WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

KOSOVO

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<td>5. Regular monitoring of the government’s performance enables public scrutiny and supports the government in achieving its objectives.</td>
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**WeBER Indicator**
PDC_P5_I1: Public availability of information on Government performance

**Indicator approach**
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), which assess relevant government websites and the reports published on these websites. 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. Only the most comprehensive pages through which the government communicates its activities are considered for point allocation. 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.

**Summary of the findings**
There is a practice of publishing written information on activities of the Government of Kosovo. Press releases are published on a daily basis (on the News section). Likewise, annual reports on Government performance are also regularly published online (the last two consecutive years– reports for 2015 and 2016). Government press releases are written in an understandable way and devoid of technical language. The technical aspects of the language in the reports mostly pertain to the names of document(s), institutions etc.). Similarly, the analysis of the Government annual reports suggest that the reports are written in an understandable way. The reports contain an executive summary which provides an understanding of what the report is about and avoids use of the technical language. The other parts of the report are also written in an understandable manner structured based on the main priorities set in the Government Annual Work Plan (GAWP). GAWP reports contain both quantitative and qualitative information with references to achievements of the Government including details about objectives, activities, measures and concrete results, amongst others. Nevertheless, specific indicators are not reported against the indicators set in the Government Plan. The reports however are not available in open data format and lack gender segregated data. Lastly, all the reports on central planning documents (the Economic Reform Programme; Government Annual Work Plan; Fiscal Strategy; Medium Term Expenditure Framework and the National Strategy for the Implementation of SAA) are available online.

**Specific observations**
None.

| Indicator score | 14 (out of 20 points) |
| Final indicator value | 3 (scale 0-5)¹ |
| Measurement period | October 9th – 19th, 2017 |

¹Conversion 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.