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FROM PLANT TO PRODUCT: TRACEABILITY AT EVERY STAGE

On 6 October 2026, the Agency held an online technical meeting with representatives of ALBTrace. The presentation focused on the system's functionalities for tracking the product throughout its entire life cycle.

The National Agency for Cannabis Control (NACC) is continuing its work to implement the electronic track-and-trace system for the cannabis plant and its by-products, in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory framework.

The Agency and ALBTrace will continue working to assess the requirements and adapt the system, defining the next steps for implementation and aiming to ensure that it is ready in time for the licensing process.

The system also provides functionalities to support control, oversight and inspections, as well as the monitoring of data, licence holders and market operators.

This cooperation represents an important step towards establishing a reliable, transparent national system for cannabis control, in line with European standards.

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CANNABIS SUPERVISION ENTERS A NEW PHASE

Decision No. 748

"For the establishment of detailed rules on the supervision of licensed and authorised activities involving the cannabis plant and the production of its by-products for medical and industrial purposes."



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The Council of Ministers approved, at its meeting on 2 October 2026, Decision No. 748, which establishes detailed rules for the supervision, control and inspection of entities and activities licensed or authorised in relation to the cannabis plant, its by-products and products for medical and industrial purposes.

The National Agency for Cannabis Control exercises supervision throughout the entire operational lifecycle of each entity, both on-site and remotely, through authorised advanced technological tools that enable uninterrupted 24/7 access. The Agency also coordinates controls and inspections carried out by other competent authorities.

Material traceability will cover every stage, from import and cultivation to processing, storage and transport, through to export or disposal. Each lot, material or product will be identified and registered.

Quality control will be supported by the collection and analysis of samples, particularly where the measured THC content in industrial cannabis exceeds the maximum permitted limit of 0.8%, in accordance with Law No. 61/2023.

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INTERINSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION ON CHAPTER 24, "JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND SECURITY"



As part of the European integration process, Albanian institutions continue their joint efforts to fulfil the commitments set out under Chapter 24, "Justice, Freedom and Security," with a particular focus on the Closing Benchmarks.

On 30 September 2026, a follow-up meeting of the Interinstitutional Working Group on Chapter 24 was held, attended by representatives of the institutions responsible for and contributing to this process.

The meeting focused on progress in implementing the measures set out in the Closing Benchmarks, the relevant deadlines and responsibilities, with the aim of consolidating a unified approach to the closing benchmarks and concrete measures, as well as coordinating the next steps in the process.

The National Agency for Cannabis Control is an active participant in this process, contributing in line with its institutional responsibilities and competencies in relation to the relevant measures and commitments under Chapter 24, as well as supporting the European integration process.

Continued interinstitutional coordination and joint efforts to meet the Closing Benchmarks remain essential to consolidating commitments and advancing the European integration process.

NATIONAL AGENCY FOR CANNABIS CONTROL AT “CULTIVA HANFEXPO VIENNA 2026”

Representatives of the National Agency for Cannabis Control participated in the international event “Cultiva HANFEXPO Vienna 2026”, held in Vienna, Austria, with a focus on exploring technological developments and international practices in the cannabis sector.



During the event, meetings were held with representatives of entities and organisations operating in the sector.



Discussions focused on cultivation technologies for outdoor and indoor environments, hydroponic systems, biological substrates, post-harvest processing equipment, extraction and filtration technologies, as well as solutions for product packaging and quality preservation.

Alongside the exhibition, “Cultiva Congress 2026” was held featuring a programme focused on scientific, medical, legal and technical issues. The sessions addressed the use of medical cannabis in clinical practice, legislation on controlled substances, research into consumption methods, propagation through tissue culture, and the optimisation of post-harvest processes.

Participation in this event contributes to strengthening the Agency’s institutional capacities and improving the processes for licensing, supervision, control, inspection and traceability of activities related to cannabis for medical and industrial purposes.

