



■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

ALBANIA

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SIGMA Principle	6. Government decisions are prepared in a transparent manner and based on the administrations' professional judgement; legal conformity of the decisions is ensured		

WeBER Indicator	PDC_P6_I1: Transparency of the Government's decision-making
Indicator approach	
<p>The indicator measures the extent of transparency of Government's decision-making process. It combines perceptions and expert analysis in order to ensure a balance between the two approaches. Two elements are measured by conducting an online survey of CSOs, and three elements by expert analysis of relevant governmental websites.</p> <p>Elements of transparency measured by this indicator include: publishing of information on the decisions of governments, their completeness, citizen-friendliness, timeliness, and consistency. Decision-making denotes decisions made by the Government (as a collegiate body) and adopted at government's sessions in the period from October 1st to December 31st, 2017.</p>	
Summary of the findings	
<p>Survey findings show that CSOs generally perceive low levels of transparency from the government as regards its decision-making process. Only 15.2% of surveyed CSOs think that the government's decision-making process is transparent. The majority or 57.7% either disagree (45.7%) or strongly disagree (12.0%). Furthermore, only 10.9% agree that exceptions to the rules of publishing Government's decisions are appropriate, while other 45.6% either disagree (38.0%) or strongly disagree (7.6%).</p> <p>Expert analysis of the website of the Prime Minister Office shows that even though adopted documents at the sessions of the Council of Minister are available, agendas and minutes* are missing, while press releases following each session do not constitute a regular practice.</p>	
Specific observations	
<p>For Albania, a total of 93 CSOs were surveyed. The data collection method included a self-administered questionnaire (web SAQ).</p> <p>*Article 17/2 "Trustworthiness and solidarity" of Law nr.9000, dated 30.01.200 stipulates that CoM meetings have a confidential nature: "Considerations, debates and reporting remain confidential". However, as per article 22/1 of the law, "Following every meeting of the CoM, the General Secretary drafts a final report with the general problem discussed, that becomes public". For the monitoring period, no such reports were to be found online.</p>	

Indicator score	4 (out of 16 points)
Final indicator value	1 (scale 0-5) ¹
Measurement period	October – January 2018 Survey of CSOs: April 23 rd – May 28 th 2018

¹ Conversion of points: 0-2 points = 0; 3-5 points = 1; 6-8 points = 2; 9-11 points = 3; 12-14 points = 4; 15-16 points = 5.