



■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

MACEDONIA

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PAR Area	POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION	Country	MACEDONIA
SIGMA Principle	5. Regular monitoring of the government's performance enables public scrutiny and supports the government in achieving its objectives.		

WeBER Indicator	PDC_P5_I1: Public availability of information on Government performance
Indicator approach	
<p><i>This indicator focuses on the extent of openness and availability of information about the government's performance to the public. It consists of 7 elements (sub-indicators), <u>which assess relevant government websites and the reports published on these websites</u>. Researchers provide expert opinion on whether the information provision is regular, whether it includes assessment of government performance and gender segregated data, whether the information is understandable, sufficiently detailed, and available in an open data format. The share of reports on government strategies and plans which are available online is also included. <u>Only the most comprehensive pages through which the government communicates its activities are considered for point allocation</u>. For the element on share of reports, only central planning documents for the whole of Government are taken into account, and websites of relevant centre of government institutions analysed.</i></p>	
Summary of the findings	
<p><i>The government is regularly publishing press releases since it took office on the 1st of June 2017. The press releases are published on the website of the government under the "Media center" section, written in a concise and understandable manner. Prior to the formation of the government, Macedonia had a technical government since November 2015. In this period, press releases were an exception rather than a practice.</i></p> <p><i>Reports on government performance do not exist on the government website. Thus, even though according to the legislation such reporting is obligatory, it was not implemented during 2015 and 2016 and regulation does not stipulate that these reports must be made public. The body in charge of monitoring government activities is the Government Secretariat, but such documents do not exist on its website, and do not occur in the timetable of its activities. Thus, it is impossible to assess the content of the reports on government performance (quality of data and information, data segregation, etc.), as such documents are unavailable. Regarding availability of reports for 2016 for key whole-of-government plans and strategies, they are available for the Economic Reform Programme (included in the ERP for 2017-2019) and for the Fiscal Strategy (included in the document itself).</i></p>	
Specific observations	
<p><i>It is important to note that in addition to reporting on government plans is not conducted and published, government work plans themselves were not disclosed to the public at the time. However, it should be noted that since it took office on 1st June 2017, the new government has published a Government Work Programme (2017-2020), more detailed work plan for 2017 (June – December) and a plan for urgent reform priorities, entitled "3-6-9." The government has issued an overview of the state of play of the Plan 3-6-9 as of 15th of November 2017 in which it presents the status of the implementation of the measures in the different areas of action.</i></p> <p><i>Following the end of the first 3 month timeframe, the government has also published a plan named 3-6-9+ that covers the period until April 2018. This document is structured in such a way that it present a one paragraph overview of the situation in the priority sectors; lays out key measures and the timeline for their implementation.</i></p>	

Indicator score	0 points (out of 20 points)
Final indicator value	0 (scale 0-5) ¹
Measurement period	October 10 th – December 10 th 2017

¹ Conversion of points: 0-4 points = 0; 5-8 points = 1; 9-11 points = 2; 12-14 points = 3; 15-17 points = 4; 18-20 points = 5.