

## Component 4: Fiscal Transparency

<b>Lead Focal Point</b>	<b>Ministry of Finance and Economy</b>	<b>No. of Consultations</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>No. of Stakeholders Participated</b>	<b>6</b>
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### Participating Stakeholders

#### Good Governance & EU Integration:

- Gender Alliance for Development Center (GADC)
- EuroPartners Development Center
- European Movement Albania (EMA)
- Institute of Public and Private Policies

#### Human Rights:

- Co-PLAN – Institute for Habitat Development

#### International Development:

- SECO Project for PFM at Local Level

## Overview of Stakeholder Feedback

### Main issues raised by stakeholders

- Limited publication and access to the Government Financial Statistics data to the public;
- Non-Simplified Budget documents, as Citizen Budget at Central and Local level, Budget Execution Report, etc.;
- Limited publication of concession contracts and specially for monitoring the concession authorities on the basis of performance;
- Limited citizens' engagement in the budget process etc.

### Main recommendations from stakeholders

- Increase the public trust of government work
- Fight corruption perception
- Increase citizens' engagement in budget process
- Unify taxpayer system at all municipalities
- Simplify content of key budget documents
- Increase public participation in budget processes
- Improve the monitoring of concessionaire contracts & publish information based on their performance
- Publish concessionaire contracts
- Set clear targets & performance management (sometimes there are not clear targets during the budget process formulation)
- Strengthen role of auditing in budgetary process
- Simplify Citizen's Budget document at local level
- Publication & public access to Government Financial Statistics data
- Provide unique account system for all BIs at local levels
- Expand AGFIS in BIs at local level

### How was stakeholder feedback used in the action plan

#### **Priority Measures added in NAP OGP 2020-2022:**

- C1-Priority Measure 2: 'Financial and performance monitoring and reporting' Published in year and annual;
- Priority Measure 3: Citizens' engagement in the planning and execution of the budget;
- C2-Priority Measure 1: Accounting is in compliance with appropriate international public sector accounting standards.
- Priority Measure 2: Improved Assets management-Preparation and publication of the full asset registry of public sector based on the improved regulations for the valuation and inventory of these assets.

#### **Milestones**

- Most of the governments milestones proposed were similar with the stakeholders recommendations, since they were based on pre consultation survey findings, but changes and adoption were incorporated after consultations.

## Lessons Learn on Stakeholder Engagement

### Challenges

- Limited public participation;
- Limited public understanding;
- Limited public trust in consultation processes.

### Efforts to engagement

- Most of current challenges **have been addressed in NAP OGP 2020-2022;**
- **Increase no. of communication channels** with stakeholders (social media, website as MoFE, OGP etc)

- **Use different tools** to receive stakeholders feedback, as: surveys, emails, publish notifications, etc.
- Increasing **transparency on consultation** process;
- Reach out to **new organizations**

***Recommendations to improve stakeholder participation in the future***

- Increase government organizational efforts;
- Needs to maintain the process's time-consistency;
- **Create a Dedicate OGP Committee** with different stakeholders (government members, international development partners, CSOs, academia etc)
- **Prepare and adopt an annual OGP calendar** for periodic public consultations/meetings.