

Area 2: Policy Development and Co-ordination

Principle 5	Regular monitoring of the government’s performance enables public scrutiny and supports the government in achieving its objectives.
Principle approach	WeBER focuses on whether the government’s performance is open and publicly available with the ability for the government to achieve its objectives. Thus, the monitoring approach for this principle focuses on measuring the extent to which the information about government performance is open and publicly available and the extent to which CSOs consider that the government pursues and achieves its objectives.
INDICATOR 1	Public availability of information on Government performance
Indicator focus and general methodological remarks	<p>The indicator measures the extent of openness and availability of information about the government’s performance to the public.</p> <p>For all elements under this indicator, expert analysis of relevant government websites and published reports will be conducted. The websites to be analysed include: Government (Council of Ministers) website, General Secretariat of the Government (Prime Minister’s Office, Cabinet Office, etc.) or – where and if applicable – specialised portals/websites for Government communication with the public. However, for any single country, only the most comprehensive websites through which the Government communicates its activities will be taken into account for point calculation. This means that if different types of information are scattered across different websites, points will not be allocated as this approach to communication should not be promoted, given that it does not stimulate overall transparency of Government’s work.</p> <p>Written information published by the government will be interpreted to mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • press releases on Government activities, and • online publishing of annual (and, where available semi-annual) reports of performance of the Government <p>Reports on sectoral strategic documents and plans are not subject of analysis under this indicator. Only the strategic and planning documents for the whole of Government are taken into account.</p>

INDICATOR ELEMENTS			
Element #	Element formulation	Weight	Element data source
E.1	The government regularly publishes written information about its activities	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government websites Government reports
	Element methodology		Point allocation
<p>Regular publishing of information will be interpreted to mean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - online publishing of press releases on a weekly basis; - online publishing of reports mentioned above on at least annual basis. <p>These two criteria are assessed cumulatively (absence of each of them results in 0 points).</p> <p>The measurement of the indicator will cover the period of two years/annual reporting cycles, except for the press releases, which are assessed for a period of one year. If the measurement is done in the first half of the year, it will focus on the previous two calendar years. If it is done in the second half of the year, it will include the year within which the measurement is performed and the previous year.</p>			<p>0 if no written information</p> <p>1 if written information was published but not regularly</p> <p>2 if written information was published regularly</p> <p><i>Maximum points: 4</i></p>
Element #	Element formulation	Weight	Element data source
E.2	The information issued by the government on its activities is written in an understandable way	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government websites Government reports
	Element methodology		Point allocation
<p>For publishing press releases “understandable way” will be interpreted to mean that the information is provided in simple and clear language, devoid of very technical, bureaucratic terminology.</p> <p>For publishing of reports, it will be determined if these reports contain summaries and/or parts of text written in such an understandable manner.</p> <p>The measurement of the indicator will cover the period of two years/annual reporting cycles. If the measurement is done in the first half of the year, it will focus on the previous two calendar years. If it is done in the second half of the year, it will include the year within which the measurement is performed and the previous year.</p>			<p>0 if not written in an understandable way</p> <p>1 if written in an understandable way</p> <p><i>Maximum points: 2</i></p>
Element #	Element formulation	Weight	Element data source
E.3	The information issued by the Government is sufficiently detailed, including both quantitative data and qualitative information and assessments	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government websites Government reports

