



# ■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

## ALBANIA

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

<b>WeBER Indicator</b>	<b>PDC_P12_I1: Perception of availability and accessibility of legislation and related explanatory materials by the civil society</b>
<b>Indicator approach</b>	
<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>	
<b>Summary of the findings</b>	
<p><i>The Electronic Archive of Acts – administered by the Official Publication Center under the Ministry of Justice – is the electronic database that stores published acts in electronic format. The web page of the Official Publication Center includes consolidated versions of legal text (although not official versions). Legal texts can be downloaded free of charge and are easily accessible. However, there is no search engine. Since April 2017, individual acts can be also accessed individually.</i></p> <p><i>The CSO survey showed that the vast majority of CSOs or 81.5% were informed about the existence of this website. Furthermore, 88.0% of those were aware, had also accessed the website in the past year. Regarding explanatory materials relevant to existing legislation, only 40.2% of surveyed CSOs either "agree" (34.8%) or "strongly agree" (5.4%) that they are easily accessible, while 36.9% either "agree" (32.6%) or "strongly agree" (4.3%) with statement that they are written in a manner and style, which makes them easy to understand.</i></p>	
<b>Specific observations</b>	
<p><i>For Albania, a total of 93 CSOs were surveyed. The data collection method included a self-administered questionnaire (web SAQ).</i></p>	

<b>Indicator score</b>	13 (out of 16 points)
<b>Final indicator value</b>	4 (scale 0-5) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Measurement period</b>	Survey of CSOs: April 23 <sup>rd</sup> – May 28 <sup>th</sup> 2018

<sup>1</sup> 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.