



■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

Montenegro

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PAR Area	POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION	Country	MONTENEGRO
SIGMA Principle	12. Legislation is consistent in structure, style and language; legal drafting requirements are applied consistently across ministries; legislation is made publicly available.		

WeBER Indicator	PDC_P12_I1: Perception of availability and accessibility of legislation and related explanatory materials by the civil society
Indicator approach	
<p><i>This indicator focuses on the accessibility and the availability of legislation and the explanatory materials related to it. It approaches the measurement from the viewpoint of CSOs, as actors who heavily rely on availability of legislation and explanatory information in the performance of their external control function. Thus, this particular indicator is almost entirely perception based, except for the first element, which is reflected in its main formulation. Therefore, to inform the assessment of all elements in this indicator, results of the survey with CSOs are utilised. The survey is performed on a sample which aims to ensure a representation of CSOs working in as many research areas as possible, so the sample is as representative as possible (given that it is not possible yet to create a representative sample of CSOs in the region).</i></p>	
Summary of the findings	
<p><i>Online governmental database of legal texts is available on the webpage of the Official Gazette of the Montenegro. Individual electronic editions of the Official Gazette are free, database is accessible and search function is one click away from the homepage (after clicking on the banner for the database on the visible central part of the website's homepage). The Official Gazette's database does contain consolidated versions of the legal texts, but they are not available free of charge. Database of consolidated legal texts is separated from the rest of the website and available only to paid subscribers. Access to these versions of legislation are charged even to other state institutions.</i></p> <p><i>Official Gazette's website is relatively well known among the surveyed CSOs, with 66% of them stating they know where to find access to a database of enacted legislation free of charge (highest percentage of positive answers to this question was among CSOs in Kosovo - 88%). Out of those who are aware of such a database, almost all of them said they have visited the website in the last year (96,3%), which is the highest percentage in the region.</i></p> <p><i>On the other hand, when it comes to explanatory materials (such as administrative guidance, documents, directives, interpretation bulletins or other rules that have practical impact, but do not have the force of law) only 12.5% of surveyed CSOs that they are easy to access, and the same percentage states that they written in a manner and style, which makes them easy to understand.</i></p>	
Specific observations	
<p><i>For Montenegro, a total of N=49 CSOs were surveyed. The data collection method included CASI (computer-assisted self-interviewing).</i></p>	

Indicator score	8 (out of 16 points)
Final indicator value	2 (scale 0-5) ¹
Measurement period	Survey of CSOs: April 23 rd – May 28 th , 2018

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