WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

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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**
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**
Our findings show that the Government partially makes documents publicly available on the website. While, upon weekly meetings, the government publishes a press release that includes a list of decision made, agenda of the meetings and minutes of the meeting are not available online. They could, however, be acquired through FOI requests. Moreover, decisions are communicated both in citizens-friendly and timely manner. In addition to the decisions announced in the press release, detailed government decisions are published in a separate section in the government website.

Yet, our CSO perception-based survey responses show a rather different outcome. Only around 5% of CSOs perceive government’s decision-making process in general to be transparent. However, it should be noted that 42.9% of CSOs took a rather neutral stance on the matter of Government transparency. Furthermore, a marginal share of CSOs (2.3%) shares the opinion that the exceptions to the rules of publishing Government’s decisions are appropriate.

**Specific observations**
Survey of CSOs was administered through anonymous, online questionnaire. N=52 CSOs, the base for this question was n=42 respondents.

| Indicator score | 10 (out of 16 points) |
| Final indicator value | 3 (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.