Element methodology		Point allocation	
<p>This element focuses only on annual (and where applicable semi-annual) reports on the performance of the Government, as defined in the general methodological remarks.</p> <p>Detailed information will be interpreted to mean information on all key elements contained in reporting documents, e.g. objectives, measures, results and/or activities of the reported document(s).</p> <p>The measurement of the indicator will cover the period of two years/annual reporting cycles. If the measurement is done in the first half of the year, it will focus on the previous two calendar years. If it is done in the second half of the year, it will include the year within which the measurement is performed and the previous year.</p>		<p>0 if information is not detailed nor does it contain quantitative data and qualitative assessments</p> <p>1 if information is detailed with either quantitative or qualitative information (one of the two)</p> <p>2 if information is detailed and contains both quantitative and qualitative data and assessments.</p> <p><i>Maximum points: 4</i></p>	
Element #	Element formulation	Weight	Element data source
E.4	The information issued by the Government includes assessments of the achievement of concrete results	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government websites Government reports
Element methodology		Point allocation	
<p>This element focuses only on annual (and where applicable semi-annual) reports on the performance of the Government.</p> <p>Whereas in the previous elements points can be awarded even if information issued is only based on activities and outputs, this element will look at whether the Government reports on the progress towards and achievement of outcomes (results of activities, not just direct outputs) and on specific performance indicators. <u>Example</u>: if a report contains information about the number of study visits, number of trainings and trainees, etc., that would be considered activity information. If the same reports also contain an assessment/analysis of the improvement of the skillset of the civil service or a calculation of the level at which a specific target for training of civil servants has been met, this would constitute performance/result information.</p> <p>The measurement of the indicator will cover the period of two years/annual reporting cycles. If the measurement is done in the first half of the year, it will focus on the previous two calendar years. If it is done in the second half of the year, it will include the year within which the measurement is performed and the previous year.</p>		<p>0 if the information does not include assessments of the achievement of concrete results</p> <p>1 if the information includes assessments of the achievement of results (more generally)</p> <p>2 if the information contains concrete data on the achievement of specific performance indicators</p> <p><i>Maximum points: 4</i></p>	
Element #	Element formulation	Weight	Element data source
E.5	The information issued by the Government about its activities and results is available in open data format(s)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government websites Government reports

Element methodology		Point allocation	
<p>This analysis for this element focuses on annual (and where applicable semi-annual) reports on the performance of the Government.</p> <p>Open data format(s) include, XMLS, CSV or another machine-readable format.</p> <p>Point will be allotted if information from any of the analysed reports is made available in open data format(s). Two points will be allotted if the information from all of the analysed reports is made available in open data format(s).</p> <p>The measurement of the indicator will cover the period of two years/annual reporting cycles. If the measurement is done in the first half of the year, it will focus on the previous two calendar years. If it is done in the second half of the year, it will include the year within which the measurement is performed and the previous year.</p>		<p>0 if not available in open data format(s) 1 if some available in open data format(s) 2 if all information is in open data format(s)</p> <p><i>Maximum points: 2</i></p>	
Element #	Element formulation	Weight	Element data source
E.6	The information issued by the Government about its activities and results contains gender segregated data	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government websites Government reports
Element methodology		Point allocation	
<p>This element focuses on annual (and where applicable semi-annual) reports on the performance of the Government, as defined in the general methodological remarks.</p> <p>The measurement of the indicator will cover the period of two years/annual reporting cycles. If the measurement is done in the first half of the year, it will focus on the previous two calendar years. If it is done in the second half of the year, it will include the year within which the measurement is performed and the previous year.</p>		<p>0 if no gender segregated data is issued in either of the analysed reports; also, if no reports are available, the score is automatically 0</p> <p>1 if the Government publishes some gender segregated data in all analysed reports OR if the last report issued contains detailed gender segregated data (and the previous one does not)</p> <p>2 if the Government publishes detailed gender segregated data (i.e. all measures, indicators and other statistics include gender segregated data)</p> <p><i>Maximum points: 2</i></p>	

Element #	Element formulation	Weight	Element data source				
E.7	Share of reports on Government strategies and plans which are available online	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government websites (including centre-of-government institutions, and official journals' websites) 				
	Element methodology		Point allocation				
	Share will be determined by dividing the number of reports on Government strategies and plans published online with the cumulative number of strategies and plans available online (depending on the plans produced in each respective country), for the last full reporting year.		0 points for 0-49.99% 1 point for 50% - 74.99% 2 points for 75% - 100% <i>Maximum points: 2</i>				
TOTAL POINTS		0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-17	18-20
FINAL INDICATOR VALUE		0	1	2	3	4	5