criminal Sciences.

Scientific degree: PhD in Legal Sciences, University of Nantes, France (2002–2008)

Political activity: She was Deputy Minister of Justice (2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Bedri HOXHA

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MP for the Dibra region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Pedagogy, Luigj Gurakuqi University, Shkodra (1989); He graduated at Kristal University, Law branch, Tirana (2009).

Political activity: Mayor of Klos–Mat (2003– 2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Ismail HOXHA

Born on 12 June 1959 in Korça

MP for the Korça region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He graduated in Engineering, University of Tirana (1984).

Scientific degree: PhD from La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy (1996); holds the title Professor from the Polytechnic University of Tirana (2007).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Fatos HOXHA

Born on 22 October 1961 in Kukës

MP for the Kukës region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on National Security; Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights.

Higher education: He studied at the Skënderbej Military Academy, intelligence branch (1980–1984); Special Forces Academy Ozel Kuvvetler, Turkey (1993–1994); College on Policies of Security and Defence–Command of Doctrines, Tirana (2005); Training seminars on European Security and Defence Policy Racviac, Croatia (2004); Albanian Parliamentarian Tutorial at George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Garmisch, Partenkirchen, Germany (2006); Senior Executive Seminar at George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Garmisch, Partenkirchen, Germany (2007); George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies in Cooperation with the NATO–Russia Council and the Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism, Ankara, Turkey (2007); Counter Ideological Support for Terrorism Conference (2007); Parliament’s Role in Security and Defence at George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Garmisch, Partenkirchen, Germany (2008).

Political activity: Member of the Committee on Security (2005); member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of tender procedures for Durrës – Morinë highway”; member of Inquiry Committee “On the inquiry of state institutions’ activity, to detect, identify, face, neutralise, prevent and punish organised crime activities related to the violation of institutions and overturning of constitutional order on 21 January 2011”; member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of facts, circumstances and responsibilities of the Bar massacre, 1945”; MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Rrajmond HOXHA

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: General medicine, University of Tirana (1991–1997);
Master’s Degree in Oftalmo–surgery (2004–2008).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVII



Paulina HOXHA

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Parliamentary group: SP

Higher education: She graduated at the Faculty of History–Philology, History –
Geography branch (1987); she was awarded Naim Frashëri Silver Order (2007).

Scientific degree: PhD (1997); Associated Professor (2005).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII starting from 27.10.2011

*She was mandated by CEC Decision no. 1231, dated 21.10.2011, as the next
candidate in the multi–name list of the SP in this region due to the termination
of the mandate of the MP Ilir Beqja after the Constitutional Court, through
Decision 44, dated 7.10.2011 found that his mandate was incompliant.*



Vasilika HYSI

Born on 13 January 1963 in Tirana
MP for the Tirana region
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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights
Higher education: She studied at the Faculty of Political–Legal Sciences, University of Tirana, and graduated in Law (1981–1985); she has completed qualifications and specialisations in teaching and criminal sector, criminal law system for minors, criminology, organised crime, victimology, human rights, drafting of criminal policies, etc., in the US, Italy, France, Germany, Netherlands etc.

Scientific degree: PhD (1993); Associated Professor in Law (1999).

Political activity: Member of the SP and member of the SP General Assembly (since 2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Shpëtim IDRIZI

Born on 07 July 1967 in Tirana

MP for the Vlora region

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Parliamentary group: Non-attached

Higher education: Faculty of Economics, Business Administration (1987–1991); graduated at the Law Faculty (1999); he holds several qualifications from several training programs, organized by important international institutions.

Political activity: Member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the monopoly mobile telephony market and drafting of recommendations for the liberalization of this market in Albania” (2006); Chair of the Inquiry Committee “On the implementation of the law on concessions, giving for concession different objects under state ownership, the conditions for giving these contracts for 2001 and on and the procedures for the initiation of construction works for the Thermo Power Plant of Vlora”; Chief of Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finances (1991); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Arben IMAMI

Born on 21 January 1958 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Defence

Higher education: High Institute of Arts, Tirana (1977–1981); Fellowship, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington. D.C, US (1999–2000).

Political activity: Minister of Defence (2009 to date); Director of the Prime Minister’s Cabinet (2005–2009); Minister of Local Power and Decentralisation (2001–2002); Minister of Justice (2000–2001); Minister of the Legislative Reform and Relations with the Parliament (1997–1999); Co–Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on the Drafting of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania (1997–1998); Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on the Rules of Procedure, Mandates and Immunity (1992); Deputy Chair and Chair of the DP Parliamentary group (1991–1992); Executive Chair of the Democratic Alliance Party (2000–2002); General Secretary of the Democratic Alliance Party (1992–1997); member of the DP founding group and DP Deputy Chair; Chair of the Electoral Commission (1990–1992); MP in legislatures XII, XIII, XV, XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Arben ISARAJ

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: Graduated in Law from the Law Faculty, University of Tirana (1988); specialised in Political and Legal Thought in the Antic World from the University of Athens (1990–1991); Theory of Politics from the University of London (1992–1993); International Organisations in Brussels (NATO);

specialised on Modern Thought on Law in Trento, Italy (1994); specialisation in the History of Public Law and Political Thought, at Montesquieu University, France (1999).

Political activity: Legal Advisor to the Prime Minister (1998); Legal Advisor to the Prime Minister on national security issues (1999); Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Defence (2001–2002); Legal Advisor to the Prime Minister (2002–2004); Deputy Minister of Public Order (2004–2005); member of SP (2000); member of the National Security Committee (2005–2007); member of the Inquiry Committee on the Issue of the General Prosecutor (2006); Deputy Chair of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the procurement procedures regarding Durrës–Morina road”; MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Kastriot ISLAMI

Born on 18 August 1952 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

Parliamentary group: Non-attached

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Special Physics branch.

Scientific degree: PhD in Molecular and Atomic Physics in the University of Paris XI; he was awarded the title Professor (1999); post-doctoral studies in Giessen University, Germany.

Political activity: SP member (since 1996); member of the SP Chairmanship (1996–1999); member of the SP General Steering Committee (1996–2005); Chair of the SP Media and Information Department (1996–1997); Assembly Speaker (1991–1992); Chair/member of the Committee on the Drafting of the Draft-constitution (1992–1998); member of the Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (1998–2001); Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Police(2001–2002); Minister of Education (1991); Minister of State (1997–1998); Deputy Prime Minister (1998); Minister of Finance (2002–2004); Minister of Foreign Affairs (2004–2005); Coordinator for the Kosovo Crisis (1999); Co-Chair of the Ad hoc Parliamentary Committee on the Electoral Reform (2007–2008); MP in legislatures XII, XIII, XV, XVI, XVII and XVIII.



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Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: He studied Law, at Luigj Gurakuqi University in Shkodra, Faculty of Social Sciences, International relations branch.

Political activity: Member of the SP (1991); member of the SP Chairmanship in Lezha (2000–2005); candidate for MP (2005); chair of the SP in Lezha; member of the SP National Assembly; MP in legislature XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on European Integration; Committee on Education and Means of Public Information; Committee on Foreign Policy.

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, History–Philology Faculty, Language–Literature branch; post–graduation studies for social worker at the University of Tirana, Philosophy–Sociology Faculty.

Political activity: Adviser to the Prime Minister for Anticorruption Policies (2005–2009); member of the DP National Council (2005 to date); MP in legislature XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment
Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Engineering, Electronic Engineering branch.
Political activity: Member of SP; Deputy Minister of Local Power (2000–2001); Chair of the Committee on the Electoral Reform; State Minister to the Prime Minister (2002–2004); Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports (2004–2005); Council of Ministers, Public Administration Department (1996–1999); assistant to the Prime Minister (1997–1998); Chair of the Inquiry Committee on the Investigation of Layoffs in the Administration (2006); MP in legislatures XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Ervin KOÇI

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance
Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Economy, Administration–Business branch, manager profile (1993–1997); studied at the Faculty of Law, Tirana (1998–2005); Master’s Degree in Public Administration at the Faculty of Economy, Tirana (2002–2004).
Political activity: Member of Fier Municipal Council (2000–2009); member of the Regional Council of Fier (2007–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



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Member: Committee on Economy and Finance
Higher education: She studied Finance at the Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana (1982–1986); Master’s Degree in Business Administration, University

of Tirana in cooperation with the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, US (1998–2000).

Scientific degree: PHD in Economy and International Finance, University of Verona, Italy (2006–2010)

Political activity: Deputy Mayor of Tirana (2002–2005); Chair of the Investments Committee at the Loan Handling Agency (2002–2006); Prefect of Tirana (2005); Secretary General of Tirana Regional Council (2005–2007); member of Tirana Regional Council (2007–2009); member of Tirana Municipal Council (2007–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Lefter KOKA

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Parliamentary group: SMI

Office: Chair of the SMI Parliamentary group

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: He studied at the International Faculty of Legal Sciences in Struga.

Political activity: Member of Durrës Municipal Council (2000–2003); Mayor of Durrës (2003–2007); member of Durrës Regional Council (2003–2007); Chair of the SMI Parliamentary group (2009 to date); MP in legislature XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Production Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied Hydro-technology at the Civil Engineering Faculty (1982–1986).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Ardian KOLLOZI

Born on 10 April 1967 in Vlora

MP for the Vlora region

Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment (first 2 years)

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Construction Engineering.

Political activity: In the 90s, he was a student of the December Movement; Deputy Chair of DP in Vlora (2001); Deputy Chair of DP in Vlora (2004); member of the DP National Council (2004); member of the Inquiry Committee on the Issue of the General Prosecutor (2006); member of the inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the procurement procedures for Durrës–Morina road”; MP in legislatures XVII, XVIII (first 2 years).

