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**“APPROVAL OF THE REGULATION “ON THE REGISTRATION AND
ADMINISTRATION OF THE DOMAIN NAMES “.AL, .GOV.AL, .MIL.AL, .EDU.AL,
.COM.AL, .ORG.AL AND .NET.AL””**

The Steering Council (SC) of the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (AKEP),
with the participation of:

Mr. Gentian Sala, Chairman

Ms. Edlira Dvorani, Member

Mr. Armer Juka, Member

Mr. Bleron Dokle, Member

Ms. Diana Dervishi, Member

and Secretary Ms. Dania Nallbani, at its meeting held on 09.09.2026, pursuant to the procedure provided for under Law No. 54/2024 “On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania”, Law No. 8480, dated 27.05.1999 “On the Functioning of Collegial Bodies of State Administration and Public Entities”, and the Internal Regulation on the Organization and Functioning of the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (AKEP), approved by Decision No. 11, dated 31.03.2026, of the Steering Council of AKEP, upon the proposal of the Directory of Information Technology and Security, considered the following matter:

- Approval of the Regulation “On the registration and administration of the domain names ‘.al, .gov.al, .mil.al, .edu.al, .com.al, .org.al and .net.al”.

LEGAL BASIS:

1. Paragraph 1 of Article 133 of Law No. 54/2024 “On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania”.

THE STEERING COUNCIL:

Having reviewed the documentary material consisting of the following:

1. Draft Regulation “On the registration and administration of the domain names “.al, .gov.al, .mil.al, .edu.al, .com.al, .org.al and .net.al”;

2. AKEP's Position on the comments of interested parties following the public consultation;
3. Draft reasoned decision;
4. The explanatory report accompanying the Draft Decision;

Furthermore, with reference to the discussions held at the meeting regarding the matter and the aforementioned legal basis,

NOTES THAT:

1. The Steering Council of AKEP approved by Decision No. 12, dated 16.04.2026 for public consultation the Draft Regulation "On the registration and administration of the domain names ".al, .gov.al, .mil.al, .edu.al, .com.al, .org.al and .net.al,".
2. The Draft Regulation was prepared pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 133 of Law No. 54/2024 "On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania", in accordance with subparagraph "dh" of paragraph 2 of Article 12 of this Law and with Council of Ministers Decision No. 219, dated 17.04.2025 "On the approval of rules regarding security, stability, and accuracy in the registration of data for '.al' domain names."
3. The Draft Regulation aims to establish a new and updated regulatory framework for the administration of the ".al" domain names, by harmonizing the administration of the national registry with legal and technological developments and contemporary international practices.
4. The public consultation process was conducted over a period of 30 days, from 20.04.2026 to 20.05.2026, through its publication on the official website of AKEP.
5. Following its approval for public consultation, on 22 April 2026, the Draft Regulation was sent for assessment to several central and local public institutions that register domain names under the ".al" zone with AKEP, namely: the Prime Minister's Office, the Parliament of Albania, the National Association of Municipalities of Albania, the National Cyber Security Authority, the Commissioner for the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Data, and the General Directorate of Industrial Property.
6. Upon conclusion of the public consultation process, comments were submitted to AKEP by the Commissioner for the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Data, the company "One Albania" sh.a., the registrars "Host.al" sh.p.k., "WebHost" sh.p.k., "Keminet" sh.p.k., as well as the Science and Innovation for Development Center (SCIDEV).
7. Following the review of the comments submitted, AKEP prepared:
 - The Draft Regulation "On the registration and administration of the domain names ".al, .gov.al, .mil.al, .edu.al, .com.al, .org.al and .net.al", which constitutes the final version of the document following the public consultation process;
 - The document "AKEP's Position on the Comments of Interested Parties", in which all comments submitted during the public consultation process have been analyzed and reasoned.
8. Following the conclusion of the public consultation process, the Draft Regulation underwent several amendments, consisting of additions, reformulations and clarifications, with the aim of increasing the clarity of its provisions, ensuring legal certainty, and harmonizing them with Law No. 54/2024, Law No. 124/2024 "On Personal Data Protection", as well as with international practices concerning the administration of national domain name registries (ccTLDs).
9. The amendments reflected primarily concern definitions, the procedures for the registration, transfer, suspension, blocking and deletion of domain names, verification of registration data, personal data protection, the operation of the RDAP service, the

accreditation criteria for registrars, as well as technical and editorial improvements, with the aim of ensuring the most effective implementation of the Regulation.

FOR THESE REASONS:

Based on paragraph 1 of Article 14 and paragraph 1 of Article 15 of Law No. 54/2024 “On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania” and Law No. 8480, dated 27.05.1999 “On the Functioning of Collegial Bodies of State Administration and Public Entities”, the Steering Council of AKEP,

DECIDED:

1. To approve the Regulation “On the registration and administration of the domain names ‘.al, .gov.al, .mil.al, .edu.al, .com.al, .org.al and .net.al’”, as well as “AKEP’s Position on the Comments of Interested Parties”, in accordance with the document attached hereto.
2. This Decision and the Regulation “On the registration and administration of the domain names ‘.al, .gov.al, .mil.al, .edu.al, .com.al, .org.al and .net.al’” shall be published on the official website of AKEP at www.akep.al
3. The administration of AKEP is entrusted with the follow up on and implementing of this Decision.

This Decision shall enter into force immediately.

Chairman	Member	Member	Member	Member
Gentian Sala	Edlira Dvorani	Armer Juka	Bleron Dokle	Diana Dervishi