



■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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PAR Area	POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION	Country	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
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>Perception of the civil society in BiH on transparency of the decision-making by the Government is at a low level. Only 13.5% of respondents think that the Government's decision making is transparent, and less than 10% agree that exceptions to the requirements to publish Government's decisions are appropriate (8.6% agree and 1% strongly agree).</p> <p>BiH Council of Ministers makes some of the documents publicly available. The decisions, statements, regulations and strategies are published in the Official Gazette and on the website of BiH CoM. But all the other documents that have been drafted and adopted (adopted information, proposed laws, programs, reports...) are not published on the website of the BiH CoM. However, out of four groups of documents and materials analysed, there is regularity in publishing agenda items and session minutes before and after every session. Also, every session is followed and communicated through press releases on the website, which are simplified and written in citizen-friendly language, in the form of news articles that explain the Government's decisions. Bureaucratic terminology is still present, but it depends on the subject matter e.g. there is bureaucratic terminology in the names of documents, agreements, bodies etc. In addition, all press releases are easily accessible with no more than three clicks from the homepage. Finally, adopted decisions referred to previously are almost entirely published timely, one week after the session at latest.</p>	
Specific observations	
Survey of CSOs was administered through anonymous, online questionnaire. N=122, the base for two questions n=104 respondents.	

Indicator score	6 (out of 16 points)
Final indicator value	2 (scale 0-5) ¹
Measurement period	October – January 2018; Survey of CSOs: April 23rd – June 4th, 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.