He resigned on 31.03.2011, because he ran for Mayor of Vlora on the local elections of 8 May 2011.



Spiro KSERA

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Higher education: University of Tirana, Faculty of Mechanic Engineering (1985–1990); unification of Diploma from the Polytechnic University MECOVIO in Athens (1991–1993); completed a Master’s Program in 1994.

Political activity: Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (since 2009); Prefect of Gjirokastra (2005–2009); member of the European Pan–Epirus Association (since 2007); Deputy General Chair of Omonia Organization (since 2007); Conference on Procedures of EU Integration for Western Balkans, Bucharest (2006); Advisor at the Regional Council of Gjirokastra (2000–2005); International Seminar on Public Administration, Washington (2003); Chair of

the local branch of HRUP in Gjirokastra (since 2002); he participated in the PPE Congress (2001); Chair of Omonia in Gjirokastra (since 2000); Chair of Omonia for the commune of Dervişan (1996–2000); MP in legislature XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Law.

Political activity: Mayor of Kruja for two mandates (1992–2000); Deputy Prefect of Kruja District, Durrës region (2005); MP in legislature XVIII.



Agim LEKA

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information

Higher education: Graduated as a researcher in Political and Juridical Sciences from the Political and Juridical Sciences Faculty, University of Tirana; Pursued post–university studies in Social Psychology and Philosophy.

Scientific degree: Registered in Cycle XXV, Dottorato Di Ricerca in Filosofia, Universita Degli Studi Di Verona, Italy.

Political activity: Secretary of the Youth Committee of Elbasan region (1976–1984); Secretary of the Party of Labour Committee in Elbasan (1990–1991); Chair of SP for Elbasan (1992–2005); Prefect of Elbasan region (2005–2005); SP Secretary for Elbasan region (2005–2009); member of Elbasan Municipal Council and SP Regional Secretary for Elbasan region (2003–2009); MP in the legislature XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Chair of Committee on Education and Means of Public Information

Higher education: She has completed studies in Political Economy at the Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana; she has specialisations in Rutgers University, New Jersey, US.

Political activity: Chair of Parliamentary Committee on Education and Media (2005–2009); Chair of the Integration Committee (2005); Chair of the Committee on Labour and Social Affairs (2004); member of SP Steering Committee; SP Public Relations Secretary (2004–2005); Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (2002–2004); member of the Parliamentary Delegation to European Parliament; deputy chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Stabilisation–Association EU–Albania (2009); chair of the SP Parliamentary group (2007–2009); member of the Standing Committee of the Parliament to the Central Europe Initiative (2005–2009); MP in legislatures XVI, XVII and XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on the Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: She studied at the Law Faculty, University of Tirana (1986–1990).

Political activity: Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Justice (2000–2001); MP in legislature XVIII.



Piro LUTAJ

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: He graduated at the Skënderbej Military Academy, Tirana (1982); High Academy of Police, Tirana (1992); Luigj Gurakuqi University of Shkodra, Law Faculty (2004); qualification course at the Ministry of Interior School (1958); training at the Police Academy in Alabama, US (1996); High College of National Security Policies, Tirana (2002); training in Austria, Slovakia, UK, US, etc (2001–2005).

Political activity: He was elected as MP of the Democratic Alliance Party (2005); member of the Inquiry Committee on the Issue of the General Prosecutor (2006); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Mechanic Engineering; University of Tirana, Faculty of Law.

Political activity: Chair of the SP Youth Forum (1992–1995); SP Secretary for Public Relations (1996–1997); Secretary General of the SP and Chair of the SP Parliamentary group (1997–1998); member of the Committee on the compilation of the draft – Constitution of the Republic of Albania (1997–1998); Chair of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Delegation (1997–1998); Chair of the Council of Ministers (1998–1999); Minister of Defence (2001–2002); Chair of the Council of Ministers (2002); Minister of Defence (2002–2005); since 1992 he has been a member of the Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human

Rights, in all legislatures; SP Secretary General and Chair of the SP Parliamentary group (2005–2007); member of the Albanian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (2005–2007); co–chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Albania’s Integration to NATO (2007–2009); MP in legislatures XV, XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: Graduated in Economic Sciences at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy (1986); Senior Fellow, Harvard University, Centre for Business and Government (2005–2006).

Scientific degree: Associated Professor in Economic Sciences

Political activity: Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Economy and Finance (2005–2009); Minister of Finance (2003–2005); Minister of Economy (2002–2003); Chair of the SP Parliamentary group (2000–2002); Chair of the Inter–parliamentarian Delegation of the Albanian Assembly to the European Parliament (2002); Chair of the Committee on Economy, Finance, and Privatization (1998–2001); Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on the Economic Round–table of the Stability Pact; Secretary of the Special Committee on the Stability Pact (2000); Chair of the Central European Initiative Delegation; member of the SP General Steering Committee (1999–2001); Minister of Finance in the Alliance for the State Government (1997–1998); Minister of Finance in the Government for National Reconciliation and Albanian Governor to the World Bank (1997); Deputy Chair of the Vlora SP Branch and member of the Department of Economy and Finance (1992); MP in legislature XV; XVI; XVII, and XVIII.



Lefter MALIQI

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: He studied at the Skënderbej Academy of Terrestrial Forces (1991–1993); Tirana Police Academy (1993–1996); currently studying at the Faculty of Law.

Political activity: Chair of Otlak Commune, Berat (2007–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Mark MARKU

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Parliamentary group: DP

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Higher education: He studied Linguistic and Literature at the Faculty of History–Philology, University of Tirana (1990–1994); post–university studies in journalism and communication, Robert Schuman Institute of Journalism, Anger, France (1995–1996); supplementary studies for the unification of the diploma, Facolta di Lettere e Filozofia, Universita La Sapienza, Rome, Italy (1999–2003); Master’s Degree in European and International Studies, Paris, France (2003–2004).

Scientific degree: PhD in Information and Communication, Pantheon–Assas University, Sorbonne, France (2010).

Political activity: External advisor to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports (2005–2007); external media advisor to the Speaker of the Assembly (2007–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



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Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Geology–Mines Faculty, Oil Drilling Engineering branch.

Political activity: He was the first Chair of the Republican Party Fier branch (1991); Deputy Chair of the Republican Party of Albania (1992); Chair of the Republican Party of Albania (1997 to date); Chair of the Republican Party Parliamentary Group, member of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Policy, member of the Laws Committee and Chair of the Ad hoc Parliamentary Committee on the Stability Pact and European Integration (2001–2005); Minister of Defence (2005–2008); MP in legislatures XVI, XVII and XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Chair of the Committee on European Integration

Higher education: She studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy.

Scientific degree: PhD in Demography and Statistics (1987–1993); title Professor (1994).

Political activity: Member of the SP Chairmanship since its creation (1991); MP and member of the Francophone Parliamentary Assembly (1992–2001); State Minister for Development and Economic Cooperation (1997–1998); Minister of Economic Cooperation and Trade (1998–2002); National Coordinator for the Stability Pact (2000–2002); Chair of the group of negotiators for WTO (1998–2002); Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of European Integration (2003); Minister of European Integration (2003–2005); member of the

Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the purpose of the procedures of Albtelecom’s privatization contract for the period of 2001 and on”; MP in legislatures XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII and XVIII.

Resigned her parliamentary mandate on 17 November 2011, after being elected Member of the Supervisory Council of the Bank of Albania. Replaced by MP Anduen Xhindi.



Osman METALLA

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on National Security; Committee on Economy and Finance, (Substitute Member); Committee on Production Activity, Trade and Environment (secretary).

Higher education: He studied at the Maritime Academy in Vlora (1997–1982); Academy of Marine, Marine Commander (1983–1986); Master’s Degree in Public Administration, Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana (2006–2008).

Political activity: DP member (since 1992); MP candidate (2001); member of the DP National Council and Chair of the DP Shijak branch; member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the expenditures of the State Budget available for the ministries, main subordinate institutions, and public enterprises, thorough public procurement for 2001 and on”; MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Ilir META

Born on 24 March 1969 in Skrapar

MP for the Tirana region

Parliamentary group: SMI

Position: Chair of the Socialist Movement for Integration Party

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy;

Master's Degree in Economic Integration, University of Tirana.

Political activity: Deputy Chair and Chair of the of the Euro–Socialist Youth Forum (1992–2000); member of the SP Chairmanship (1993–2003); SP Deputy Chair (1993–1996); SP Secretary for Foreign Relations (1993–1996); Deputy Chair of the Foreign Committee of the Albanian Assembly (1996–1997); SP Chair of Tirana (1997–1998); State Secretary for European Integration (1997–1998); Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Integration (1998–1999); Prime Minister (1999–2002); Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2002–2003); Chair of the Socialist Movement for Integration (2004); member of the International Committee on the Balkans, chaired by the former Italian Prime Minister, Giuliano Amato (2004–2006); Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2009–2010); Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy, Energy and Trade (2010–2011); MP in legislatures XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Qemal MINXHOZI

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MP for the Dibra region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Foreign Languages, English branch.

Political activity: Albanian Ambassador to Denmark (2002–2005); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: Non-attached

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance; Committee on Foreign Policy

Higher education: He graduated at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy (1987).

Political activity: Deputy Minister of Finance, responsible for reforms in the public administration and fiscal policies (2005–2009); MP in legislature XVIII



Arion MUÇAJ

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Parliamentary Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: Studied Industrial Chemistry at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Tirana University (1992–1997); Business Administration at the Faculty of Economy, Tirana University (1993–1999).

Scientific degree: Doctor of Science in Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Tirana University.

