



## *BCP Facilitation in Albania*



3<sup>rd</sup> Technical Committee on Transport  
Facilitation



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*Albania has borders with Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Greece.*

*The list of Air, Sea and Road /Rail BCP entry points, is as follows:*

*Air – TIA “Nene Tereza”;*

*Ports – Durres, Vlora, Saranda& Shengjin*

*Rail – Tuzi Joint Border Station*

*Road – Montenegro*

*Kosovo*

*North Macedonia*

*Greece*





*Update on the  
implementation of the one –  
stop – shops in Road BCP  
with our neighbours*







## *Muriqan-Sukobin BCP with MONTENEGRO*

- ▶ Opened in 2002;
- ▶ EU Investment approx. 1.3 Million Euro
- ▶ OSS Facility was inaugurated in 2009, after signing the Government Agreement and all protocols from authorities;

Currently operates as OSS only for Passengers and not for Freight.

*Best experience in the WB Region*





## *Hani I Hotit – Bozaj BCP with MONTENEGRO*

- ▶ Opened in early '80 – the only BCP with neighbors in the Communism Regime;
- ▶ This BCP has been equipped with modern infrastructure With this investment completed in 2018, this border point reaches the parameters of the first category by applying service and processing standards in line with those of the Schengen Zone.
- ▶ Total EU Investment approx. 2.5 million Euro from IPA 2012.

The EU investment didn't foresee the implementation of OSS.





## *BCPs with MONTENEGRO*

- ▶ With the Order of the Minister of Infrastructure and Energy no. 848, dated 7.12.2018 the Inter-Institutional Working Group between Republic of Albania and Montenegro on the development of the joint Action Plan for the Border Crossing points between Republic of Albania and Montenegro was established;
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting in Podgorica, on 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2019;
- ▶ The draft the joint Action Plan sent on 17.05.2019;

According to the last communication with Montenegrin partners we are informed that they are ready to organize the next meeting by the end of this year, or in early 2020.



## *Morine – Vernice BCP with KOSOVO*

- ▶ Build in the 1980s and partially rehabilitated in 2002.
- ▶ In order to improve the existing Infrastructure, improvements have been required through European Union funded Projects.
- ▶ The first phase of works was carried out under IPA 2009 creating a wider area for heavy vehicle parking, (IPA + GoA – 550,000 Euro)
- ▶ The second Phase of the works was carried out under IPA 2012 and GoA (IPA contribution approx. 1 million Euro).

Improvement of infrastructure and services in this BCP has contributed to improving border management in line with EU standards, in particular with regard to Schengen standards.

The Government Agreement signed  
On 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2019;





## *Qafë Thanë / KJAFASAN BCP with NORTH MACEDONIA (1)*

- ▶ Qafë Thanë / KJAFASAN is a "primary gateway" between Albania and North Macedonia (Corridor VIII);
- ▶ This BCP serves road traffic operating on the Elbasan–Korce–Qafë Thane corridor, and connecting into Western part of North Macedonia. Given its location along Pan–European Corridor VIII, it is considered to be of strategic importance for both countries;
- ▶ Both governments consider a joint border crossing facility to be a priority (in line with Poznan Summit Conclusions);
- ▶ Prime Minister Order No.14, of 25.10.2019 has been issued;

Implementation by the WB Project on  
Transport Trade Facilitation







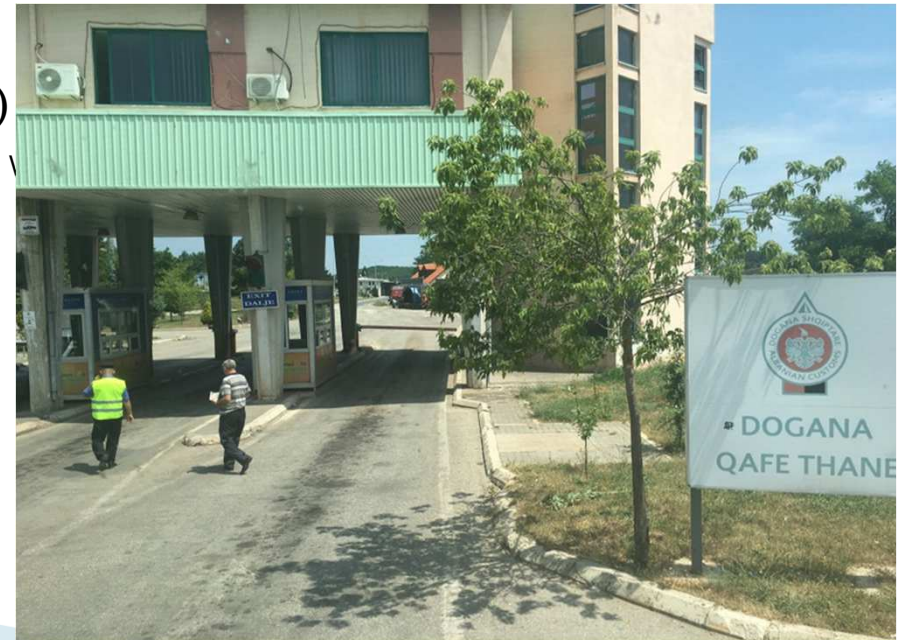
## *Qafë Thanë / KJAFASAN BCP with NORTH MACEDONIA (2)*

WB Project on Transport Trade Facilitation

*Component 1 – FACILITATE CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENT OF GOODS,*

Sub-component 1.2, Improve Border Crossings in Selected Trade Corridors are foreseen to be carried out:

- Assessment of the existing physical situation and identification of project requirements for the Qafe Thana BCP project (USD 67,500) scheduled to be signed in July 2020 and completed in January 2021;
- Detailed project and supervision of works for Qafe Thana BCP (USD 110,000) scheduled to be signed in October 2020 and completed in October 2021;
- Civil works at the Qafe Thana BCP, (USD 2 million) scheduled to be signed in October 2020 and completed in October 2022.





## *BCPs with GREECE*

Kapshticë – Krystallopigi (*important BCP*)

Kakavia – Ktismata (*main BCP*)

*No new developments regarding these BCPs*





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stop – shops in Rail BCP with  
MNE*







## *Tuzi Joint Rail Station (BCP) with MNE*

- ▶ The Joint operations started in July 2017;
- ▶ One of the best and only examples in the WB Region;
- ▶ *Substantial investments are needed to bring this Joint Rail Station in the standards of a common rail crossing point;*

As it was concluded in the 2<sup>nd</sup> TFTC, in order to have a smooth implementation of the rail BCP agreement between ALB and MNE, both authorities will be met in the beginning of 2020 in order to discuss and to address any potential obstacles in operation and to solve them jointly.



# Thank You!

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