



■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: Strategic Framework of PAR

ALBANIA

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PAR Area	STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK OF PAR	Country	ALBANIA
SIGMA Principle	1. The government has developed and enacted an effective public administration reform agenda that addresses key challenges		

WeBER Indicator	SFPAR_P1_I1: Use of participatory approaches in the development of key strategic PAR documents.
Indicator approach	
<p>The indicator focuses on the existence and quality of the consultative process in the development of key strategic PAR documents. Key strategic PAR documents for Albania will be interpreted to mean: 1. Overall PAR strategic document - <u>Cross-cutting Public Administration Reform Strategy 2015-2020</u>; 2. PFM reform document - <u>Albania Public Finance Management (PFM) Strategy 2014-2020</u>; 3. Service delivery reform document - <u>Long-term Policy Document on the Delivery of Citizen Centric Services by Central Government Institutions in Albania</u>; 4. E-government reform document - <u>Cross-cutting Strategy Digital Agenda of Albania 2015-2020</u>.</p> <p>For all elements under this indicator, focus groups with representatives of CSOs who participated in the consultation process were conducted to gain first-hand qualitative data. Focus groups include representatives of not less than 6 different CSOs that regularly follow the PAR policy.</p>	
Summary of the findings	
<p>Although consultations with civil society were not conducted in the early phase of the development of the key PAR documents, when the documents were developed consultations with civil society were held for all of the analysed documents. Invitations to the civil society to participate in the consultation were open, except for the PFM Strategy. Only for the main PAR strategy and to some extent for the Service Delivery reform document, there was some proactivity on the part of responsible government bodies to ensure that a wide range of external stakeholders (such as trade unions, business associations, gender-oriented CSOs or those dealing with the people with disabilities) become involved in the consultation process. No feedback on the treatment of received comments is published online, even though it is legally required with law 146/2014.</p>	
Specific observations	
<p>There are no official documents/data published ONLINE related to public consultation processes for the PAR strategic documents listed above. Following parliamentary elections of June 25th, 2017, the Ministry for Innovation and Public Administration (MIPA) ceased to exist. The archive of the website of MIPA does not exist. MIPA was responsible for PAR Strategy, Service delivery and E-government reform document. At the Ministry of Finance and Economy, the Directory of PFM Reform Management was also created in October 2016. Information was retrieved through a FOI received on 08.06.18 from the Prime Minister Office, a FOI received on 12.06.18 from DoPA and a FOI received on 13.06.18 from the Ministry of Finance and Economy. For these reasons, pieces of data and information could be lost (confirmed in the field research) with potential influence on the scores for the Strategies.</p>	

Indicator score	11 (out of 30 points)
Final indicator value	2 (scale 0-5) ¹
Measurement period	June – July 2018

¹ Conversion of points: 0-5 points = 0; 6-10 points = 1; 11-15 points = 2; 16-20 points = 3; 21-25 points = 4; 26-30 points = 5.