Political activity: Member of Municipal Council in Fier (2003–2011); Chair of SP branch in Fier (2007–2011).

Became an MP by decision no.193, dated 29.03.2011, of the Central Election Commission, after the resignation of MP Fatos Tushe, who ran for Mayor of Lushnja, as he was the next candidate in line, in the SP multi name list of candidates for this region.



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Parliamentary group: SMI

Office: Minister of Energy, Trade and Economy

Higher education: He studied Law at the University of Tirana (1988–1992).

Political activity: Minister of Energy, Trade and Economy (2011 to date); Political Secretary in the Region of Berat (2008–2009); Deputy Speaker of the

Assembly, member of the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights (2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: National Security Committee

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Geology and Mines, Geo-physics branch (1979–1984).

Political activity: Member of the DP, Fier branch (since 1991); Chair of Session No. 17 of the DP (1996–2002); DP Secretary for Organisation in Fier (2002–2007); Deputy Chair of Fier DP branch (2009); member of the Fier Municipal Council (2007); Chair of Fier Municipal Council (2008); MP in legislature XVIII.



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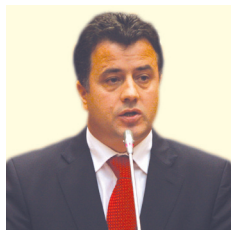
Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Interior

Higher education: He completed studies at Skënderbej Military Academy in 1988; followed post-graduate studies in California US (1996); graduated at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Law (2004); Master's Degree in European Studies (2005).

Political activity: Member of the DP (since 1991); General Secretary of DP Tirana branch (2001); member of Tirana Municipal Council (2003); member of the DP National Council (2004); member of the DP Chairmanship (2005); Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security (2005–2007); member of the Inquiry Committee on the Issue of the General Prosecutor

(2006); member of the Secretariat for Voting Procedures (until 2007); Minister of the Interior (2007–2009); Minister of Justice (2009–2011); Minister of the Interior (2011 to date); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health; Committee on Economy and Finances.

Higher education: He completed studies at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Medicine and later on he was specialised in Oncology (1997).

Political activity: Organizational Secretary of the DP Youth Forum (1998–2000); General Secretary of the DP Youth Forum (2000–2005); DP organisational secretary (since 2005); MP in legislature XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy; Committee on National Security.

Higher education: He studied at the Polytechnic University of Tirana, Faculty of Construction Engineering and graduated as engineer for civil and industrial constructions (1987–1993); post-university studies, Siegen University, Germany (1993–1994).

Political activity: Member of the Student Movement (1990) and member of the students' hunger strike (1991); member of the Durrës Municipal Council, DP representative (2003); Deputy Chair of DP branch in Durrës (2004); member of the DP National Council (2005 to date); DP Spokesperson; member of the Committee on Economy and Finance (2005–2006); member

of the Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights (2006–2007); member of the Inquiry Committee on the Issue of the General Prosecutor (2006); he led the Chairmanship in Office of CEI Parliamentary Dimension (2006); member of the Secretariat for the status of the MP (until 2007); Deputy Prime Minister (2007–2008); Minister of Defence (2008–2009); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication

Higher education: University of Tirana, Faculty of Law (1995); College of Defence, Doctrine Command, National Security Policies (2004).

Political activity: Chair of the DP Youth Forum (2002–2007); Chairperson of DP for Tirana (2005–2009); Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Mandates, Immunity, and Rules of Procedure; member of the Foreign Affairs Committee; Chair of the Inquiry Committee responsible for investigating into the use of funds by the Ministry of Culture and Municipality of Tirana, and legal compliance in the process of urban planning for Tirana (2001–2005); Minister of Interior (2005–2007); Minister of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication (2007–2009); Minister of Public Works and Transport (since 2009); MP in legislatures XVI, XVII and XVIII.



Edi PALOKA

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information; Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights.

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana; he also followed courses on journalism and different fields of politics.

Political activity: Member of the DP Chairmanship; DP Spokesperson (1999–2005); Deputy Chair of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of expenditures of the State Budget available to the ministries, main subordinate institutions, and public enterprises through public procurements for the period of 2001 and on”; MP in legislatures XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Ndue PALUCA

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: University of Agriculture, Faculty of Agronomy (1985–1990); he completed studies in Law at the Kristal University (2005–2008); Specialisation in Management of Agricultural Farms, Graz, Austria (1992); specialisation in Bolzano, Italy (1995–1996); training on project management, planning, monitoring and evaluation (2005).

Political activity: DP Member (since 1991); member of the DP Chairmanship, Puka (1994–2002); Chair of the DP group section in Qafë–Mali, Puka Branch (1999–2003); Head of Qafë–Mali Commune (two mandates) (1996–2003); MP in legislature XVIII.



Astrit PATOZI

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Chair of the DP Parliamentary Group

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information; Conference of Chairs; Council for the Rules of Procedure, Mandates and

Immunity; Council for the Legislation.

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Language and Literature branch.

Political activity: Member of the DP National Council (1997 to date); member of the DP Chairmanship (2002 to date); candidate for MP (1997 and 2001); member of the Committee on Foreign Policy (2005–2007); Chair of the Inquiry Committee on the Issue of the General Prosecutor (2006); Chair of the DP Parliamentary group (2007 to date); MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information

Higher education: He graduated at the High Agricultural Institute in Korça (1983).

Scientific degree: He received the title PhD in Agriculture from the Agricultural University of Tirana (1999); Associated Professor (2007).

Political activity: Member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of facts, circumstances and responsibilities of the Bar massacre, 1945”; MP in legislature XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy; Chair of the parliamentary sub-committee for the Issue of Minors and Gender Equality.

Higher education: She studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Medicine, General Medicine branch (1985); René Descartes University in Paris, General Paediatric branch (1994); Henri Poincare University, France, Healthcare Policy

and Development (2000); Studies in International Relations (2006); Master's Degree in European Studies (2008).

Political activity: Member of the Democratic Women League Chairmanship (1995–2000); Adviser to the Minister of Health (1995–1997); Director of the DP Social and Gender Policies Department (1999–2002); member of the Inquiry Committee on the Investigation of Administration Layoffs (2006); Chair of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (2007); member of the Parliamentary Delegation to the Council of Europe; MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Dashamir PEZA

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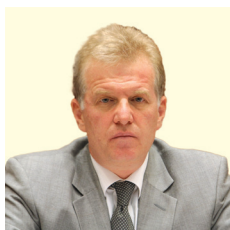
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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: Graduated in Law at the Political and Juridical Sciences Faculty, University of Tirana (1979–1984).

Political activity: Chair of Peza Commune Council (2007–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister for Innovation and for Information and Communication Technology

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana and has a degree in history (1986); he completed post-graduate studies at the University of Vienna, through a scholarship granted by the Austrian Government (1988–1990).

Political activity: Co-founder of the DP and the first DP Spokesperson (1990–1992); Adviser to the President of the Republic (1992–1996); Founding

member and Deputy Chair of the Albanian Atlantic Association (1993); member of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and Chair of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on European Integration (1996); DP Secretary of Foreign Relations (1997); Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs (1997); DP General Secretary (1997); Deputy Chair of the DP and Chair of the DP Parliamentary group (1997); he was the main representative of the Reformatory Movement in the DP (1999); Chair of the New Democratic Party (2001); Minister of Education and Science (2005–2008); Deputy Prime Minister (2008–2009); Minister for Innovation and Information Technology and Communication (2010 to date); MP in legislatures XIV, XV, XVII, and XVIII.



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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: Law Faculty, University of Tirana

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Dritan PRIFTI

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Parliamentary group: Non-attached

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of History–Philology, English branch (1986–1990); Master’s Degree in Business Administration, R.O. Anderson Management School, University of New Mexico, NM, US (1993–1995); Master’s Degree in Public Administration, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, US (1999–2000).

Political activity: Minister of Trade, Economy and Energy (2009–2010); Minister of State for Energy at the Council of Ministers (2001–2002); General Director of Albanian Electro–energy Corporation (2000–2001); Director of the Prime Minister’s Cabinet (2000); Chief of Cabinet, Minister of Finance (1998–1999); Chief of Cabinet, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (1997–1998); member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of expenditures of the State Budget available to the ministries, main subordinate institutions, and public enterprises through public procurements for the period of 2001 and on”; MP in legislatures XVI, XVII and XVIII.



Xhemal QEFALIA

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: National Security Committee

Higher education: He attended the Military Academy; Faculty of Law, University of Tirana; Police Academy.

Political activity: Legal Advisor to the General Prosecutor’s Office; MP in legislature XVIII.



Gramoz RUÇI

Born on 6 December 1951 in Tepelena

MP for the Fier region

Parliamentary group: SP

Office: Chair of the SP Parliament Group

Member: Committee on European Integration

Higher education: He studied at the Pedagogy Institute in Shkodra and Gjirokastra, Bio–Chemistry branch; he has attended post–graduate studies.

Political activity: Employee in party and state bodies (1978–1991); Minister of Interior (1991); Organisation Secretary and Chair of the SP group (1998–1999);

Chair of the SP Parliamentary group (2010 to date); MP in legislatures XII, XIII, XV, XVII and XVIII.



Et'hem RUKA

Born on 8 December 1947 in Tepelena

MP for the Gjirokastra region

Parliamentary group: SP

Office: Chair of the Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: Studied biology and chemistry in the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Tirana University (1967–1971); post–university studies at the Pier and Marie Kyrie University, Department of Endocrinology and Physiology of Development, in Paris (1978–1983); specialisation in IRSAE, Italy (1992); specialisation at Aristotel University, Tempus Programme, Thessaloniki (1994); specialisation in Human Rights, Netherlands (1995).

