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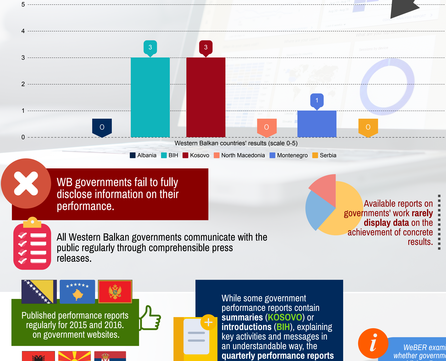
POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

Some of the questions WeBER researches in the areas of policy development and coordination

- To what extent is information on the government's performance open and available to the public? Do CSOs have a role in making sure that the government pursues and achieves its objectives?
- Are government decisions prepared in a transparent manner?
- Are policy and legislation designed in an inclusive manner?

WeBER measures... the public availability of information on government performance



WB governments fail to fully disclose information on their performance.

All Western Balkan governments communicate with the public regularly through comprehensible press releases.

Available reports on governments' work **rarely display data** on the achievement of concrete results.

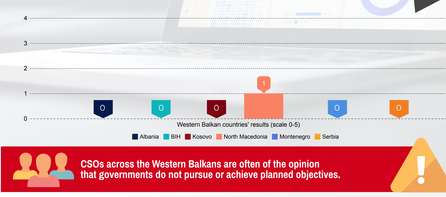
Published performance reports regularly for 2015 and 2016. on government websites.

published no performance reports for 2015 and 2016 on government websites.

While some government performance reports contain **summaries** (**KOSOVO**) or **introductions** (**BIH**), explaining key activities and messages in an understandable way, the **quarterly performance reports** in **MACEDONIA** are written in a more bureaucratic and formalistic style.

WeBER examined whether governments publish online press releases on a weekly basis and government performance reports at least annually.

WeBER measures... civil society's perception of the governments' pursuit and achievement of planned objectives



CSOs across the Western Balkans are often of the opinion that governments do not pursue or achieve planned objectives.

Is there a direct connection between the workplan of the government and actual developments in specific policy areas?

44% of CSOs disagree!

Are EU accession priorities adequately integrated into the governments' plans?

42% of CSOs disagree!

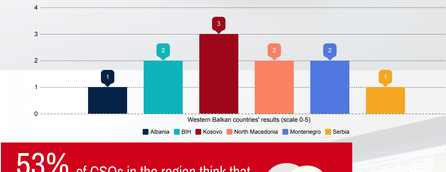
Do governments report to the public on progress in the achievement of their objectives?

48% **of CSOs disagree**

NORTH MACEDONIA has lowest degree of disagreement (35%)

*Although the **KOSOVO** government was among the most diligent in the region in terms of reporting on its work and performance, its CSOs were the **most disapproving**.*

WeBER measures... the transparency of the government's decision-making

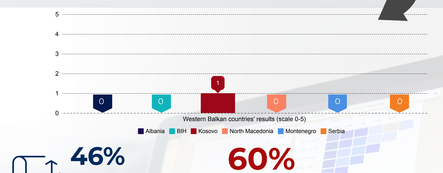


53% of CSOs in the region think that their government's decision-making is not transparent!

In Albania, Kosovo and Serbia, governments do not publish agendas or minutes of their sessions.

KOSOVO's government is the only in the region that communicates its decisions in a citizen-friendly and timely manner and publishes adopted decision timely.

WeBER measures... civil society's perception of the inclusiveness and openness of policymaking



46%

of CSOs in the region perceive that feedback coming from their organisation **is rarely or never accepted** by relevant ministries.

60%

CSOs in the Western Balkans report they are **rarely, never, or almost ever** consulted in the early phases of policy or legislative processes!

Across the region,

61%

of CSOs believe that ministries initiate no additional consultations beyond formal ones to reach consensus on disputed issues.

Formal consultation procedures provide conditions for the effective involvement of the public in policymaking processes.

only **35%** agree across the region.

HIGHEST LEVEL OF AGREEMENT

45% 48%

HIGHEST LEVEL OF DISAGREEMENT

51%

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