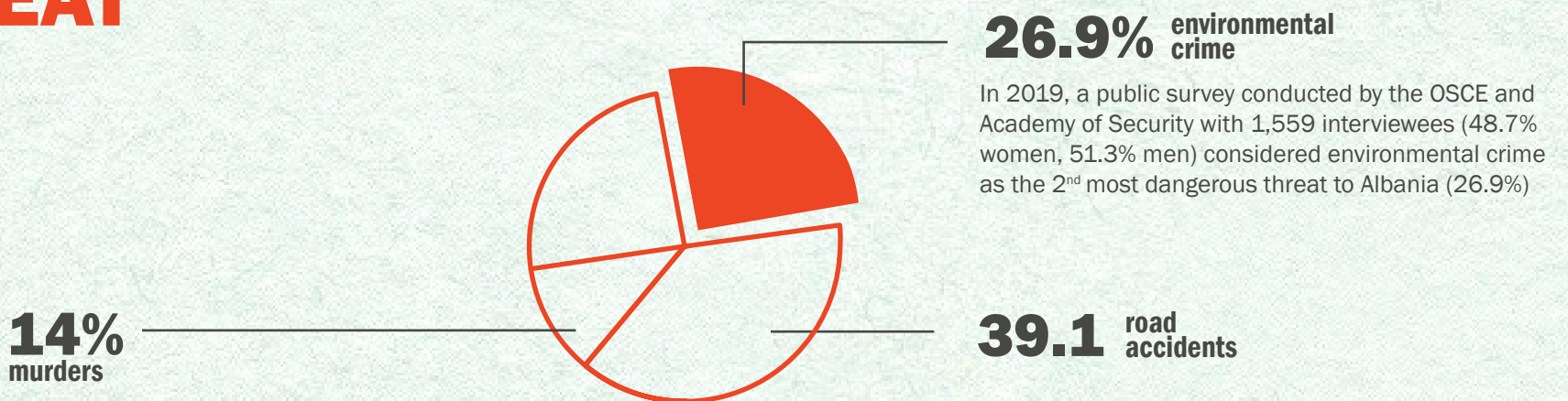


ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

Environmental crime consists of illegal activities that damage the environment through the exploitation and/or destruction of natural resources, water, air, and land or damage to protected areas to make material gains for groups or individuals.

CHALLENGES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

PUBLIC THREAT



To the question: "What are your major concerns regarding threats to environmental safety?" 84% of the respondents included water pollution, air pollution and illegal logging among their major concerns threatening Albanian environmental safety, followed by land pollution (74%) and waste burning (69.2%).



Environmental Crimes were the 4th largest crime globally in 2018 according to UNEP and INTERPOL.

According to the Albanian Forest Policy Document 019-2030 (CMD No. 814, dated 31.12.2018)

1.5 MILLION M³ of firewood is logged annually in Albania, 2.5 times higher than the generation capacity.



ECONOMIC DAMAGE

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Environmental crime requires trained, resourced, and a **QUICK REACTION FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.**

Albania needs to strengthen its enforcement regarding waste crime, nature crime and transboundary environmental crime.



DATA AND STATISTICS

7.69%

Environmental crimes marked an annual increase of 7.69 % compared to 2018, based on the 2019 General Prosecution Annual Report.

REPORTED CASES
During 2014-2018

Police reported **1,754** cases

Prosecution reported **586** cases or 33.4%

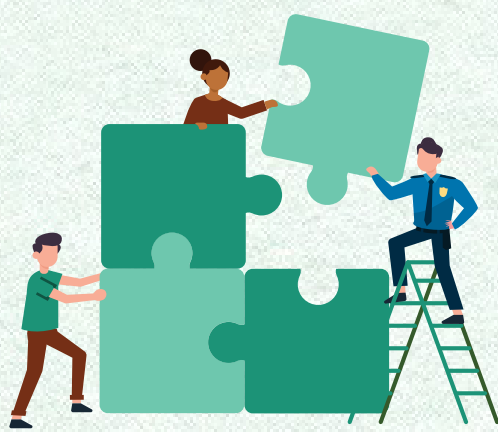
KEY CHALLENGES IN ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