Scientific degree: Doctor of third cycle, Paris (1983); Candidate of Science, Tirana (1984); Docent (1988); Thorough studies diploma, Paris (1989); received the title Professor, Tirana (1994).

Political activity: Minister of Education and Science (1997–2001); member of the Parliamentary Committee on Education and Science (1993–1996); member of the Albanian Delegation to the European Commission, member of the committee on Laws and Human Rights in the Council of Europe (1994–1996); Minister of Environment (2001–2002); Minister of Local Government and Decentralisation (2002); member of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports (2002); Chair of the Parliamentary Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (2002); Minister of Environment (2004–2005); MP in legislature XIII, XIV, XVI and XVIII.



Genc RULI

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MP for the Gjirokastra region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection

Higher education: He graduated from the Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana (1977–1981); he graduated at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (1978–1982).

Scientific degree: PhD in Economy from the University of Tirana (1986); he was awarded the title Professor from the Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana (1994).

Political activity: Minister of Finance and Economy (1992–1993); Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Economy and Finance (1994–1996); Minister of Finance and Economy (1992–1993); Minister of Economy, Trade and Energy (2005–2009); Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection (2009 to date); MP in legislatures XII, XIII, XVII, and XVIII.



Ilir RUSMALI

Born on 24 April 1965 in Elbasan

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Chair of the Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights; Co–Chair of the Ad hoc Parliamentary Committee on the Electoral Code; member of the Parliamentary Sub–Committee on the Reform in the Justice System; member of the Council on the Rules of Procedure, Mandates and Immunity and member of the Council on the Legislation.

Higher education: He graduated at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (1983–1987); Post–graduate course in Constitutional Law, Human Rights, and International Public Law at the Max–Planck Institute of International Law at the University of Heidelberg, Germany (1992–1994).

Political activity: Legal Assistant to the Prime Minister (1995–1996); Legal Adviser to the President of the Republic (1996–1997); DP Secretary for Elections and Legal Affairs; DP Secretary for Legal Affairs (2005); MP (2005 to date); Deputy Prime Minister (2005–2007); Minister of Justice (2007); member of the Committee on Government Securities (1996–2000); member of the Office for Protection of Citizens, which provided legal assistance to the victims of corruption (2001); member of the Tirana Municipal Council and Chair of the DP group (2000–2005); elected member of the DP National Council by the

DP National Assembly and elected member of the DP Chairmanship by the National Council (2005); MP in legislatures XVII, XVIII.



Rudina SESERI

Born on 8 October 1977 in Tirana

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: Wellesley College, Bachelor of Arts in Economics and International Relations; graduated Magna Cum Laude and was member of Phi Beta Kappa for her academic excellence, and Omicron Delta Epsilon for her high achievements in Economics (2000); she holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Harvard Business School, Harvard University, specialized in Corporate Strategy and General Management (2005).

Political activity: Member of SP (since 2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Eduard SHALSI

Born on 1 April 1968 in Korca

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Office: Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Biology–Chemistry branch (1986–1990); Banking (Import–Export Deposits, Loans, Bank Accounting, Credit Cards, Swift), diploma as Trainer in Basic Bank Economy, from Bankakademie International Germany & ISAP (1996–2002).

Political activity: Director of the Mayor's Cabinet (2004–2008); Deputy Mayor of the Tirana Municipality (2008–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Sherefedin SHEHU

Born on 25 May 1956 in Dibra

MP for the Dibra region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: Faculty of Economy, Finance Branch, University of Tirana

Scientific degree: Doctor of Science in Financial Management

Political activity: Deputy Minister of Finance (2005–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Tritan SHEHU

Born on 24 April 1949 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Deputy Chair of Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: University of Tirana, Faculty of Medicine, Specialised in Anaesthesiology and Reanimation; Health Management.

Political activity: Minister of Health (1992–1994); Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister (1996–1997); General Secretary of DP (1994–1996); Chair of DP (1996–1997); Deputy Chair of Reforming Democratic Party (since 2002); member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Electoral Reform (since 2007); MP in legislatures XII, XV, XVII and XVIII.



Luan SKUQI

Born on 25 October 1951 in Kavaja

MP for the Kavaja region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment; Secretary of the National Security Committee.

Higher education: He graduated from the University of Tirana, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Mathematics branch; High College of the Ministry of Defence.

Political activity: Chair of Kavaja DP Branch (1991–1993 and 1997–2001); member of DP National Council (1991 to date); Minister of Education, Youth and Sports (1997); member of the Committee on Foreign Policy (2005–2007); member of the Inquiry Committee “On beginning the procedure to discharge from duty the Prosecutor General, Theodhori Sollaku”, (2006); MP in legislatures XIII, XIV, XVI, XVII, XVIII.



Klodiana SPAHIU

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: She studied at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Tirana, General Physician (1991–1997); specialisation at the Cardiology Department of the Mother Theresa Hospital University Centre, Tirana (1998–2002); Specialisation in Non-invasive Cardiology, at the Sacro Cuore Catholic University, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Agostino Gemeli, Roma, Italy (1999–2000); post-graduate specialization at the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Preclinical Materials on adaptability of the heart to physical efforts (2003–2004); Specialisation in invasive cardiology: catheterization of the heart and heart coronarography, at the Santa Chiara Hospital, Pisa, Italy (2005).

Scientific degree: Docent in Cardiology practices at the Our Lady of Good Counsel University in Tirana (since 2008)

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII.



Edmond SPAHO

Born on 14 November 1958 in Korça

MP for the Korca region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Chair of the Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Economy of the University of Tirana (1982); completed studies in Policies and Financial Programming at the IMF Institute in Washington DC, US (1992); completed post-graduate studies in Business Administration at the Bowling Green University, Ohio, US (1995–1996); studies on NGOs development, leadership and strategic planning, ORT/USAID Albania Democracy Network Programme (1999).

Political activity: Member of the DP since its creation; Secretary for economic affairs (since 2001), and member of the DP National Council and Chairmanship (since 2005); Deputy Minister (1992–1993) and Minister of Tourism (1993–1994); Deputy Chair of the Inquiry Committee on the Inquiry of Discharges in the Administration (2006); MP and Chair of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Economy and Finance in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Paulin STËRKAJ

Born on 5 July 1961 in Shkodra

MP for the Shkodra region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on National Security

Higher education: He studied at the Vojo Kushi Institute of Physical Education in Tirana and at the Faculty of Law.

Political activity: MP in legislatures XVII, XVIII



Gent STRAZIMIRI

Born on 6 October 1972 in Tirana

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (1992–1996).

Political activity: Legal Adviser to the General Director of the Albanian Electro-energy Corporation, KESH sh.a., (1997); Deputy Minister of the Interior (2007–2009); member of the Tirana Municipal Council (2007–2009); DP Secretary for Partnership, member of the DP National Council (2005–2009); Adviser to the DP Chair (2002–2005); Spokesperson of the Union for Victory coalition (2001); Chair of the DP Youth Forum, member of the DP National Council and Chairmanship (1998–2000); member of the National Council and Chairmanship of the DP Youth Forum (1996–1998); Deputy Chair of the DP Youth Forum in Tirana; member of the DP (1990); member of the Inquiry Committee “On the inquiry of state institutions’ activity, to detect, identify, face, neutralise, prevent and punish organised crime activities related to the violation of institutions and overturning of constitutional order on 21 January 2011”; member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of facts, circumstances and responsibilities of the Bar massacre, 1945”; MP in legislature XVIII.



Armando SUBASHI

Born on 26 May 1971 in Fier

MP for the Fier region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana.

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Dashnor SULA

Born on 14 March 1969 in Peqin

MP for the Elbasan region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (1991–1995); specialisations in Law Administration and Tackling of Organised Crime at the High Council of Justice, Italy (1994); specialisations in Procurement and Law Management Issues at the U.S. Department of Justice (2001); specialisations in Procurement against Criminality at the European Law College (2004).

Political activity: He was a participant in the Student Movement and hunger strike (1990); Deputy Chair of the Inquiry Committee “On the implementation of the law on concessions, concession of different state-owned buildings, conditions of the contracts for 2001 and on and procedures for the start of works for the construction of Vlora TPP;” member of the Inquiry Committee “On the inquiry of state institutions’ activity, to detect, identify, face, neutralise, prevent and punish organised crime activities related to the violation of institutions and overturning of constitutional order on 21 January 2011”; MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Myqerem TAF AJ

Born on 14 November 1957

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Minister of Education and Science

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Veterinary, Agricultural University of Tirana, (1982); PhD candidate (1988); post-graduate course on development policies, German Foundation for International Development (1990–1991).

Scientific degree: PhD in Stuttgart–Hohenheim University, Germany (1992–1996); received the title Professor (1997); Visiting Professor at the Stuttgart–Hohenheim University, supported by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (1999–2001).

Political activity: Adviser to the Prime Minister for Education and Science and Secretary General of the Council of Ministers, (2005–2009); Member of DP National Council (since 2005); Member of Policy Orientation Committee (2005); MP candidate, constituency no. 26 (1997); Minister of Higher Education and Science (1997); DP Member (1991); MP in legislature XVIII.



Dashamir TAHIRI

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana, Business Management branch.

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Saimir TAHIRI

Born on 30 October 1979 in Tirana

MP for the Tirana region

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Parliamentary group: SP

Position: Deputy Chair of SP Parliamentary group

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: Graduated as lawyer from the Law Faculty of the University of Tirana; Master's Degree in Public Law from the Public Law Department, Law Faculty, University of Tirana; holds the title Advocate.

Scientific degree: He is pursuing his studies for a Doctor of Sciences Degree.

