

# Roles and responsibilities of European Lead donors in Albania

## Preamble

The Fast Track Initiative on Division of Labour (FTI-DoL) aims at supporting gradual implementation of the EU Code of Conduct in Albania (CoC). FTI-DoL will integrate within existing donor coordination structures (namely SWGs) led by the Albanian Government, especially in those sectors more relevant to the EU integration agenda. European donors participate to FTI-DoL on a voluntary basis.

## Lead Donor

### *Roles & responsibilities*

A European Lead Donor should commit to facilitate sector policy dialogue and aid coordination among European donors and with GoA in the framework of the EU pre-accession agenda of Albania. Hence, a European Lead Donor should provide the following:

- to facilitate the gradual implementation of the EU Code of Conduct, encouraging sector concentration and division of labour among European donors;
- to assure that a common position of European donors is conveyed in sector policy dialogue to GoA and other donors (duly incorporating minority positions and divergent interests),
- to promote and coordinate – at sector level – the sharing of relevant information, technical expertise and best practice, especially in regard to EU standards and pre-accession requirements;
- to facilitate consensus building among European donors with regard to strategic planning of external assistance as well as the use of more aid-effective tools (eg sector PBA, joint programming, monitoring & evaluation, etc., wherever feasible);
- to actively promote complementarity between European bilateral aid and IPA, with the aim of fostering effective support for enlargement,
- to take responsibility as SWG-FP in some sectors (or sub-sectors) that are relevant to the EU pre-accession agenda, provided that comparative advantages are assessed by GoA
- appropriate resources must be devoted to fulfil such role and responsibilities.

### *Duration*

European Lead Donors should have the trust of other European donors and GoA to fulfil their task for a 3 year period, subject to yearly performance review.