PINK OCTOBER: SCREENING IS AN ACT OF LOVE



Pink October is a reminder of the importance of awareness, health care and early diagnosis.

The staff of the National Cannabis Control Agency, in cooperation with the Institute of Public Health (IPH), organised an information and awareness-raising session at the Agency's premises as part of Pink October, the month dedicated to breast cancer awareness.







The activity aimed to promote information and raise awareness of the role of prevention and ongoing health care.

Through this initiative, the Agency reaffirms the importance of promoting health and fostering a culture of awareness, emphasising the message that early diagnosis and self-care can make a difference.

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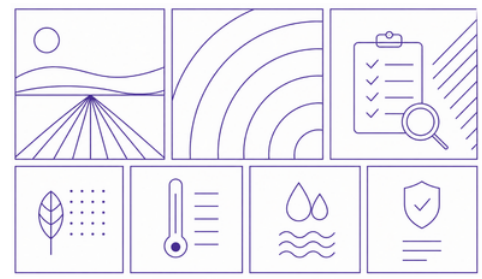
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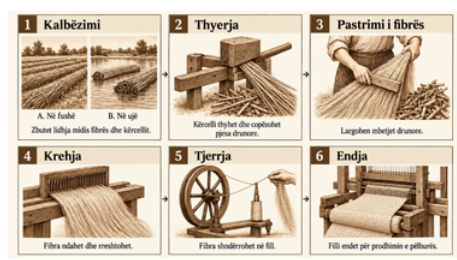
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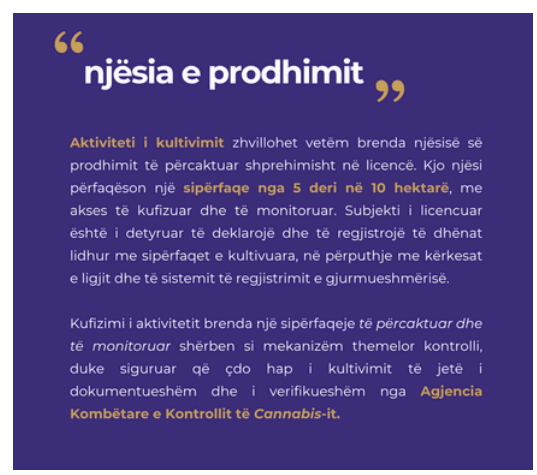
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TEKNOLOGJITË TRADICIONALE TË PËRPUNIMIT





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MEET THE AGENCY STAFF



Pharmacist with several years of experience at the National Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices, specialising in the assessment and verification of accompanying documentation for the import and export of medicinal products, in accordance with the applicable legislation. She currently serves as a specialist at the National Agency for Cannabis Control, where she is involved in activities related to the oversight, control and inspection of authorised entities.

Anjeza Saliaj

> *“When pharmaceutical science intersects with the potential of nature, a plant known for centuries can be explored from a new scientific and therapeutic perspective.”*

MEET THE AGENCY STAFF



Desantila Qafa is an environmental engineer and holds a Master of Science degree specialising in Energy Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Tirana. She has over 10 years of professional experience in management systems auditing and assessing compliance with international standards. She currently serves as Coordinator at the National Agency for Cannabis Control, where she is responsible for coordinating oversight, control and inspection activities, developing working methodologies, and monitoring compliance with legal requirements governing industrial cannabis.

Desantila Qafa

“In a developing sector such as industrial cannabis, I believe that regulatory clarity, institutional accountability and good practices are essential to an effective oversight system. Success depends on the ability to turn legal requirements and standards into concrete, practical and measurable processes.”

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Irina Argjiri is a pharmacist and a PhD candidate at the University of Medicine, Tirana. Her professional experience combines community pharmacy practice with scientific research, quality control in the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry and, more recently, regulatory control.

In her current role at the Agency, she assesses the compliance of authorised entities' activities with applicable legal requirements and relevant standards.

Irina Argjiri

> *"Every aspect of the pharmacy profession brings its own challenges and opportunities for growth."*

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