Political activity: Spokesperson for SP (2005–2007); Executive Director of

Qemal Stafa Foundation (since 2008); Deputy Chair of SP Parliamentary group (since 2010); MP in legislature XVIII.



Vangjel TAVO

Born on 17 December 1969 in Gjirokastra

MP for the Gjirokastra region

Parliamentary group: SMI

Office: Deputy Speaker of the Assembly and Deputy Chair of the SMI Parliamentary group

Higher education: He graduated at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Tirana; specialisation at the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital of Tirana (1996); specialisation course at the University of Ioannina in Laparoscopy (2001–2002); specialisation course for Prenatal Diagnosis in Toronto, Canada (2009–2010).

Political activity: Member of the SP Steering Committee, Gjirokastra branch (1995–2010); member of the Committee on Labour, Social Affairs and Healthcare; Deputy Speaker of the Albanian Assembly (since 2011); MP in legislatures, XV, XVI, XVII, and XVIII.



Fatmir TOÇI

Born on 24 April 1958 in Tirana

MP for the Vlora region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Economy University of Tirana (1987); followed part-time studies at the Faculty of Philology, Language and Literature branch (2010); attended a 2-year course in Italian; completed the 2-year course in Radioamatorism.

Political activity: Advisor to the President of the Republic on Cultural issues (1999–2001); member of the Tirana Municipal Council (2001–2003); MP in legislature XVIII.

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The biographic information of the Speaker of Parliament, Jozefina Çoba Topalli, is on page 8.



Arenca TRASHANI

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MP for the Shkodra region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights; Council for the Legislation; Ad hoc Committee on NATO Integration; Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Issues of Minors and Gender Equality; and Chair of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Human Rights.

Higher education: She studied at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (1991–1995); University of Trento, Faculty of Law, Trento, Italy (1993–1994).

Scientific degree: PhD studies, Karl Franzens University, Faculty of Law, Graz, Austria (2002).

Political activity: Minister of Integration (2005–2007); member of the Inquiry Committee “On the investigation of the State Budget expenditures available for the ministries, main subordinated institutions, and public enterprises through public procurement for the period of 2001 and on”; MP in legislatures XVII and XVIII.



Ardian TURKU

Born on 28 January 1956 in Gramsh

MP for the Elbasan region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Office: Deputy Speaker of the Albanian Assembly

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tirana, graduated with the title Teacher of Physics in High School (1974–1979); specialization in Pedagogy and Psychology (1982–1983).

Scientific degree: PhD (1997); Associated Professor (2001).

Political activity: Secretary of the Pluralist Committee in Elbasan district (1991–1992); Mayor of Elbasan (2003–2007); Head of Elbasan Regional Council (2007–2009); Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports (2009); Deputy Speaker of the Assembly (since 2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Fatos TUSHE

Born on 25 December 1968 in Lushnja

MP for the Fier region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment

Higher education: He completed University studies at the Faculty of Mechanic Engineering, Machinery branch (1994); completed studies at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana (2009).

Political activity: Deputy Chair of Lushnja Municipality (2007–2009); MP in legislature XVIII until 31.03.2001.

He resigned because he ran for Mayor of Lushnja in the local elections of 8 May 2011.



Gjokë ULDEDAJ

Born on 3 March 1950 in Shkodra

MP for the Shkodra region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance

Higher education: He studied at the Agricultural University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy (Finance branch); he has attended several specialisations in the sectors of economy, trade, and finance, in the US, Netherlands, Japan, UK, and Greece.

Scientific degree: PhD in Economy and Associated Professor

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Albana VOKSHI

Born on 24 February 1971
MP for the Tirana region
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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance; Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health.

Higher education: Graduated in Engineering from the University of Tirana (1994); Masters in Public Administration (Economic Policy), Public and International Affairs School, University of Columbia, New York, US (2002–2004).

Political activity: Advisor to Prime Minister on Economic Policies and Foreign Aid Co-ordination for Albania (2005); Chair of the Democratic Women League; MP in legislature XVIII.



Olta XHAÇKA

Born on 25 December 1979 in Tirana
MP for the Korça region
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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Foreign Policy

Higher education: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations in the US, graduated with honours; Master's Degree in Public Administration at Clark University, US (2005).

Political activity: MP in legislature XVIII



Fatmir XHAFAJ

Born on 17 May 1959
MP for the Tirana region
Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights

Higher education: He studied at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Political and Legal Sciences, Law branch; completed qualifications in Albania as well as other countries (Rome, Brussels, London etc.) in different periods of time in the fields of legal consultancy, management, and public administration.

Political activity: SP Member; Deputy Chair of the Inquiry Committee on the Issue of the General Prosecutor (2006); member of the Ad hoc Parliamentary Committee on the Electoral Reform (2007 to date); Official at youth and social organisations (1986–1992); General Secretary of the Council of Ministers (1997–1999); Minister of Territory Regulation and Tourism (2002); Minister of Justice (2003–2005); MP in legislatures XVI, XVII and XVIII.



Ferdinand XHAFERAJ

Born on 23 January 1964 in Durrës

MP for the Durrës region

Parliamentary group: DP

Higher education: He studied at the Faculty of Mechanic Engineering, University of Tirana (1989); studies on policies that guarantee economic development at Harvard University, US, (1999); qualification on policies and budget administration at the American Institute (2000); qualification on international relations at the US Department of State, US (2000); Master’s Degree in National Security and Master’s Degree in International Relations, US (2002).

Scientific degree: PhD on National Security Issues (2006)

Political activity: DP Chair in Durrës branch (1995–1999); DP Secretary for Public Relations (1995–1997); Chair of the Albanian Parliamentary Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (1996–1997); member of the Albanian Parliamentary Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (1997–2001); Deputy Chair of the DP Parliamentary group (1997–1999); member of the DP Chairmanship (1997–1999); Deputy Chair of the New Democratic Party (2002–2005); New Democratic Party General Secretary (2004–2005); Chair of the Inquiry Committee “On the start of the discharge procedure for the General Prosecutor, Theodhori Sollaku” (2006); Co–Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on NATO Integration (2007); Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on European Integration (2005–2008); member of the Parliamentary

Committee on Economy and Finance; Co–Chair of the Ad hoc Committee on NATO Integration; Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports (2009–2011); MP in legislatures XIV, XV, XVII, and XVIII.

He resigned on 31.03.2011 because he ran for Mayor of Durres in the local government elections of 8 May 2011.



Mehmet XHEKA

Born on 8 November 1950 in Shkodra

MP for the Berat region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Parliamentary Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health

Higher education: He studied Medicine at the University of Tirana (1973); Specialisation in Cardiology, Tirana (1979–1981).

Political activity: Deputy Chair of DP branch in Berat (2005); member of the Municipal Council (2003–2006); ran for Mayor during the local government elections (2003–2006); MP in legislatures XVII, XVIII.



Selami XHEPA

Born on 2 November 1966 in Tirana

MP for the Dibra region

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Parliamentary group: DP

Member: Committee on Economy and Finance; Substitute member of the Committee on Productive Activity and Environment.

Higher education: He graduated from the Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana (1985–1989).

Scientific degree: Doctor in Sciences of Marketing (1996)

Political activity: Adviser to Prime Minister on Economic Reform (2005–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Luiza XHUVANI

Born on 26 March 1964 in Saranda

MP for the Vlora region

Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information

Higher education: She graduated from the Academy of Arts, Tirana (1986).

Political activity: Member of the Tirana Municipal Council (2007–2009); MP in legislature XVIII.



Fidel YLLI

Born on 1 September 1962

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Parliamentary group: SP

Member: Committee on Education and Means of Public Information

Higher education: He completed studies at the High Institute of Physical Education, graduated as Teacher of physical education (1987); Master's Degree in Business Management and Administration (2004).

Political activity: Member of the Committee on Culture, Youth and Sports at the Municipality of Tirana (2006–2010); MP in legislature XVIII.

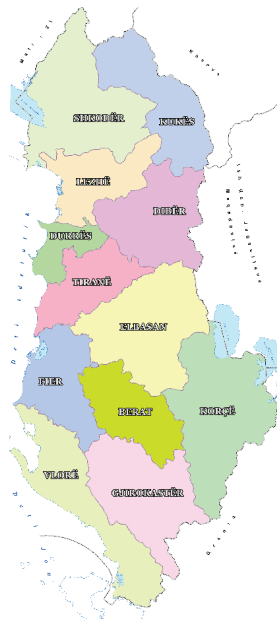
2009 ELECTION RESULTS

Parties	Votes	Mandates
DP	610,463	68
PJI	14,477	1
RP	31,990	1
SMI	73,678	4
HRUP	18,078	1
SP	620,586	65
Total	1,369,272	140

