

## European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights



### Personal information

Surname(s)

**Ballanca**

First name(s)

**Erinda**

Country

Albania

Current professional position

*Albanian People's Advocate*

### Position on the MB

**Observer**

Term of office on MB

November 2025 – November 2030

### Additional Information

Erinda Ballanca has extensive experience in the field of fundamental rights, constitutional law, and human rights protection. Since 2017, holds the position of the Albanian People's Advocate (Ombudsperson), leading an independent constitutional institution mandated to safeguard citizens' rights and freedoms. In this capacity, she has overseen institutional reforms, investigations, and policy recommendations related to human rights, equality, and rule of law.

Previously, she founded and managed Ballanca Law Office, one of Albania's leading law firms, where she provided legal counsel to national and international clients on complex human rights and constitutional issues. She has also held senior roles in international networks, including as Board Member of the European Network (ENNHRI) and Global Alliance (GANHRI) of National Human Rights Institutions, and as President and Vice President of the Association of Mediterranean Ombudsman.

Currently, she is a doctoral researcher at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, focusing on the harmonization of human rights in the Albanian Constitution with European standards. Her academic and professional work reflect a long-standing commitment to advancing fundamental rights through research, institutional leadership, and advocacy at both national and international levels.