WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

ALBANIA

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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

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.

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.

Summary of the findings

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%).

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.

Specific observations

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

*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.

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<td>1 (scale 0-5)(^1)</td>
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| 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.