



■ 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	<i>12. Legislation is consistent in structure, style and language; legal drafting requirements are applied consistently across ministries; legislation is made publicly available.</i>		

WeBER Indicator	<i>PDC_P12_I1: Perception of availability and accessibility of legislation and related explanatory materials by the civil society</i>
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>There is no unique governmental database of legal text on the state level. Constitution and main regulations are available on the website of BiH Parliament. "E-konsultacije" in BiH is the electronic database administered by Ministry of Justice, that includes consolidated versions of legal texts, legislative action plans, consultation plans, information about consultations, list of interested organizations and individuals, names of officials in charge and contact information. Legal texts can be downloaded free of charge and are easily accessible, but legal texts from previous years cannot be found. When it comes to entities - CHRONOLOGICAL REGISTER OF REGULATIONS is available on the webpage of Government of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the webpage of National Assembly of the RS.</i></p> <p><i>The CSO survey showed that 60.2% of CSOs were informed about the existence of this website. Furthermore, 82.0% of those were aware, had also accessed the website in the past year. Regarding explanatory materials relevant to existing legislation, only 29.4% of surveyed CSOs either "agree" (26.5%) or "strongly agree" (2.9%) that they are easily accessible, while 21.6% think that they are written in a manner and style, which makes them easy to understand.</i></p>	
Specific observations	
<p><i>For BiH, a total of 122 CSOs were surveyed. The data collection method included CASI (computer-assisted self-interviewing).</i></p>	

Indicator score	<i>6 (out of 16 points)</i>
Final indicator value	<i>2 (scale 0-5)¹</i>
Measurement period	<i>Survey of CSOs: April 23rd – May 28th 2018</i>

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.