



■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

Montenegro

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

WeBER Indicator	PDC_P5_I2: Civil society perception of the Government’s pursuit and achievement of its planned objectives
Indicator approach	
<p>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 of this indicator. In addition, to complement survey results with narrative, qualitative inputs, focus groups with CSOs with relevant expertise are conducted based on same questions (CSOs working in at least 3 different policy areas in each country. However, only survey results are used for point allocation.</p>	
Summary of the findings	
<p>Overall results show that CSOs in Montenegro have a very critical view of how the Government agenda is reflected in reality and how the process of reporting on both the agenda and the individual sectoral strategies is taking place.</p> <p>Only 7.5% of the CSOs in Montenegro think that there is a direct connection between Government’s agenda (work plan) and actual developments in specific policy areas, which is the lowest percentage in the region. In the same time, half of respondents (50%) think that there is no connection between the agenda and the actual activities.</p> <p>Overall perception of “life happening outside of plans” is confirmed by only 15% of CSOs who think that strategies determine the governments’ or ministries’ action in certain areas. Close to half (47,5%) claim the opposite, which is higher than the regional average for this question (36,9%).</p> <p>Asked whether they think that the Government regularly reports to the public on the progress in the achievement of the objectives set in its work-plan, around one fifth (22.5%) of the CSOs agreed, while close to half disagreed (45%). Even lower percentage of CSOs (15%) think that Ministries regularly publish monitoring reports on their sectoral strategies, with 60% claiming this is not the case - which is the regional record (regional average being 43%).</p> <p>Only a quarter of CSOs (25%) consider that the EU accession priorities are adequately integrated into the government’s planning documents, while even fewer think that government’s reports incorporate adequate updates on the progress against the set of EU accession priorities. No CSO chose to answer any of the six questions from this section with a “strongly agree” option, which is a unique case in the region.</p>	
Specific observations	
<p>Survey of CSOs was administered through anonymous, online questionnaire. The data collection method included CASI (computer-assisted self-interviewing). N=49, the base for questions in this indicator was n=43 respondents.</p>	

Indicator score	0 out of 16 points
Final indicator value	0 (scale 0-5) ¹
Measurement period	Survey of CSOs: April 23 rd – May 28th 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.