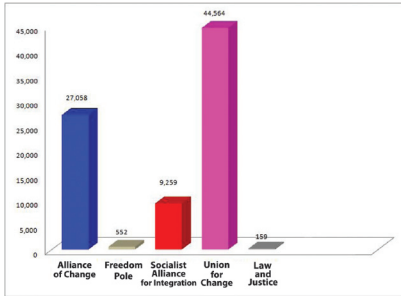
Election results per region

Region	Mandates
Berat	8
Dibra	6
Durrës	13
Elbasan	14
Fier	16
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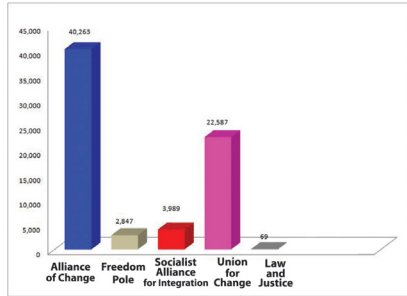
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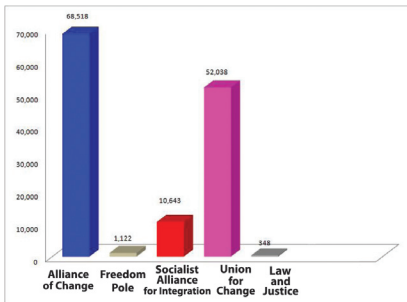
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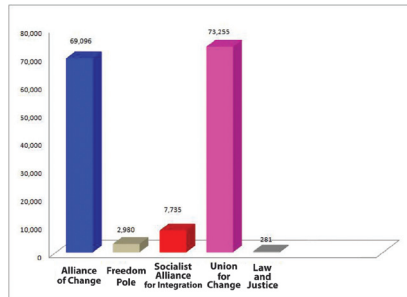
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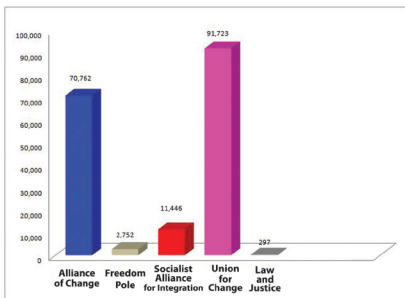
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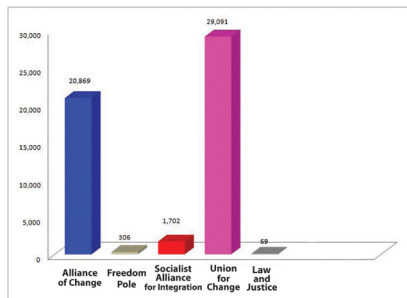
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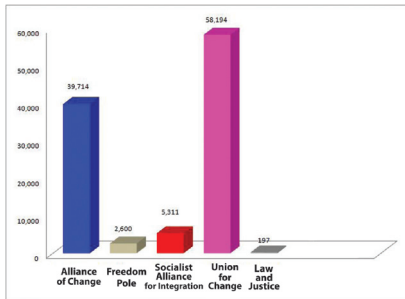
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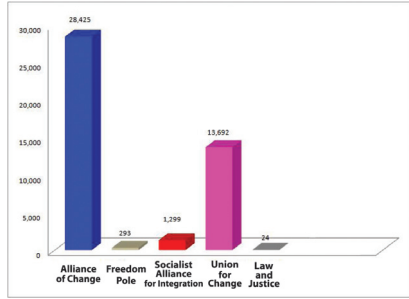
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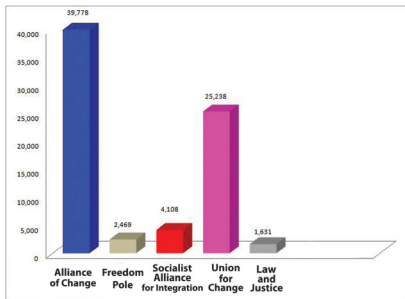
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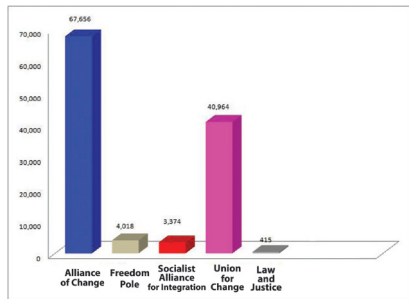
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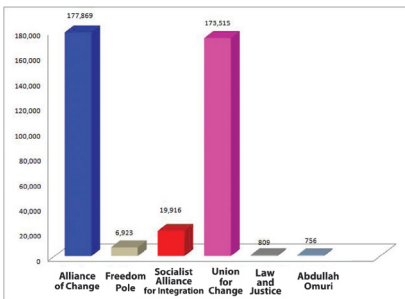
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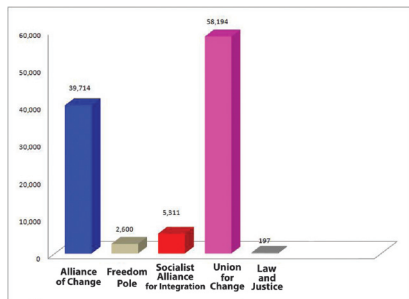
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Tirana Region



Vlora Region



Source: Central Elections Commission (CEC)

2009 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN ALBANIA
LIST OF ELECTED MPs

Name	Political Party
1. Adriana Gjonaj	Democratic Party
2. Agim Leka	Socialist Party
3. Albana Vokshi	Democratic Party
4. Albert Çaçi	Socialist Party
5. Aldo Bumçi	Democratic Party
6. Alfred Dalipi	Socialist Party
7. Andis Harasani	Socialist Party
8. Arben Isaraj	Socialist Party
9. Arben Imami	Democratic Party
10. Arben Çuko	Socialist Party
11. Arben Ahmetaj	Socialist Party
12. Arben Malaj	Socialist Party
13. Ardian Kollozi	Democratic Party
14. Ardian Turku	Democratic Party
15. Arenca Trashani	Democratic Party
16. Armando Prenga	Socialist Party
17. Armando Subashi	Socialist Party
18. Arta Dade	Socialist Party
19. Artan Gaçi	Socialist Party
20. Asllan Dogjani	Socialist Party
21. Astrit Patozi	Democratic Party
22. Astrit Bushati	Democratic Party
23. Astrit Beci	Socialist Party
24. Bashkim Fino	Socialist Party
25. Bedri Hoxha	Democratic Party
26. Ben Blushi	Socialist Party
27. Besnik Baraj	Socialist Party
28. Besnik Dushaj	Democratic Party
29. Blendi Klosi	Socialist Party
30. Bujar Nishani	Democratic Party
31. Damian Gjijnuri	Socialist Party
32. Dashamir Tahiri	Party for Justice and Integrity
33. Dashamir Peza	Socialist Party

34. Dashnor Sula	Democratic Party
35. Ditmir Bushati	Socialist Party
36. Dritan Prifti	Socialist Movement for Integration
37. Edi Paloka	Democratic Party
38. Edmond Spaho	Democratic Party
39. Eduard Shalsi	Socialist Party
40. Eduard Halimi	Democratic Party
41. Eglantina Gjermeni	Socialist Party
42. Eltar Deda	Socialist Party
43. Enkelejd Alibeaj	Democratic Party
44. Enkelejda Shkrelji	Socialist Party
45. Erion Braçe	Socialist Party
46. Ermelinda Meksi	Socialist Party
47. Ermonela Felaj	Socialist Party
48. Ervin Koçi	Socialist Party
49. Et'hem Ruka	Socialist Party
50. Fatbardh Kadilli	Democratic Party
51. Fatmir Mediu	Republican Party
52. Fatmir Toçi	Socialist Party
53. Fatmir Xhafaj	Socialist Party
54. Fatos Beja	Democratic Party
55. Fatos Hoxha	Democratic Party
56. Fatos Tushe	Socialist Party
57. Ferdinand Xhaferri	Democratic Party
58. Fidel Ylli	Socialist Party
59. Flamur Noka	Democratic Party
60. Florjon Mima	Democratic Party
61. Gazmend Oketa	Democratic Party
62. Gazmir Bizhga	Socialist Party
63. Genc Ruli	Democratic Party
64. Genc Pollo	Democratic Party
65. Gent Strazimiri	Democratic Party
66. Gerti Bogdani	Democratic Party
67. Gëzim Dibra	Democratic Party
68. Gjergji Papa	Democratic Party
69. Gjokë Jaku	Socialist Party
70. Gjokë Ulledaj	Democratic Party

71. Gjovalin Kadeli	Socialist Party
72. Gramoz Ruçi	Socialist Party
73. Hazir Gashi	Socialist Party
74. Igli Cara	Democratic Party
75. Ilir Bano	Democratic Party
76. Ilir Rusmali	Democratic Party
77. Ilir Beqja	Socialist Party
78. Ilir Meta	Socialist Movement for Integration
79. Ilir Bejtja	Socialist Party
80. Ilir Gjoni	Socialist Party
81. Ismail Hoxha	Democratic Party
82. Jemin Gjana	Democratic Party
83. Jozefina Topalli	Democratic Party
84. Kastriot Islami	Socialist Party
85. Klodiana Spahiu	Socialist Party
86. Kreshnik Çipi	Democratic Party
87. Lajla Pernaska	Democratic Party
88. Ledina Aliolli	Democratic Party
89. Lefter Koka	Socialist Movement for Integration
90. Lefter Maliqi	Democratic Party
91. Leonard Demi	Democratic Party
92. Luan Skuqi	Democratic Party
93. Luçiano Boçi	Democratic Party
94. Luiza Xhuvani	Socialist Party
95. Lulëzim Basha	Democratic Party
96. Majlinda Bregu	Democratic Party
97. Mark Marku	Democratic Party
98. Marko Bello	Socialist Party
99. Mehmet Xheka	Democratic Party
100. Mesila Doda	Democratic Party
101. Mimi Kodheli	Socialist Party
102. Myqerem Tafaj	Democratic Party
103. Namik Dokle	Socialist Party
104. Nasip Naço	Socialist Movement for Integration
105. Ndue Paluca	Democratic Party
106. Ndue Kola	Socialist Party
107. Olta Xhaçka	Socialist Party

