



# ■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: ACCOUNTABILITY

## ALBANIA

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<b>PAR Area</b>	<b>ACCOUNTABILITY</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>ALBANIA</b>
<b>SIGMA Principle</b>	<b>2. The right to access public information is enacted in legislation and consistently applied in practice</b>		

<b>WeBER Indicator</b>	<b>ACC_P2_I2: Proactive informing of the public by public authorities</b>
<b>Indicator approach</b>	
<p>This indicator focuses on the proactivity of public authorities in informing the public, particularly through comprehensiveness, timeliness and clarity of information disseminated through official websites. Indicator consists of 18 elements (sub-indicators), assessing relevant information against two groups of criteria: 1) completeness and up-to-date, 2) accessibility and citizen-friendliness. The element related to open data in public administration, as a proactive way of informing the public, is assessed using separate criteria. Analysis was done on the sample of seven central administration institutions, consisting of three line ministries, one ministry with general planning and coordination function, one government office/agency with CoG function, one subordinate body/agency and one government office/agency in charge of delivering services.</p>	
<b>Summary of the findings</b>	
<p>With one exception, sampled public authorities publish information on their scope of work online. However, in terms of updateness, ministries that have undergone internal restructuring after the parliamentary elections of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (See Specific Observations below) tend not to have updated information on their scope of work, which ought to be updated following approval. Information on scope of work is easily accessible but –excluding sampled subordinate bodies – it is not citizen-friendly; information is copied directly from legal acts. Sampled public authorities, with the exception of subordinate bodies, do not publish information to which they are accountable. Relevant policy documents and legal acts are complete, up-to-date, and accessible in the official websites of the sampled public authorities, but more needs to be done in terms of citizen-friendliness – information lacks textual explanations (with one exception). Almost all sampled public authorities <u>do not</u> publish in their official websites policy papers, studies or analyses relevant to policies under their competence.</p> <p>Great majority of sampled public authorities do not publish annual reports (reference year – 2016). Conversely, monitoring and budget implementation reports are regularly published for the sample (reference year – 2016) – with one exception (Prime Minister’s Office). Although in 2016, the first citizen’s budget was produced, individual institutions do not publish their own or provide link to the general one. General contact information is published in an accessible and user-friendly manner in the official websites of the sampled institutions. Although almost all sampled institutions publish organisational charts in their official websites, some of them are not updated following parliamentary elections of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (See Specific Observations below).</p> <p>While law 146/2014 stipulates the appointment of Coordinators of Notification and Public Consultation for every public organ, only two out of seven sampled institutions have published the name of the coordinators online. As regards open data, only two out of seven sampled institutions publish datasets related to their work in an open format.</p>	
<b>Specific observations</b>	
<p>Following parliamentary elections on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the new ministers of Rama2 government assumed official mandates on September 15. Ministry of Finance was merged with the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Enterprise. Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration became Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Their competences were updated on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.</p>	

<b>Indicator score</b>	21 (out of 56 points)
<b>Final indicator value</b>	1 (scale 0 – 5) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Measurement period</b>	October 24 <sup>th</sup> - November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2017

<sup>1</sup> Conversion of points: 0-15 points = 0; 16-24 points = 1; 25-32 points = 2; 33-40 points =3; 41-48 points = 4; 49-56 points = 5