PROPERLY REGISTERED CASES

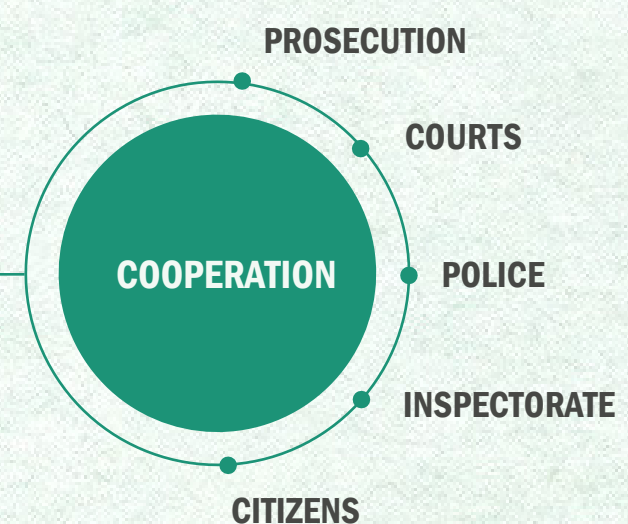
TRACEABLE CASES

LACK OF UPDATED STATISTICS

COOPERATION



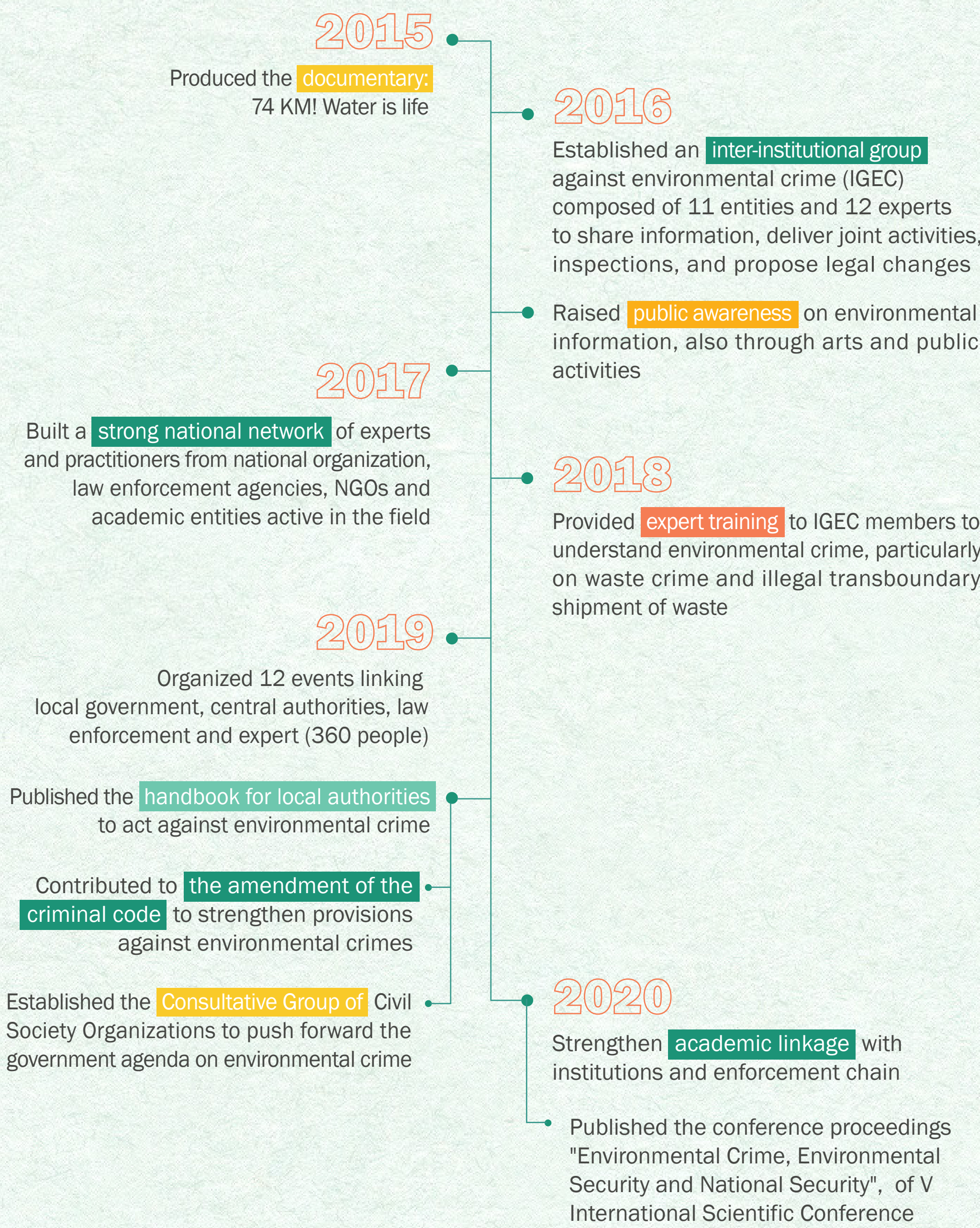
Preventing and punishing environmental crime requires close cooperation across the:



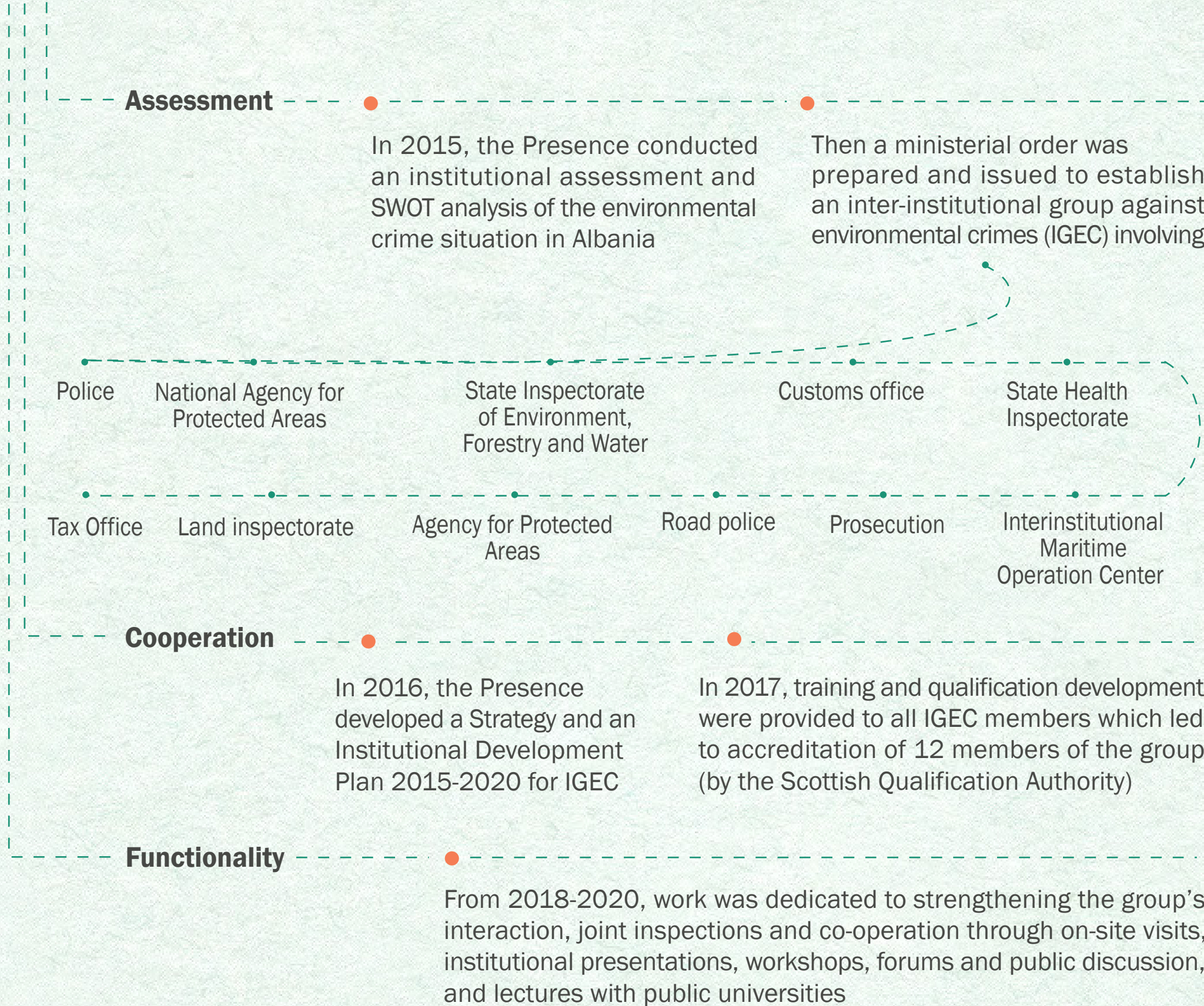
Learn more about OSCE Presence in Albania environmental crimes activities:



