

## **THE ROLE OF THE ALBANIAN POLITICAL CLASS IN RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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### **Abstract**

Politics has influenced the development process of democracy, institutions and the rule of law as well as in inhibiting or return back to these achievements in Albania. Albanian citizens and the international ones agree that the biggest criticism for the lack of progress in the integration of the country depends on Albanian political class. The European Commission declared that Albania has made progress but the Albanian political class has a long way towards integration and democratization. In this context the approach of Albania into the European Union has been a deficient institutional approach as a result of ongoing war for power governance for political class. The history of the most developed countries testifies the fact that the good organization of political parties and the strengthening of their internal democracy constitute the basis and credibility to build a democratic state. The process of integration into the European Union is deeply related to the democratization of the political system, economic and social development of the country. The “Communist- Democratic” binomial is still strong and affects the behavior and decision of the leaders of the main parties. These mentalities appear and impede the compromise and cooperation in key historical moments for the country. In modern constitutional democracies, the separation and the balance of powers is a basic feature that definitely is setting specific limits on the powers of the state against the individual which are essential elements of democracy. To achieve serious results in this direction it is required the commitment of political leaders so that the presentations and the observance of the principle of separation of institutional democratization become a reality and not just a goal.

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