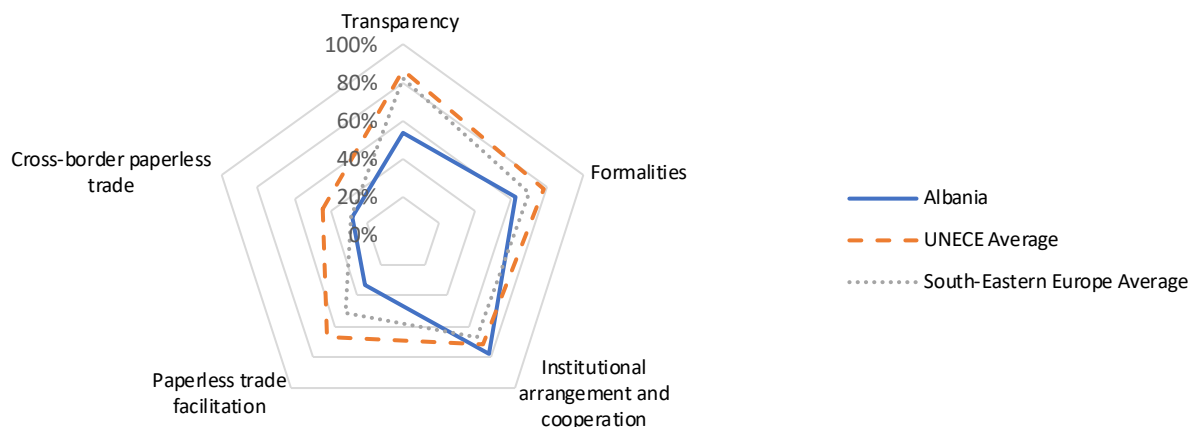


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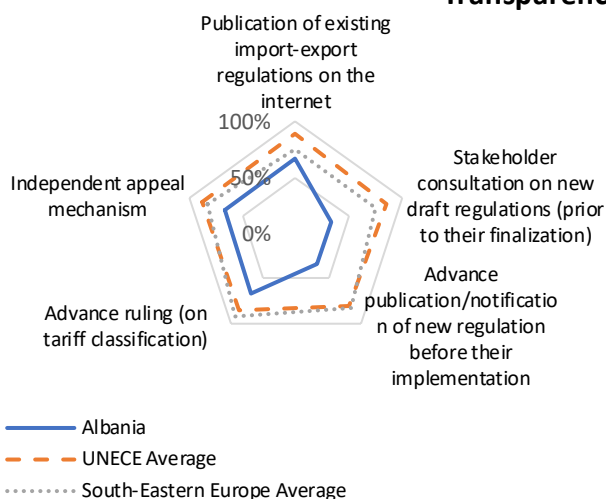
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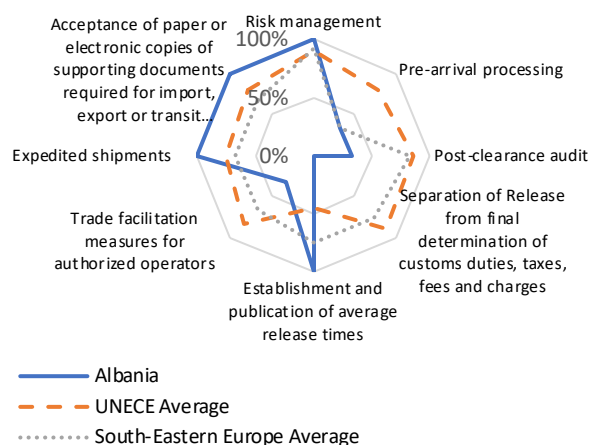
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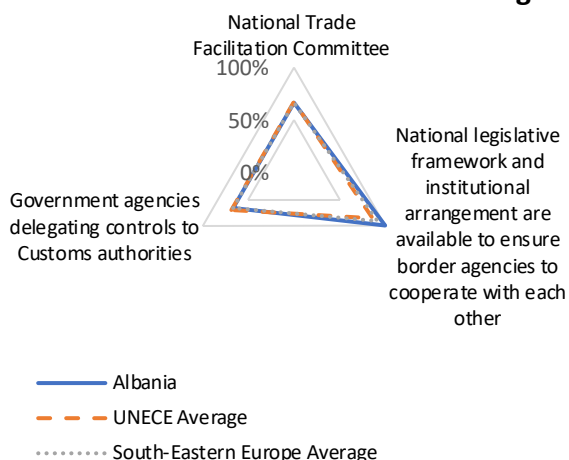
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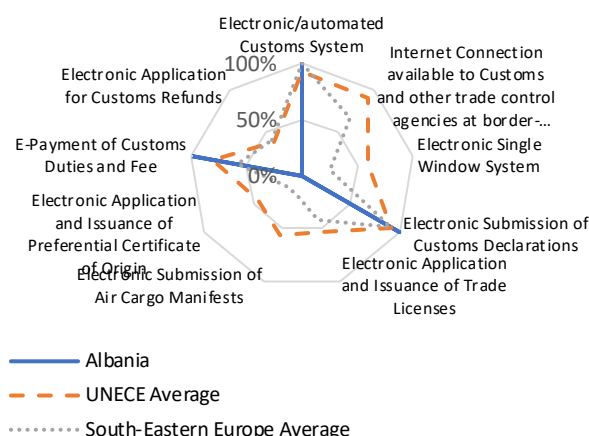
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Institutional Arrangement