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2015-2020



OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS TIMELINE



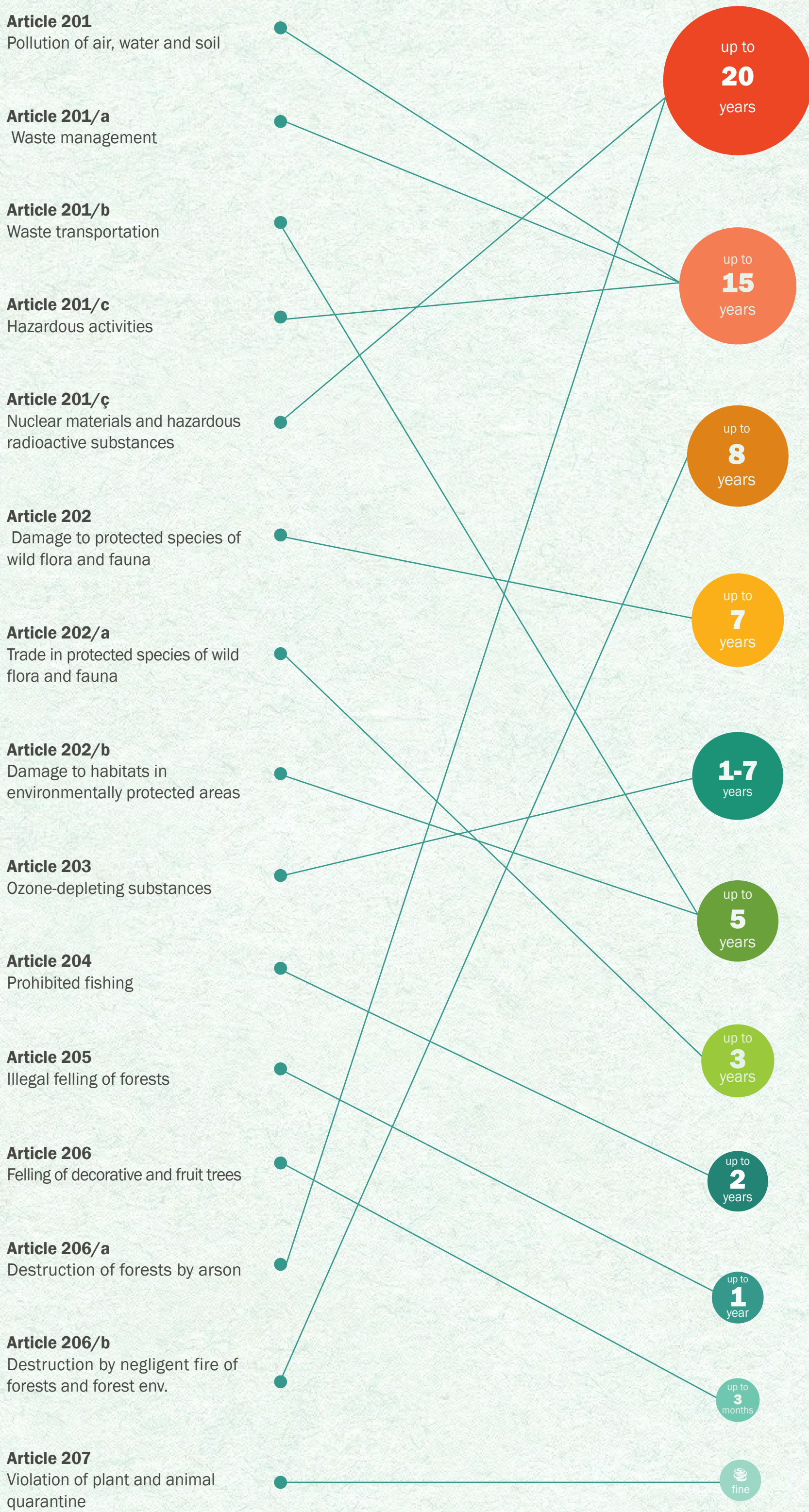
Learn more about OSCE Presence in Albania environmental crimes activities:



CRIMINAL CODE

Criminal Code of Albania

Imprisonment



*Criminal Code of Albania as amended in October 2019

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO RAISE AWARENESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

Citizens

Citizens need to be informed about the environmental crimes, risks, and dangers around themselves. They need to learn and engage to prevent environmental crimes in their territory.

Media

We live in a digital media and open source information. The use of media to communicate, engage with people and initiate reaction is very important to raise awareness and expose environmental crimes.

CSOs

Civil society is working on various environmental related problems such as industrial pollution, environmental degradation, breach of legislation and corruptive practices. As such, CSOs need to join forces and raise their concerns and provide solutions to address environmental crimes to institutions

Government

The government needs to cooperate and use the expertise of all stakeholders with the aim to discourage, prevent and prosecute environmental crimes in Albania.

Learn more about OSCE Presence in Albania environmental crimes activities:

