

# ISHTI (STII) - State Technical & Industrial Inspectorate

## Plans for progress report of guidelines

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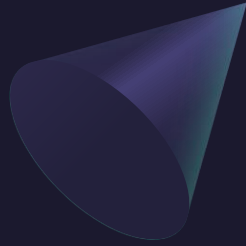
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# State-of-play

- Directive 2010/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2010 on transportable pressure equipment:
  - Ensures the free movement of transportable pressure equipment, i.e. tanks and cylinders for the carriage of gases according to Directive 2008/68/EC.
  - Contains rules to ensure the free movement of TPE throughout the Union, including obligations of economic operators and rules for conformity assessment and periodic inspection and checks of transportable pressure equipment.
  - Safeguard clauses are foreseen in order to withdraw from the market non-compliant transportable pressure equipment.
- The EU legislation and the national level of harmonization:
  - Law no. 118/2012 “On the transport of dangerous goods”. (OJ of the Republic of Albania no 172 of 31.12.2012). (partially aligning Directive 2010/35/EU)
  - DCM no. 430 of 26.6.2019 “On the approval of technical rule on the essential requirements and conformity assessment of the portable pressure equipment”, (OJ of the Republic of Albania no 95 of 2.07.2019). (fully alignment to the Directive 2010/35/EU)

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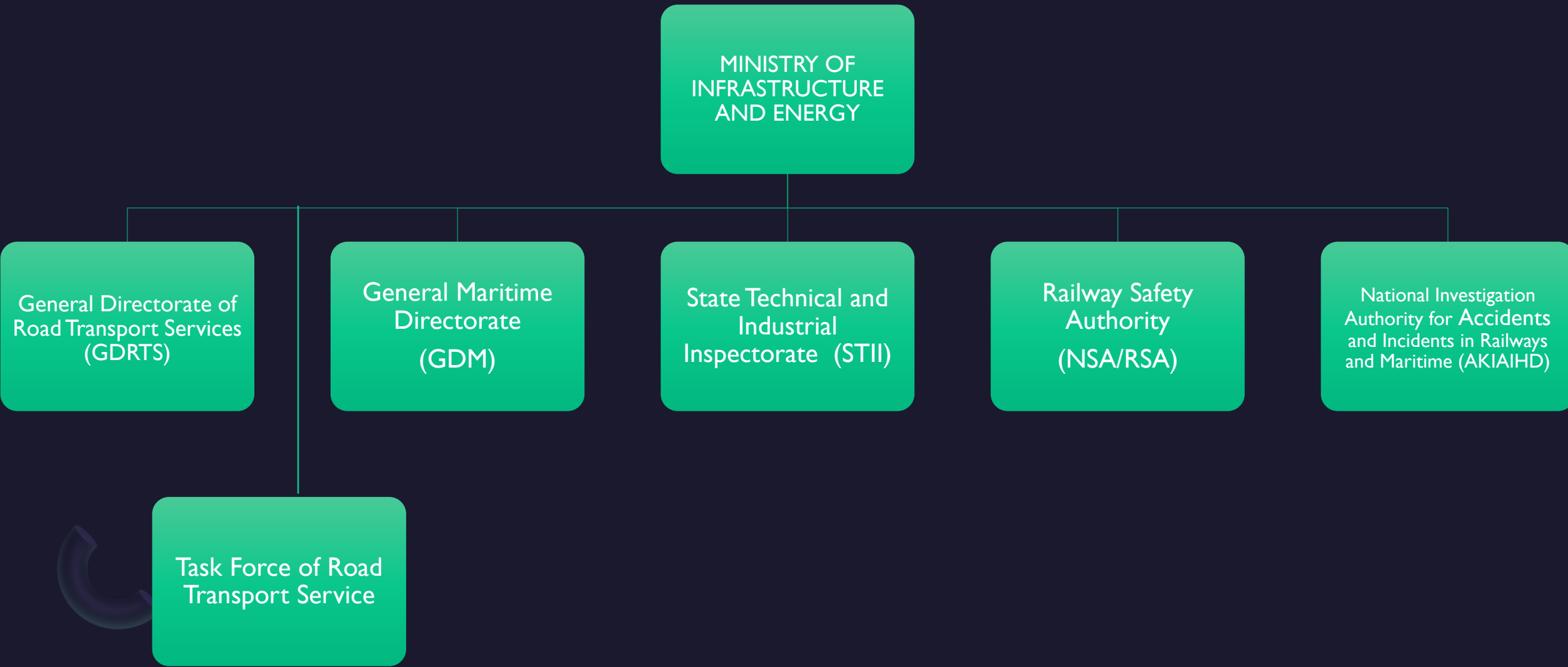


