

Albania's 'Smart City' Camera Network — A \$113.6 Million AI Surveillance Rollout With No Privacy Review

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Albania

Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Albania is installing thousands of AI-linked cameras across 20 cities and 28 border points under a \$113.6m deal with UAE firm Presight AI, but journalists found the contract classified, no data-protection impact assessment, and police denying the facial-recognition capability the

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-16

[Albanian Ministry of Interior / State Police \(with Presight AI, UAE\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-16

[Albania's AI Turn: A Surveillance State Without Oversight? – Transitions Online](#) — accessed 2026-09-16

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