108. Osman Metalla	Democratic Party
109. Pandeli Majko	Socialist Party
110. Paulin Sterkaj	Democratic Party
111. Paulina Hoti	Democratic Party
112. Piro Lutaj	Socialist Party
113. Qemal Minxhozi	Socialist Party
114. Rajmonda Bulku	Democratic Party
115. Ridvan Bode	Democratic Party
116. Rrahim Çota	Democratic Party
117. Rrajmond Hoxha	Democratic Party
118. Rudina Seseri	Socialist Party
119. Sadri Abazi	Socialist Party
120. Saimir Tahiri	Socialist Party
121. Sali Berisha	Democratic Party
122. Selami Xhepa	Democratic Party
123. Shegush Ligori	Socialist Party
124. Sherefedin Shehu	Democratic Party
125. Shpëtim Idrizi	Socialist Party
126. Skënder Hasa	Socialist Party
127. Sokol Olldashi	Democratic Party
128. Spiro Ksera	Democratic Party
129. Sybi Hida	Democratic Party
130. Taulant Balla	Socialist Party
131. Tom Doshi	Socialist Party
132. Tritan Shehu	Democratic Party
133. Valentina Leskaj	Socialist Party
134. Vangjel Dule	Human Rights Union Party
135. Vangjel Tavo	Socialist Party
136. Vasilika Hysi	Socialist Party
137. Vasillaq Ngresi	Democratic Party
138. Viktor Gumi	Democratic Party
139. Xhemal Qefalia	Socialist Party
140. Ylli Lama	Democratic Party

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BERAT

1. Erion Braçe
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8. Nasip Naço

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3. Qemal Minxhozi
4. Sadri Abazi
5. Selami Xhepa
6. Sherefedin Shehu

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4. Ferdinand Xhaferri
5. Gazmend Oketa
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8. Igli Cara
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8. Lulëzim Basha
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10. Fatos Tushe
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6. Gjergji Papa
7. Ismail Hoxha
8. Ledina Alolli
9. Mimi Kodheli
10. Olta Xhaçka
11. Pandeli Majko
12. Ridvan Bode

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2. Besnik Dushaj
3. Fatos Hoxha
4. Flamur Noka

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2. Edi Paloka
3. Gjokë Jaku
4. Gjovalin Kadeli
5. Mark Marku
6. Paulina Hoti
7. Rrajmond Hoxha

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3. Astrit Beci
4. Gëzim Dibra
5. Gjokë Uldedaj
6. Ilir Beqja
7. Jozefina Topalli
8. Ndue Paluca

9. Ndue Kola
10. Paulin Sterkaj
11. Tom Doshi

TIRANA

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2. Andis Harasani
3. Arben Imami
4. Artan Gaçi
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6. Bujar Nishani
7. Dashamir Peza
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9. Eduard Shalsi
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11. Enkelejda Shkrelly
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21. Lajla Pernaska
22. Luan Skuqi
23. Majlinda Bregu
24. Myqerem Tafaj
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28. Sali Berisha
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4. Astrit Patozi
5. Dashamir Tahiri
6. Eltar Deda
7. Fatmir Toçi
8. Kreshnik Çipi
9. Leonard Demi
10. Luiza Xhuvani
11. Shpëtim Idrizi
12. Vangjel Dule

ASSEMBLY BODIES

Speaker

Parliamentary Bureau

Parliamentary Secretariats

Conference of Chairs

Parliamentary Councils

Parliamentary Groups

Standing Parliamentary Committees

1. SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT

The Speaker of Parliament is elected immediately after the oath of the MPs. Candidates for Speaker are proposed in writing by at least 15 MPs. The Speaker is elected through a secret ballot with a majority of votes in the presence of more than half of all the MPs.

The Speaker represents the Parliament in relations with third parties. The Speaker ensures the respect for the rights of the Parliament and its members. The Speaker is responsible for the development of parliamentary activities and those of the Parliamentary bodies in agreement with the Constitution and Parliamentary Rules and Regulations.

The Speaker, in agreement with Parliamentary Rules and Regulations, gives the floor to MPs and members of the Council of Ministers, leads and moderates debates, provides order in plenary sessions, determines the sequence of voting and announces its results.

The Speaker leads and calls the meetings of the Council on Rules and Regulations, Mandates and Immunity, as well as the Parliamentary Bureau and the Conference of Chairs of the Parliamentary groups.

2. PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

The Parliamentary Bureau is chaired by the Speaker of Parliament and is composed of the Deputy Speakers of Parliament, two secretaries for the Parliamentary budget and four other secretaries. The composition of the Bureau is decided through open voting by Parliament in plenary session and represents, as far as possible, the political composition of Parliament.

Composition

1. Jozefina Çoba Topalli	Speaker
2. Ardian Turku	Deputy Speaker
3. Vangjel Tavo	Deputy Speaker
4. Namik Dokle	Deputy Speaker
5. Florjon Mima	Secretary for the Parliamentary Budget
6. Erion Braçe	Secretary for the Parliamentary Budget

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| 7. Viktor Gumi | Secretary for the Voting Procedure |
| 8. Gent Strazimiri | Secretary for the MP Status |
| 9. Mark Marku | Secretary for Scientific Research
and for the Library |
| 10. Leonard Demi | Secretary for Foreign Relations |

3. SECRETARIATS OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Secretariats oversee the services assisting the activity of the Assembly and its bodies.

I. SECRETARIAT ON BUDGET

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Florjon Mima | Secretary |
| 2. Erion Braçe | Secretary |
| 3. Sherefedin Shehu | Member |
| 4. Jemin Gjajana | Member |
| 5. Mimi Kodheli | Member |

II. SECRETARIAT ON PROCEDURES AND VOTING

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Viktor Gumi | Secretary |
| 2. Arenca Trashani | Member |
| 3. Armando Subashi | Member |

III. SECRETARIAT ON THE STATUS OF MPs

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|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Gent Strazimiri | Secretary |
| 2. Paulina Hoti | Member |
| 3. Ermonela Felaj | Member |

IV. SECRETARIAT ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, LIBRARY AND PUBLICATIONS

- | | |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Mark Marku | Secretary |
| 2. Ledina Alolli | Member |
| 3. Fatmir Toçi | Member |

V. SECRETARIAT ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Leonard Demi | Secretary |
| 2. Rajmond Hoxha | Member |
| 3. Qemal Minxhozi | Member |

4. CONFERENCE OF CHAIRS

The Conference of Chairs discusses and approves the parliamentary work schedule, the work calendar for the Assembly and its committees, and other matters related to the development of the parliamentary plenary sessions.

Composition

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Jozefina Çoba Topalli | Speaker of the Assembly
(Democratic Party) |
| 2. Genc Pollo | Minister of Innovation and
Information and Communication
Technology (Representative of the
Council of Ministers) |
| 3. Astrit Patozi | Chair of Parliamentary group
(Democratic Party) |
| 4. Gramoz Ruçi | Chair of Parliamentary group
(Socialist Party) |
| 5. Lefter Koka | Chair of Parliamentary group
(Socialist Movement for Integration) |

5. PARLIAMENTARY COUNCILS

5.1 COUNCIL ON RULES OF PROCEDURES, MANDATES AND IMMUNITY

1. Jozefina Çoba Topalli	Chair
2. Viktor Gumi	Member
3. Ilir Rusmali	Member
4. Eduart Halimi	Member
5. Arenca Trashani	Member
6. Kastriot Islami	Member
7. Damian Gjikhuri	Member
8. Gramoz Ruçi	Member
9. Pandeli Majko	Member
10. Marko Bello	Member

5.2 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

1. Ilir Rusmali	Member
2. Enkelejd Alibeaj	Member
3. Arenca Troshani	Member
4. Viktor Gumi	Member
5. Eduart Halimi	Member
6. Gramoz Ruçi	Member
7. Kastriot Islami	Member
8. Pandeli Majko	Member
9. Qemal Minxhozi	Member
10. Et'hem Ruka	Member

6. PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

6.1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

1. Astrit Patozi	Chair
2. Adriana Gjonaj	Member
3. Albana Vokshi	Member
4. Aldo Bumçi	Member

5. Arben Imami	Member
6. Aurel Bylykbashi	Member
7. Ardian Turku	Member
8. Arenca Trashani	Member
9. Astrit Bushati	Member
10. Bedri Hoxha	Member
11. Besnik Dushaj	Member
12. Bujar Nishani	Member
13. Dashnor Sula	Member
14. Edi Paloka	Member
15. Edmond Spaho	Member
16. Eduard Halimi	Member
17. Enkelejd Alibeaj	Member
18. Fatbardh Kadilli	Member
19. Fatos Beja	Member
20. Fatos Hoxha	Member
21. Kosta Barka	Member
22. Flamur Noka	Member
23. Gazmend Oketa	Member
24. Genc Ruli	Member
25. Genc Pollo	Member
26. Gent Strazimiri	Member
27. Gerti Bogdani	Member
28. Ramiz Cobaj	Member
29. Gjergji Papa	Member
30. Gjokë Ulledaj	Member
31. Igli Cara	Member
32. Ilir Bano	Member
33. Ilir Rusmali	Member
34. Jemin Gjana	Member
35. Jozefina Topalli	Member
36. Kreshnik Çipi	Member
37. Lajla Pernaska	Member
38. Ledina Alolli	Member
39. Lifter Maliqi	Member
40. Leonard Demi	Member
41. Luan Skuqi	Member