Paperless Trade

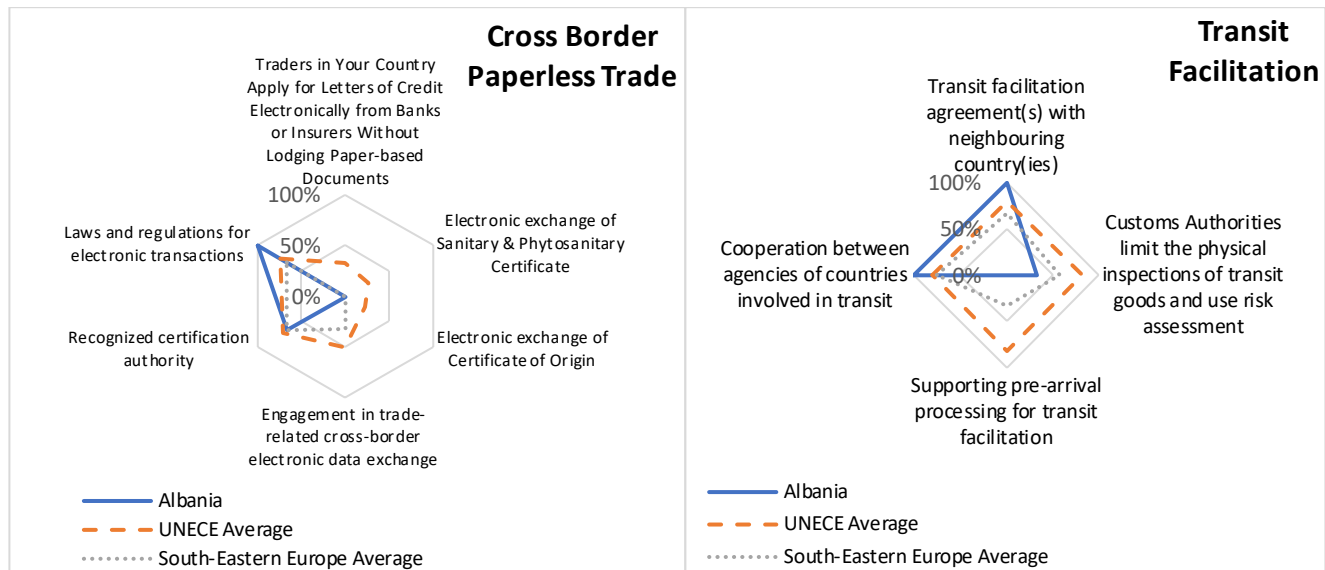


Overview: Albania's overall implementation rate of trade facilitation measures in 2017 was 47%. Its level of implementation is below that of the UNECE (69%) and South-Eastern Europe¹ (58%) regions. Among the six categories, Institutional Arrangement related measures (78%) have been implemented the most and Cross-Border Paperless Trade related measures have been implemented the least (28%). It should be noted that the average implementation rates of all

¹ Southeastern European countries for calculation purposes: Albania, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia

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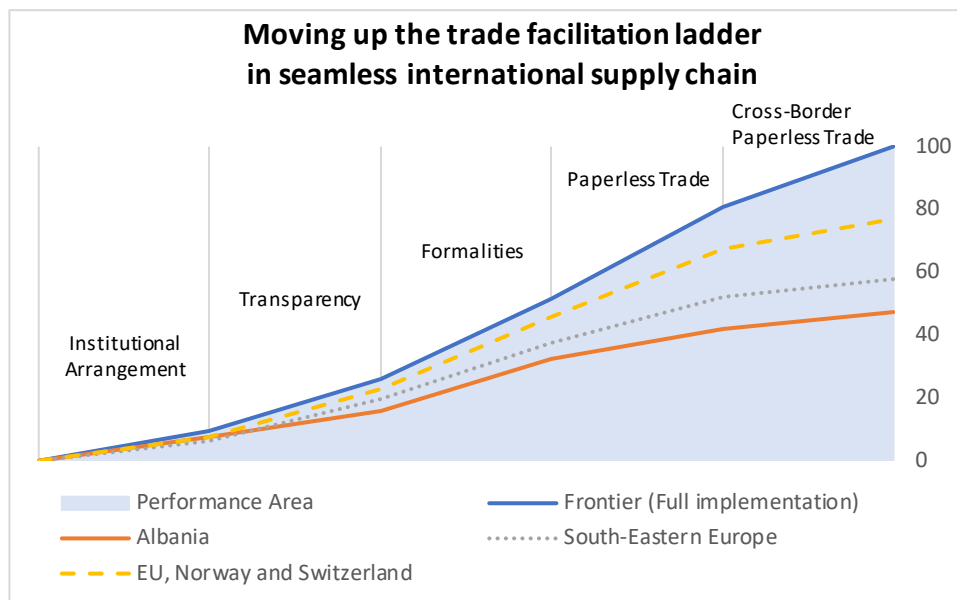
the categories, except for Institutional Arrangement measures, are below those of the UNECE region and South-Eastern Europe.



Spotlight:

It should be also noted that Albania is the only country in South-Eastern European region that fully implemented E-Payment of Customs Duties and Fees. According to its National Plan for Trade Policy Coordination and Trade Facilitation 2017-2020 published by the Albanian Ministry of Finance and Economy, the country will set up a working group on international trade data simplification and standardization by 2018 and will design a Project for a Single Window system regarding all trade and transport information².

Moving up the trade facilitation ladder:



Albania’s upward movement in the trade facilitation ladder is based on strong Institutional Arrangement reforms. However, Transparency and Formalities-related provisions need further boost as the gaps begin widening at these stages. The country should concentrate on systematically implementing the Transparency and Formalities categories in full. Special focus should be given to the enhancement of the work of the existing National Trade

Facilitation Body. All of these reforms will pave the way for implementing more advanced Paperless Trade and Cross-Border Paperless Trade Facilitation measures.

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² <http://www.tregtia.gov.al/images/pdf/National-Plan1.pdf>