Albania's 50% Zipper Quota for Municipal Councils — Women's Seats Rose from 12% to 44%, Then Resignations Handed Seats Back to Men

Gender Equality · Good practice · Albania

Quality score: 85/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Albania's Electoral Code requires municipal council lists to alternate genders (50%), with non-compliant lists rejected. Women's council seats rose from ~12% (2011) to over 34% (2015) and 44% (2019), but after 2023 many elected women resigned and men took their seats.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	1/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-20

Central Election Commission of Albania (Electoral Code) — accessed 2026-11-20

OSCE Presence in Albania — 2015 quota results — accessed 2026-11-20

OSCE/ODIHR final report, 2019 local elections — accessed 2026-11-20

UN Albania — 44% women councillors in 2019 — accessed 2026-11-20

FES research brief on 2023 resignations — accessed 2026-11-20

International IDEA Gender Quotas Database — Albania — accessed 2026-11-20

Cite this — Evidoria. *Albania's 50% Zipper Quota for Municipal Councils — Women's Seats Rose from 12% to 44%, Then Resignations Handed Seats Back to Men*. Persistent ID: acbd1667-18a1-42d1-a87e-30fac01c3871.