DCM no. 430 of 26.6.2019 “On the approval of a technical rule on the essential requirements and conformity assessment of the portable pressure equipment”, defines the following:

- rules for the safety of transportable pressure equipment designed for the land transport of dangerous goods and to ensure their free transportation, including their placement and availability on the market, as well as the use of these transportable pressure devices in Albania under safe technical conditions;
- obligations of economic operators and the conditions that this transportable pressure equipment must meet in order to be safe for use, including periodic, intermediate, and extraordinary inspections as well as compliance with the technical definitions and standards listed in this decision;



# STII in the Inter-ministerial groups (TDG)



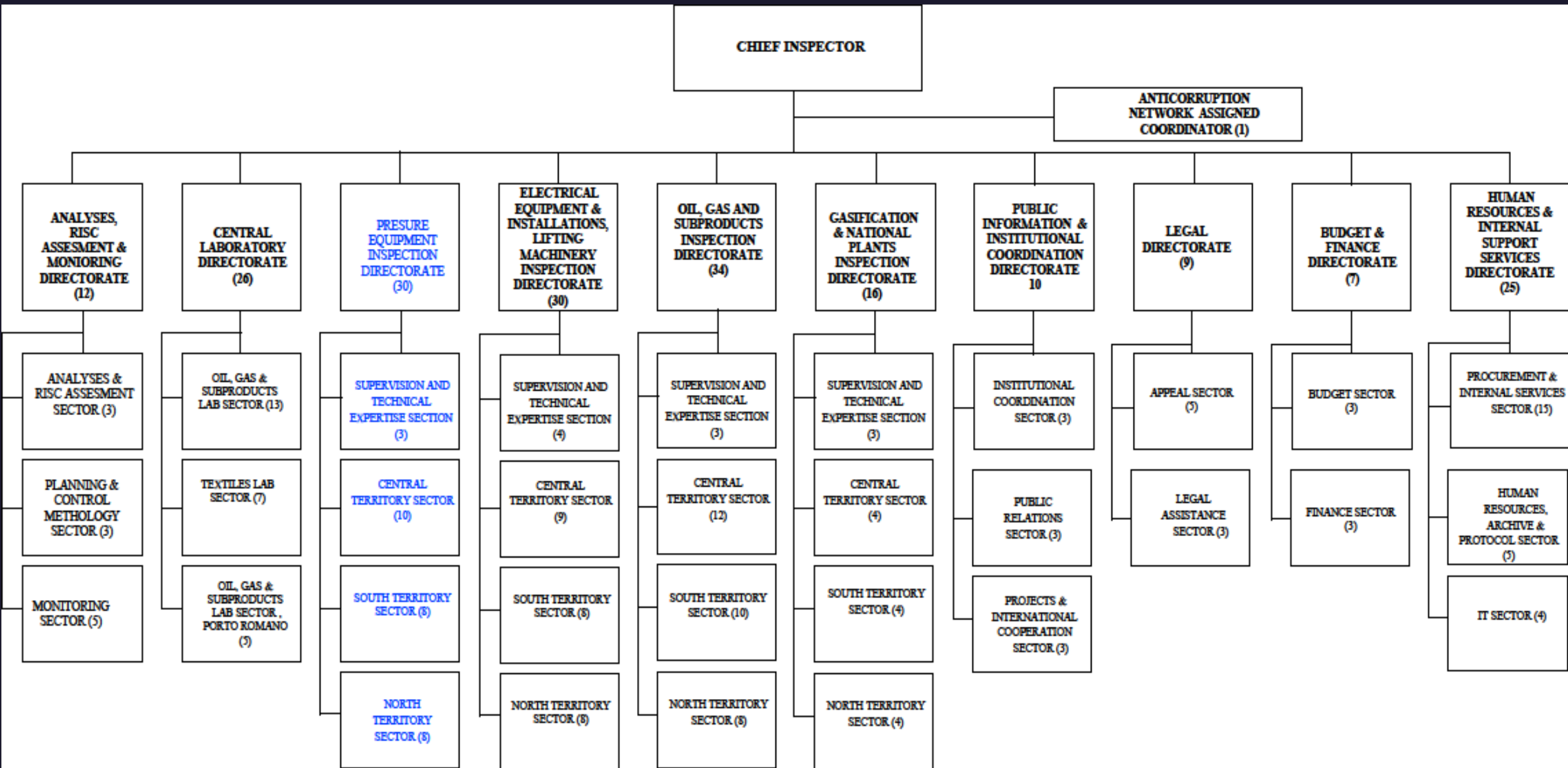
# Introduction

- The State Technical and Industrial Inspectorate (STII) acts on behalf of Ministry of Infrastructure & Energy of Albania as the responsible structure for market surveillance covering Inspection mission on Infrastructure, Industry and Energy, enforcement of technical safety, quality of products and installations, industry standards, consumer protection, nonfood products safety etc., guaranteeing the safety of products for consumers, placed on the market and in service/use through surveillance & inspection activities under the legislation in force.
- STII, Established by DCM no. 410, dated 13.5.2015 “On the creation, organization and functioning of the State Technical and Industrial Inspectorate”.
- Order of PM, no 105, 13.08.2020, “On approval of structure & organic of STII (ISHTI)” approved the new organigram & organic growth of 100% financed by state budget
- Order of the Minister no. 288, dated 13.10.2020 ‘On approval of internal regulation, organization and functioning of the State Technical and Industrial Inspectorate”

