

■ WeBER Indicator Summary

AREA: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

KOSOVO

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PAR Area	POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION	Country	KOSOVO
SIGMA Principle	6. Government decisions are prepared in a transparent manner and based on the administrations' professional judgement; legal conformity of the decisions is ensured		

WeBER Indicator	PDC_P6_I1: Transparency of the Government's decision-making
Indicator approach	
<p>The indicator measures the extent of transparency of Government's decision-making process. It combines perceptions and expert analysis in order to ensure a balance between the two approaches. Two elements are measured by conducting an online survey of CSOs, and three elements by expert analysis of relevant governmental websites.</p> <p>Elements of transparency measured by this indicator include: publishing of information on the decisions of governments, their completeness, citizen-friendliness, timeliness, and consistency. Decision-making denotes decisions made by the Government (as a collegiate body) and adopted at government's sessions in the period from October 1st, 2019 - March 31st, 2020.</p>	
Summary of the findings	
<p>The findings show that the Government partially makes documents publicly available on its website. Following the weekly sessions, the government publishes a press release that includes a list of decisions made, but the agenda of the meetings and minutes of the meetings are not available online. The minutes of the meetings, based on the Regulation on the work of the Government (Article 23), are considered confidential. As for the adopted decisions, they are communicated in citizen-friendly and timely manner (within a week after a session takes place). In addition to the decisions announced in the press release, detailed government decisions are published in a separate section in the government website in the section called "Dokumente" under the "Vendimet e Mbledhjes se Qeverise" (Decisions of Government Meetings).</p> <p>On the other hand, the CSO perception survey responses show a rather different outcome. Only around 12% of the respondents agreed that the Government's decision-making process is transparent, and no respondents answered that they "strongly agree". As for whether the exceptions to requirements for publishing government decisions are appropriate, only around 5% of the respondents agree that these are appropriate, and no respondent answered that they strongly agree.</p>	
Specific observations	
Survey of CSOs is administered through an anonymous, online questionnaire. The data collection method included CASI (computer-assisted self-interviewing). For Kosovo, N=49 CSO respondents, the base for questions in this indicator was n=41 respondents.	

PAR Monitor	2019/2020	2017/2018
Indicator score	10 (out of 16 points)	10 (out of 16 points)
Final indicator value	3 (scale 0-5) ¹	3 (scale 0-5)
Measurement period	Data analysis: October 2019- June 2020	Data analysis: October-January 2018 Survey of CSOs: 25 April- 4 June 2018

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

	<i>Survey of CSOs: 23 June- 4 August 2020</i>	
Comment	<i>The score remains the same, without any difference from the previous PAR Monitor.</i>	

TRANSPARENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION-MAKING

