



IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL PROGRAMS

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Introduction



Social programs in Albania consist of: economic aid to the unemployed, professional courses, and assistance to low income people in order to cope with the expenses related to public services such as telephone, power, hospital, food assistance, etc.



Who performs them

- The Assembly as a law making body
- The Council of Ministers as the authority that, in compliance with the Constitution, defines the main directions of the general government policy



Social Programs - Legal Mechanisms

- The Law no. 8626, dated 22 June 2000, “About the Status of paraplegic and tetraplegic disabled”.
- The law no.8098, dated 28 March 1996, “On the status of the blind ”
- The decision of the Council of Ministers No.83 dated 26 February 2001 “On the phone and power fees for people with limited abilities”
- Other decisions of the Council of Ministers

CRITERIA TO BENEFIT FROM SOCIAL PROGRAMS



- a. The paraplegic and tetraplegic disabled**
- b. The blind, incapable of moving without an attendant, in physical conditions of the first group I.**
- c. People in need**



BENEFITS FROM SOCIAL PROGRAMS

- ❖ Every paraplegic and tetraplegic disabled, every blind person incapable of moving without an attendant, in physical conditions pertaining to first group invalidity, pays only 20% of the monthly power consumption.
- ❖ People in need benefit from a compensation of 0.5 lek per kw/hour.



THE REGULATOR AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS

- **Subsidize power prices for household clients compared to non household clients**
- **Subsidize prices for the category of some non household consumers who have an impact on the standard of living of the population**



DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTING THE DIRECT SOCIAL PROGRAMS BY ERE

- The authority entitled by law to ERE
- The functioning of APC as a state owned company
- Potential debates on the nature of the program – businesses may consider as tax



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