# STII Legal Framework:

- Law nr. 10433, 16.06.2011 “For the Inspection in the Republic of Albania”
- Law nr. 9902, 17.04.2008 “For the consumer protection”
- Law nr. 10489, 15/12/2011 “For the trade & surveillance of nonfood products market”
- Law nr. 32/2016, 24.03.2016 “For the work safety guarantee of under pressure equipment & installations”
- Law nr. 8450, 24.02.1999 “For the processing, transport, & trade of oil, gas & it’s subproducts”
- Law nr. 8734, 01.02.2001 “For the work safety guarantee of electrical appliances and installations”
- Law nr. 10480, 7/11/2011 “For the general safety of nonfood products”
- Law nr. 116/2014, 11.09.2014 “For the accreditation of the conformity assessment organs”
- Law nr. 102/2015, date 23.09.2015, “For the natural gas sector”
- DCM nr. 430, 26.6.2019 “For the approval of technical rules & the essential demands for the conformity assessment of transportable pressure equipment”
- DCM nr. 1062, 23.12.2015 “ For the approval of technical rule for under pressure equipment & for the designation of harmonized standards list”

# STII Structure (200 employees)



# STII Structure

- Inspection Structure:
  - 110 employees dedicated to inspection. 90 employees dedicated to other administrative activities
  - Under Pressure Equipment Inspection Directorate (30 employees)
- Inspection procedure is carried out through the online e-inspection platform and based on a monthly pre – validated plan, to guarantee transparency and digitization of the documentation and the storage of inspection data. Both E-Inspection online platform and monthly plan approval are managed from Central Inspectorate
- There is no dedicated structure for TDG inspection in the STII structure. Inspections are carried out from the Under Pressure Equipment Inspection Directorate inspectors. Inspectors are not trained for TDG inspection due to lack of funds.