42. Luçiano Boçi	Member
43. Ndriçim Babasi	Member
44. Majlinda Bregu	Member
45. Mark Marku	Member
46. Dashamir Tahiri	Member
47. Mesila Doda	Member
48. Myqerem Tafaj	Member
49. Ndue Paluca	Member
50. Osman Metalla	Member
51. Paulina Hoti	Member
52. Rajmonda Bulku	Member
53. Ridvan Bode	Member
54. Rrahim Çota	Member
55. Sali Berisha	Member
56. Selami Xhepa	Member
57. Sherefedin Shehu	Member
58. Sokol Olldashi	Member
59. Spiro Ksera	Member
60. Sybi Hida	Member
61. Tritan Shehu	Member
62. Vasillaq Ngresi	Member
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1. Gramoz Ruçi	Chair
2. Eduard Shalsi	Deputy – Chair
3. Erion Braçe	Deputy – Chair
4. Saimir Tahiri	Deputy – Chair
5. Vasilika Hysi	Deputy – Chair
6. Taulant Balla	Secretary
7. Agim Leka	Member
8. Albert Çaçi	Member

9. Alfred Dalipi	Member
10. Andis Harasani	Member
11. Arben Isaraj	Member
12. Arben Çuko	Member
13. Arben Ahmetaj	Member
14. Arben Malaj	Member
15. Armando Prenga	Member
16. Armando Subashi	Member
17. Arta Dade	Member
18. Artan Gaçi	Member
19. Asllan Dogjani	Member
20. Astrit Beci	Member
21. Bashkim Fino	Member
22. Ben Blushi	Member
23. Besnik Baraj	Member
24. Blendi Klosi	Member
25. Damian Gjikhuri	Member
26. Dashamir Peza	Member
27. Ditmir Bushati	Member
28. Eglantina Gjermeni	Member
29. Eltar Deda	Member
30. Enkelejda Shkrelji	Member
31. Ermelinda Meksi	Member
32. Ermonela Felaj	Member
33. Ervin Koçi	Member
34. Et'hem Ruka	Member
35. Fatmir Toçi	Member
36. Fatmir Xhafaj	Member
37. Arion Muçaj	Member
38. Fidel Ylli	Member
39. Gazmir Bizhga	Member
40. Ndrec Dedaj	Member
41. Gjovalin Kadeli	Member
42. Hazir Gashi	Member
43. Ilir Beqja	Member
44. Ilir Bejtja	Member
45. Ilir Gjoni	Member

46. Klodiana Spahiu	Member
47. Luiza Xhuvani	Member
48. Marko Bello	Member
49. Mimi Kodheli	Member
50. Namik Dokle	Member
51. Ndue Kola	Member
52. Olta Xhaçka	Member
53. Pandeli Majko	Member
54. Piro Lutaj	Member
55. Qemal Minxhozi	Member
56. Rudina Seseri	Member
57. Sadri Abazi	Member
58. Shegush Ligori	Member
59. Skënder Hasa	Member
60. Tom Doshi	Member
61. Valentina Leskaj	Member
62. Xhemal Qefalia	Member
63. Paulin Sterkaj	Member

6.3. SOCIALIST MOVEMENT FOR INTEGRATION PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

1. Lefter Koka	Chair
2. Vangjel Tavo	Deputy Chair
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4. Ilir Meta	Member
5. Mehmet Xheka	Member
6. Nasip Naço	Member
7. Rrajmond Hoxha	Member

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5. Dritan Prifti
6. Kastriot Islami

7. STANDING PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

7.1 COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND MEANS OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Valentina Leskaj	Chair
2. Mark Marku	Deputy Chair
3. Ismail Hoxha	Secretary
4. Gent Strazimiri	Member
5. Adriana Gjonaj	Member
6. Rajmonda Bulku	Member
7. Kreshnik Çipi	Member
8. Edi Paloka	Member
9. Gjergji Papa	Member
10. Gerti Bogdani	Member
11. Fatbardh Kadilli	Member
12. Agim Leka	Member
13. Alfred Dalipi	Member
14. Enkelejda Shkrelly	Member
15. Fatmir Toçi	Member
16. Fidel Ylli	Member
17. Kastriot Islami	Member
18. Luiza Xhuvani	Member
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5. Mehmet Xheka	Member
6. Ndue Paluca	Member
7. Besnik Dusha	Member
8. Albana Vokshi	Member
9. Astrit Beci	Member
10. Eglantina Gjermeni	Member
11. Eltar Deda	Member
12. Vangjel Tavo	Member
13. Klodiana Spahiu	Member
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7.3 COMMITTEE ON PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY, TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT

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4. Ardian Turku	Member

5. Bedri Hoxha	Member
6. Besnik Dusha	Member
7. Ilir Bano	Member
8. Dashamir Tahiri	Member
9. Sybi Hida	Member
10. Selami Xhepa	Member
11. Ismail Hoxha	Member
12. Kreshnik Çipi	Member
13. Rrahim Çota	Member
14. Aurel Bylykbashi	Member
15. Ramiz Çobaj	Member
16. Artan Gaci	Member
17. Besnik Baraj	Member
18. Blendi Klosi	Member
19. Hazir Gashi	Member
20. Ndue Kola	Member
21. Sadri Abazi	Member
22. Arion Muçaj	Member
23. Ndrec Deda	Member

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5. Gjokë Uldedaj	Member

6. Astrit Patozi	Member
7. Lefter Maliqi	Member
8. Vasillaq Ngresi	Member
9. Gazmend Oketa	Member
10. Ardian Turku	Member
11. Osman Metalla	Member
12. Ndue Paluca	Member
13. Ndriçim Babasi	Member
14. Arben Çuko	Member
15. Armando Prenga	Member
16. Asllan Dogjani	Member
17. Ben Blushi	Member
18. Gazmir Bizhga	Member
19. Piro Lutaj	Member
20. Skënder Hasa	Member
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5. Sybi Hida	Member
6. Selami Xhepa	Member
7. Sherefedin Shehu	Member
8. Ledina Alolli	Member

9. Albana Vokshi	Member
10. Gjokë Uldedaj	Member
11. Lefter Koka	Member
12. Flamur Noka	Member
13. Adriana Gjonaj	Member
14. Luan Skuqi	Member
15. Albert Çaçi	Member
16. Andis Harasani	Member
17. Arben Ahmetaj	Member
18. Arben Malaj	Member
19. Erion Braçe	Member
20. Ervin Koçi	Member
21. Gjovalin Kadeli	Member
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5. Gazmend Oketa	Member
6. Vangjel Dule	Member
7. Florjon Mima	Member
8. Fatbardh Kadilli	Member
9. Qemal Minxhozi	Member
10. Olta Xhaçka	Member

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| 12. Shpëtim Idrizi | Member |

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| 4. Rrahim Çota | Member |
| 5. Sherefedin Shehu | Member |
| 6. Rajmonda Bulku | Member |
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7.8 COMMITTEE ON LEGAL ISSUES, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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| 3. Viktor Gumi | Secretary |
| 4. Ramiz Çobaj | Member |
| 5. Arenca Trashani | Member |
| 6. Dashnor Sula | Member |

7. Paulina Hoti	Member
8. Gent Strazimiri	Member
9. Astrit Bushati	Member
10. Enkelejd Alibeaj	Member
11. Ylli Lame	Member
12. Tritan Shehu	Member
13. Mesila Doda	Member
14. Ilir Bano	Member
15. Fatos Hoxha	Member
16. Edi Paloka	Member
17. Arben Isaraj	Member
18. Armando Subashi	Member
19. Bashkim Fino	Member
20. Damian Gjikhuri	Member
21. Dashamir Peza	Member
22. Ermonela Felaj	Member
23. Vasilika Hysi	Member
24. Pandeli Majko	Member
25. Saimir Tahiri	Member
26. Shegush Ligori	Member
27. Tom Doshi	Member

Substitute members

1. Lajla Pernaska
2. Fatbardh Kadilli
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8. SUB-COMMITTEES

Special sub-committees may be established within the standing committees upon a proposal of the Conference of Chairs (article 19, point 2 of the Rules of Procedure). Their composition reflects the political composition of the Assembly. There is currently a Sub-Committee on Human Rights within the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration

and Human Rights, and a Sub–Committee on Gender Equality and Child Protection within the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Labour, Social Issues, and Health.

8.1 SUB–COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Composition

- | | |
|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Arenca Trashani | Member |
| 2. Mesila Doda | Member |
| 3. Viktor Gumi | Member |

8.2 SUB–COMMITTEE ON GENDER EQUALITY AND CHILD PROTECTION

Composition

- | | |
|------------------|--------|
| 1. Albana Vokshi | Member |
| 2. Mehmet Xheka | Member |
| 3. Kosta Barka | Member |

To date, the Socialist Party Group has not appointed any MPs to any of the sub–committees, and the steering bodies of the committees have not been selected.

9. PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

9.1 INTER–PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Composition

1. Jozefina Çoba Topalli
2. Jemin Gjana
3. Gramoz Ruçi
4. Vasilika Hysi
5. Eglantina Gjermeni
6. Taulant Balla
7. Qemal Minxhozi

9.2 PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE WEST EUROPEAN UNION

Composition

1. Flotjon Mima

9.3 PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COOPERATION WITH THE BLACK SEA

Composition

1. Edi Paloka
2. Edmond Spaho
3. Osman Metalla
4. Namik Dokle
5. Blendi Klosi

9.4 FRENCH ALLIANCE

Composition

1. Fatos Beja
2. Et'hem Ruka

9.5 OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Composition

1. Mesida Doda
2. Selami Xhepa
3. Arta Dade

9.6 CONFERENCE ON COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Composition

1. Rajmonda Bulku
2. Albert Çaçi

9.7 NATO

Composition

1. Leonard Demi
2. Gent Strazimiri
3. Pandeli Majko

9.8 PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Composition

1. Ilir Rusmali
2. Arben Ahmetaj
3. Lajla Pernaska
4. Shpëtim Idrizi

Substitute members

1. Arenca Trashani
2. Damian Gjijknuri
3. Olta Xhaçka
4. Kastriot Islami

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