WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

ALBANIA

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**PAR Area** | **POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION** | **Country** | **ALBANIA**
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**SIGMA Principle** | | | 2. Regular monitoring of the government’s performance enables public scrutiny and supports the government in achieving its objectives

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**WeBER Indicator** | **PDC_PS_12: Civil society perception of the Government’s pursuit and achievement of its planned objectives**

**Indicator approach**

The indicator measures to what extent the civil society perceives through its work and experience that the government actively plans, monitors and reports on its work and through those processes achieves the objectives that it has promised to the public. Measurement of all elements of this indicator is based on a widely disseminated online survey of CSOs to collect their perception by answering questions for each element below. In addition, to complement survey results with narrative, qualitative inputs, focus groups with CSOs with relevant expertise are conducted based on same questions. However, only survey results are used for point allocation.

**Summary of the findings**

Regarding government’s planning of its work, survey results show that only 28.6% of surveyed CSOs either "agree" (27.5%) or "strongly agree" (1.1%) that there is a direct connection between the work-plan of the government and actual developments in specific policy areas. Some 36.3% remain neutral. Along the same line, 34.1% of surveyed CSOs either "agree" (33.0%) or "strongly agree" (1.1%) that official strategies determine the governments’ or ministries action in certain areas.

Regarding government’s reporting on its work, only 17.6% of surveyed CSOs either "agree" (16.5%) or "strongly agree" (1.1%) that the government regularly reports to the public on the progress in the achievement of the objectives set in its work-plan. In the same proportion, 36.3% disagrees or strongly disagrees, whilst 37.4% remain neutral. Also, only one-fourth of surveyed CSOs or 26.4% confirm that ministries regularly publish monitoring reports on their sectorial strategies. A greater proportion or 30.8% disagrees or strongly disagrees.

Regarding mainstreaming of EU accession priorities, perceptions are more positive. 37.4% of surveyed CSOs either "agree" (35.2%) or "strongly agree" (2.2%) that EU priorities are adequately integrated into the government’s plans. Furthermore, a lower proportion, or 30.8% either "agree" (29.7%) or "strongly agree" (1.1%) that government’s reports incorporate adequate updates on the progress against the set of EU accession priorities.

**Specific observations**

For Albania, a total of 93 CSOs were surveyed. The data collection method included a self-administered questionnaire (web SAQ).

| Indicator score | 3 out of 16 points |
| Final indicator value | 0 (scale 0-5)\(^1\) |
| Measurement period | 23 April – 28 May 2018 |

\(^1\) Conversion of points: 0-3 points = 0; 4-5 points = 1; 6-7 points = 2; 8-10 points = 3; 11-13 points = 4; 14-16 points = 5.