# STII Structure

- Inspection Directorates:
  - Under Pressure Equipment Inspection Directorate
  - Oil, Gas & Sub-products Inspection Directorate
  - Electrical Installations, Appliances & Lifting Machineries Inspection Directorate
  - Gasification Systems and National Plants (LNG) Inspection Directorate



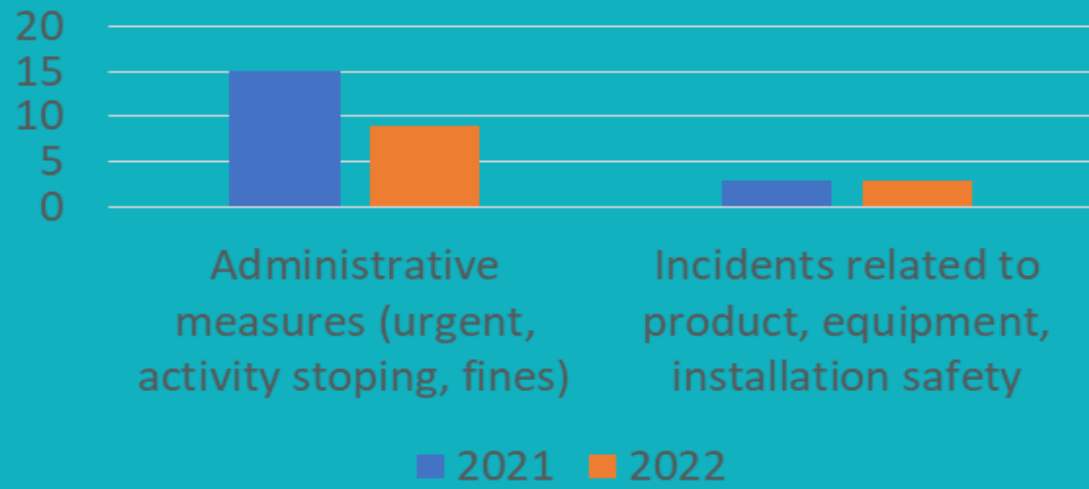
# STII Data

- 3080 Vehicles registered for TDG, different types
- 52 vehicle body codes
- 450 companies owning and operating TDG vehicles
- Inspected from STII = 55 companies (gap 90%)
- Registered transportable tanks (above 1000 L) = 140 (gap unknown)

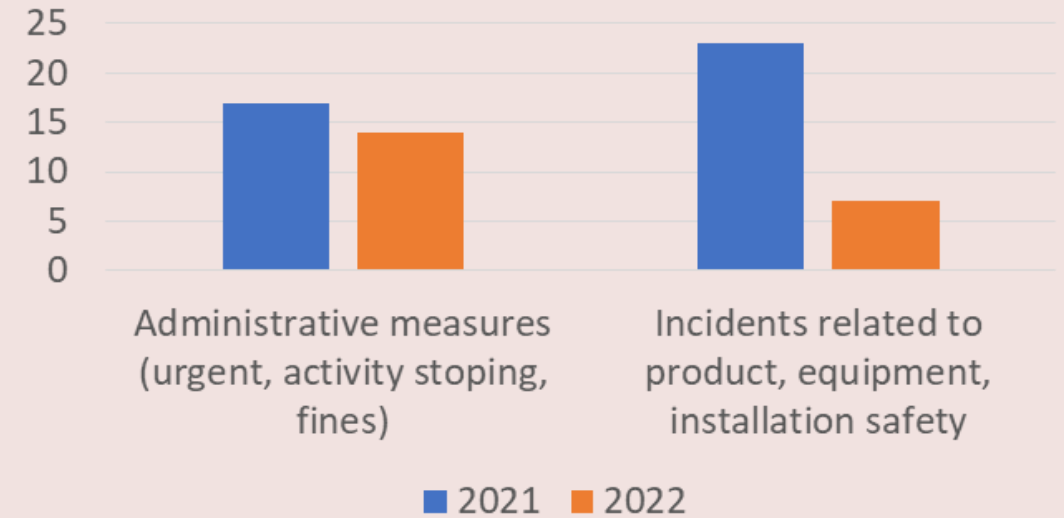


# STII Implementation and Enforcement

## Oil, Gas & Subproducts Inspection Directorate



## Under Pressure Equipment Inspection Directorate



# STII Implementation and Enforcement

Under Pressure Equipment Inspection Directorate key focus measures 2020 – 2022:

- Cooperation memorandum with General Directorate of Customs to inform STII for every case of import of PE (3-5 kg, 5-25 kg and above 25 kg of volume) imports. The relevant import paperwork (CE certificate, usage instructions) to be checked from STII before entering the market.
- Reinforced control over third party conformity assessment bodies on the procedures followed on PE conformity assessment.
- New inspectors' mandatory acceptance test on tests based on Law 10433 dated 16.06.2011 “On Inspection in the Republic of Albania”
- Collaboration and information exchange with SIMS, Customs, Municipalities, Ministry of Infrastructure & Energy, local inspectorates, Ministry of Finance, NFA, GDA, State Police, Fire Protection, and other enforcement bodies in order to identify and prevent breaches to legal frameworks and technical safety of PE

# Implementation and Enforcement, STII

Year	Subjects Inspected (Plan based)	Equipment Inspected (Plan Based)	Re-Inspections	New Registered equipment	Out of the plan Inspections	Out of Operation equipment	Administrative punishments (fines)	Serious incidents involving PE	Administrative complaints from subjects, individuals, whistleblowers
2016	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2017	273	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
2018	1963	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
2019	1985	NA	NA	NA	103	NA	NA	NA	NA
2020	1460	4151	9	254	676	NA	7	9	7
2021	2909	4503	41	325	378	635	22	19	23
2022	2396	4930	168	425	578	736	20	5	27



# Budget & Assistance, STII

Under Pressure Equipment Inspection Directorate budget considerations:

- Total salary fund (ALL – Albanian Lek) = 30,654,972 ALL
- 2023 budget not fully approved
- There was no operational expenses fund for 2022
- Missing funds for all logistics in general (including vehicles, personal protection equipment/health & safety, IT equipment and infrastructure, office spaces, test and measurement equipment, etc.), other key activities such as training and human resources, experience exchange and continuous improvement, awareness campaigns for consumer & operators, etc.



# Budget & Assistance, STII

- STII Budget high level data (ALL – Albanian Lek):

	2020		2021		2022		2023			2024		
	Budget	Spent	Budget	Spent	Budget	Spent	Budget	Demand	Gap	Budget	Demand	Gap
<b>Salaries</b>	187,350,000	186,972,278	217,550,000	216,487,029	216,900,000	216,267,402	224,000,000	234,000,000	10,000,000	224,000,000	234,000,000	10,000,000
<b>Operational Expenses</b>	27,150,000	26,805,568	36,450,000	35,816,438	35,889,000	35,889,000	38,000,000	80,000,000	42,000,000	88,000,000	100,000,000	12,000,000
<b>Investments</b>	32,300,000	29,324,400	5,000,000	-	36,740,000	9,564,000	45,200,000	58,450,000	13,250,000	52,600,000	52,600,000	-



# Future Plans

- Ensure funds related to logistics in general, IT infrastructure and digitalisation, vehicle fleet, inspection measuring and testing equipment, workspace supplies, PPE and HSE, training and human resources, experience exchange, awareness campaigns for consumer & operators
- Propose legal framework changes in order to better align legal acts issued in different periods of time which may be not fully aligned, overlapping scope and responsibilities, to the extent fields of inspection activities, etc
- Work on full alignment process related to EU respective directives which have not been transposed or partially transposed in cooperation with MIE and other institutions
- Ensure funds for Inspection training on TDG, incl. TAIEX, TWINNING, IPA on pre-enforcement campaign on the transport of dangerous goods, Western Balkans Investment Framework on Human development and Digitalisation
- Create & approve a dedicated check list in E-Inspection system for TDG inspection





# Future Plans

- Cooperation and exchange of experiences with foreign counterpart organizations and inspectorates involved in the field of inspection or standards.
- Participate in projects & initiatives supported by EU grants to strengthen the administrative capacities of the institution.
- Use TAIEX instrument to ensure peer review of institutions and exchanges of experience in different areas. First application currently being sent to the TCT.
- Transportable Pressure Equipment Directive enforcement.

