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Executive summary

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Italy-Albanian Migration Deal; Arrival of first migrants to reception centre postponed to Autumn

The migrant camp planned to be established in Albania's Lezha's Gjadër and Shëngjin villages, as part of the Albania-Italy agreement, will not be operational until autumn. Although initial announcements from the Italian and Albanian governments indicated a potential opening on May 20, 2024 recent reports suggest that the camp will instead be ready by the end of 2024. The agreement is set to last for 5 years. Media sources speculate that construction progress at the Shëngjin port and the former military base in Gjadri is in the early stages, making it unlikely for the centers to be completed soon. The agreement, signed in Rome on November 6, 2023, by Albanian and Italian Prime Ministers has been ratified by both countries' parliaments. This agreement establishes a 5-year arrangement where migrants attempting to enter Italy will be redirected to Albania while their asylum applications are processed.

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