



■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

MACEDONIA

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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>Perception of civil society in Macedonia on transparency of the decision-making by the government is low. Only 27.78% of respondents CSOs agree with the statement that the Government's decision making is transparent, and even less (20.37%) respondents CSOs consider the exceptions to the rules of publishing Government's decisions appropriate (percentages include respondents that answered 'strongly agree' or 'agree').</p> <p>However, on a more positive note, the government does make some documents from its sessions publicly available, although not all. Agenda items, the minutes and press releases of the Government sessions for the whole monitoring period are made publicly available, yet documents adopted at these sessions were not made available on the governments website at time of measurement (October, November, and December 2017). Since these documents adopted at government sessions were not published, there is no timeliness of publication in this regards but the agenda and sessions' minutes are being published in a timely manner (no later than a week after session).</p> <p>In terms of citizen-friendliness, the language of the press releases is mostly citizen- friendly with regards to using non-bureaucratic language and understandable summary accompaniment, at least as much as possible dependent on the matter that has been discussed during the session. The press releases are accessible within 3 clicks away from the homepage.</p>	
Specific observations	
<p>Survey of CSOs was administered through anonymous, online questionnaire. The sample of the survey in Macedonia was N=74 CSOs, the base for questions in this indicator n=54.</p>	

Indicator score	6 (out of 16 points)
Final indicator value	2 (scale 0-5) ¹
Measurement period	November - December 2017 Survey of CSOs: 23 April - 07 June 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.